

## 1. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

|   |                                  |                |                      |             |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Kelsey Creek, 16 miles west of Proserpine, Qld. | Height a.m.s.l. (ft)<br>250 feet | Date<br>3.5.69 | Time (Local)<br>0710 | Zone<br>EST |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|

## 2. THE AIRCRAFT

|  |  |   |                       |                     |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Make and Model<br>Piper PA22/150                                     | Registration<br>VH-MJM                                       | Certificate of<br>Airworthiness           | Valid from<br>9.11.66 | Valid to<br>8.11.75 |
| Registered Owner<br>Jackson Brothers,<br>Box 52,<br>Proserpine, QLD. | Operator<br>Jackson Brothers,<br>Box 52,<br>Proserpine, QLD. | Degree of damage to aircraft<br>Destroyed |                       |                     |
| Other property damaged   |  |   |                       |                     |
| Defects discovered   |  |   |                       |                     |

## 3. THE FLIGHT

|  |                           |   |                             |                               |
|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Last or intended departure point<br>Proserpine | Time of departure<br>0700 | Next point of intended landing<br>Property at Kelsey<br>Creek | Purpose of flight<br>Travel | Class of operation<br>Private |
|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|

## 4. THE CREW

| Name                     | Status | Age | Class of licence | Hours on type | Total hours | Degree of injury |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Rowland James<br>JACKSON | Pilot  | 34  | Private          | 100 hours     | 192 hours   | Nil              |

## 5. OTHER PERSONS (All passengers and persons injured on ground)

| Name | Status | Degree of injury | Name | Status | Degree of injury |
|------|--------|------------------|------|--------|------------------|
|      |        |                  |      |        |                  |

## 6. CONTRAVENTIONS OF REGULATIONS AND ORDERS


| Regulation or Order No. | Nature of contravention   |
|-------------------------|---|
| A.N.R. 89 (1)           | The aircraft was landed at a place which was not authorised by the Director-General for use as an aerodrome since it did not meet the requirements in respect of width as specified in the Aeronautical Information Publication at AGA 4-5. |

## RELEVANT EVENTS

The pilot departed an airstrip close to the town of Proserpine, in good weather, to fly to his property at Kelsey Creek. He overflew the unfenced and partially completed landing area to inspect it for obstructions and ascertained there was no wind. Because the sun was still low in the east, the pilot made a precautionary approach and touchdown into the south-west. When the wheels were firmly on the ground, a kangaroo bounded across the landing path from the adjacent grass area and was struck by the nosewheel assembly which was damaged and slowly folded rearward. The aircraft then skidded on its nose for 148 feet before turning over.

## 8. OPINION AS TO CAUSE

The cause of the accident was that the landing path of the aircraft was suddenly obstructed by a kangaroo.

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| Report approved<br> | (D.S. GRAHAM) | Designation<br>Assistant Director-General<br>(Air Safety Investigation) | Date<br>19.6.1970 |
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