

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199401391**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skyhawk**

27 May 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199401391 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Wagin Airport
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 27 May 1994
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone:** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172N
Aircraft Registration: VH-KGA **Serial Number:** 17271017
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Business
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Wagin WA
Departure Time: 1300 WST
Destination: Jandakot WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	150.0	300

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The pilot was taxiing the aircraft for takeoff. The taxiway runs adjacent to the verandah of the Wagin Aero Club. As the aircraft passed the Aero Club, a book that the pilot was using fell to the cockpit floor. The pilot reached down to retrieve the book and as a result his attention was distracted from control of the aircraft. The left wing, outboard leading edge, collided with a verandah post causing substantial damage.