

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500141**

Piper PA18 Super Cub

6 August 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500141 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Urawa Homestead, 20 km North of Mullewa WA

Date: 6 August 1985 **Time:** 1700 (Aprx)

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Piper PA18 Super Cub

Registration: VH-WOO

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private - Practice

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Urawa Homestead WA

Departure Time: 1600 (Aprx)

Destination: Urawa Homestead WA

Approved for Release: 13th September 1985

Circumstances:

At the conclusion of a property inspection the pilot decided to practice a glide approach in 15 knot wind conditions, which gave a light crosswind on the selected strip. Initial touchdown was on the tailwheel and the aircraft bounced. After the next touchdown the aircraft commenced to run off the side of the strip. The pilot applied power to go-around but the propeller struck the ground and the aircraft came to rest on its nose in a paddock adjacent to the strip. When the aircraft bounced, the pilot had not maintained the control inputs required to compensate for the crosswind, and after the subsequent touchdown the aircraft had commenced to weather-cock. Having applied power to go-around, the pilot had progressively pushed forward on the control stick, in the belief that the tailwheel was still on the ground.