

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600096**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Warrior**

13 January 1996

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number:	199600096	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	19km N King Island, Aerodrome		
State:	TAS	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Saturday 13 January 1996		
Time:	1200 hours	Time Zone	ESuT
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Piper Aircraft Corp	
Aircraft Model:	PA-28-161	
Aircraft Registration:	VH-LBL	Serial Number: 28-7916541
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel	
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial	
Departure Point:	King Island Tas	
Departure Time:		
Destination:	King Island Tas	

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command		157.0 211

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The pilot reported that while cruising at 1,000 ft the engine started to make unusual noises. He decided to make a precautionary landing on a beach. During the landing roll the aircraft entered soft sand. The nosegear broke off and the propeller was bent.

An inspection after the accident found one fuel tank was empty. No fault was found with the engine. A new nosegear and propeller was fitted, the engine was run and the aircraft was flown off the beach and returned to its base.