

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199400964**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Cruiser**

18 April 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199400964 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Scone
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 18 April 1994
Time: 1055 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28-140
Aircraft Registration: VH-WJS **Serial Number:** 28-22972
Type of Operation: Instructional Dual
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Scone NSW
Departure Time: 1000 EST
Destination: Scone NSW

Crew Details:

| Role | Class of Licence | Hours on Type | Hours Total |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Student Pilot | Student | 17.3 | 17 |

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The instructor pilot reported that the landing approach appeared normal but was a little fast. The initial touchdown was normal but the aircraft ballooned then touched down on the nosewheel which collapsed.

The instructor commented that the student pilot may have been hurrying his circuit to avoid any delay to two military helicopters that were entering the circuit. In doing so, the student pilot conducted the approach at a higher than normal airspeed and then attempted to force the aircraft onto the runway.