

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199601733**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Lance**

26 May 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199601733 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Shepparton, Aerodrome
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 26 May 1996
Time: 1504 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-32R-300
Aircraft Registration: VH-IWL **Serial Number:** 32R-7880024
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Bendigo Vic
Departure Time:
Destination: Shepparton Vic

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command		70.0	115

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The pilot was conducting a private pleasure flight combined with a navigation exercise. In the Shepparton circuit, he inadvertently missed extending the landing gear during the downwind checks and forgot to confirm that the gear was down on final. Consequently he landed with the landing gear retracted.

In hindsight, the pilot suspects that he might have been preoccupied with business related matters after an extremely busy time at work during the past week.