

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199604214**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Cessna Skyhawk**

**22 December 1996**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199604214                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Latrobe Valley, Aerodrome  
**State:** VIC    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 22 December 1996  
**Time:** 1500 hours                                      **Time Zone**                      ESuT  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172M  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-UGO                      **Serial Number:** 17263702  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** West Sale Vic  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Latrobe Valley Vic

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	80.0	850

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The pilot reported that after landing on runway 27, he turned off onto the gravel taxiway. As he did so a strong wind gust hit the aircraft from the right rear quarter. The aircraft went over initially onto its left wing and nose where it stayed for a few seconds before being hit by another gust which tipped the aircraft onto its back.

The wind was reported by a local operator to have been from the west-north-west, gusting from 20 to 45 knots.