

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199301477**

**de Havilland Aircraft
Tiger Moth**

22 May 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199301477 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 3km S Berwick Airfield
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 22 May 1993
Time: 1715 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: de Havilland Aircraft
Aircraft Model: DH-82A
Aircraft Registration: VH-TMK **Serial Number:** T250
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Berwick
Departure Time: 1700 EST
Destination: Berwick

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	80.0	1550

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During descent the aircraft suffered a loss of power. The pilot was forced to land into an unsuitable area resulting in the aircraft being damaged when it ran into a fence.

The weather was conducive to the formation of carburettor ice at the time of the accident.

The carburettor heat flapper valve was found to be stuck in the open (cold air) position. This valve normally closes when the throttle is retarded giving "automatic" protection against ice build up. The flapper valve shaft had suffered from a lack of lubrication.

Significant factors.

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident.

1. The weather was conducive to the formation of carburettor ice.
2. The carburettor heat valve was inoperative.
3. The engine suffered from a loss of power over an area unsuitable for a forced landing.