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THE pilot of a light plane which crashed at the Red Cliffs golf course yesterday afternoon has been labelled a "hero" by local police.



On the fairway: A light plane crash-lands on Red Cliffs Golf Course. Picture: Glenn Milne

It is believed engine failure forced the pilot, Geoff Hamilton, into an emergency landing on the sixth fairway of the course shortly before 2pm.

It is believed the crash was Mr Hamilton's first in 38 years of flying.

Mildura Police Sergeant Kaare Anderson said the 71-year-old man from Cardross managed to avoid injury to himself and others on landing.

"He had a look at the fairway and saw there were people playing on there, so he has chosen to put the plane into the trees," he said.

"The man is a hero, really, to put himself at risk to avoid putting others at risk."

Sgt Anderson said the man was "a seasoned pilot" with an "extensive flying history" and was the sole occupant of the plane.

"He has done very well and we can't praise him enough," Sgt Anderson said.

It is understood the pilot sustained only minor injuries in the crash after his aircraft came to rest on the ground.

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