

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199503689**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Skyhawk**

**03 November 1995**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199503689                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** South Stradbroke Island, (ALA)  
**State:** QLD                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Friday 03 November 1995  
**Time:** 1500 hours                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172N  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-SKS                      **Serial Number:** 17273725  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Archerfield QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1410 EST  
**Destination:** Archerfield QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	30.2	81

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The operator advised that the aircraft had been hired for the purpose of a joy flight. While flying down wind, at reduced airspeed, over the northern end of South stradbroke Island the pilot said that the aircraft's stall warning sounded. He immediately lowered the nose of the aircraft and increased power. At this point the aircraft was close to the ground so the pilot decided to make an emergency landing. During the landing roll the nose wheel became bogged in soft sand and separated from the aircraft. The aircraft then swung to the right and the wing tip came into contact with a sand dune.

The pilot and three passengers were able to exit the aircraft safely.