

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199402575**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Skyhawk  
Boeing Co  
B737**

**07 September 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199402575                      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** 14km WNW Melbourne  
**State:** VIC                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Wednesday 07 September 1994  
**Time:** 1452 hours                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172N  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-JEB                      **Serial Number:** 17268425  
**Type of Operation:**  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Unknown  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Essendon VIC

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	36.0	150

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Boeing Co  
**Aircraft Model:** 737-33A  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CZU                      **Serial Number:** 27267  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger  
Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Melbourne VIC  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Adelaide SA

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An unidentified aircraft, later identified as VH-JEB, was observed inside the Melbourne control zone in the Sunbury area on a south-south-easterly heading. The mode C readout showed the aircraft was at 1900 feet. At the same time, VH-CZU was becoming airborne from runway 27 on an "Avoca one" departure. VH-CZU was instructed to maintain runway heading and asked to look for the other aircraft. The crew of VH-CZU sighted VH-JEB and passed two miles in front of it and 200 feet higher.



The pilot of VH-JEB reported that he had become distracted after initiating a diversion back to Essendon due to concern about fuel reserves. He was conducting a solo navigation training exercise.

