

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199603026**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Arrow**

22 September 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199603026 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Ingelara, (ALA)
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 22 September 1996
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28R-180
Aircraft Registration: VH-CHC **Serial Number:** 28R-30026
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point:
Departure Time: 1245 EST
Destination: Ingelara QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	3.3	215

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Following a short flight in the local area, the pilot joined the circuit for a landing. He noticed that the strip was occupied by 2 large bulls but he continued with the approach and overflew the animals to chase them off the strip. In this he was successful. He completed another circuit and landed the aircraft with the landing gear retracted.

The pilot later said that he thought he had selected gear down and had seen 3 greens but later conceded that he may have omitted to lower the landing gear.

Post-flight examination confirmed that the landing gear was fully retracted on landing and its operation could not faulted.