

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199602390**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Cruiser**

20 July 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:	199602390	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	Miall Station, 160 km W of Townsville		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Saturday 20 July 1996		
Time:	0900 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Piper Aircraft Corp		
Aircraft Model:	PA-28-140		
Aircraft Registration:	VH-CWC	Serial Number:	28-20753
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial		
Departure Point:	Ingham QLD		
Departure Time:	0730 EST		
Destination:	Miall QLD		

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	50.0	150

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The pilot reported that he conducted an aerial inspection of the strip prior to landing to ensure the runway was clear. Just after touch down the passenger alerted the pilot to the presence of an animal running towards the aircraft from the right side. The pilot was unable to manoeuvre the aircraft in time to prevent it colliding with a deer. The pilot and both passengers were able to exit the aircraft safely once it came to a halt.

Post flight examination showed substantial damage to the aircrafts propeller, engine mounts and nose landing gear assembly.