

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199401551**

**Aero Commander Div
680-FL**

10 June 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199401551 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bendigo
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 10 June 1994
Time: 1942 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Aero Commander Div
Aircraft Model: 680-FL
Aircraft Registration: VH-UJA **Serial Number:** 1521-100
Type of Operation: Charter Cargo
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Swan Hill VIC
Departure Time: 1907 EST
Destination: Bendigo VIC

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	976.0	1292

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The pilot made the landing approach for runway 35, observing that the runway was clear. A normal touch down was achieved just beyond the displaced threshold. On the ground roll at a speed of about 80 knots the aircraft struck a kangaroo that had just hopped onto the runway. The pilot saw it only for an instant before the collision. The nose wheel assembly collapsed as a result of the impact and the aircraft slid to a stop.

Significant Factor

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident:

1. A kangaroo entered the runway.