

Two men killed in Barossa Valley air crash

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Photo: [Wreckage of the ultralight crash in which two men died. \(ABC News: Simon Christie\)](#)
Map: [Rowland Flat 5352](#)

Two men have died when a light aircraft crashed in the Barossa Valley, north-east of Adelaide.

South Australian police and an emergency helicopter have gone to the scene, in Krondorf Road at Krondorf, just off the main road through the Barossa Valley.

Authorities say both occupants of the aircraft died instantly.

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Eyewitness Tom O'Callaghan

The ultralight came down on the property of Villa Tinto winery, just after 8:10am ACST.

An eyewitness Ingrid Glastonbury says the plane crashed not far from Rockford Wines.

"It's actually crashed into quite a small paddock, surrounded on three sides by tall trees," she said.

"There's the mangled remains of the small plane. The plane itself is completely destroyed.

"There's low cloud so the nearby hills are certainly obscured, but I wouldn't have thought that that would have caused the accident."

She says there was some early fog in the area but it had cleared.

'Wing sticking out of paddock'

Tim O'Callaghan was camping in the area and heard the crash.

"It sounded like crop dusting, that was my first thought, just the loud roar of engines and then the crash. I was camping down by the river," he said.

"I went up to have a look and saw a wing sticking out of the paddock.

"[I saw] just a plane embedded into the ground and it was all compacted right up like a tin small can so it sort of looked like a heavy impact."

He says a wing was well away from the main wreckage.

Another Barossa local David Landner also says there was some wreckage a considerable way from the main body of the ultralight.

"It's shaken me up because I have actually flown that aircraft," he said.

"It's housed down toward Lyndoch area, at the local airstrip down there."

Mr Landner thinks the aircraft was owned by a syndicate but does not know the individual members.

He says it is only six weeks or so since he was last involved with the aircraft.

"It was a beautiful aircraft to fly and I had no trouble with it whatsoever," he said.

"It might be people I know and that's what worries me at the moment.

"I think it's the result of flying in conditions that we're suitable to fly. It might have got into cloud and they put it under stresses it wasn't designed for or which caused it to break up.

"There wasn't a lot of wind, to my knowledge, but there was low cloud."

Mr Landner says the nose-first crash is consistent with a wing having broken off.

One of the men who died was from the local area and the other lived outside the Barossa Valley.

