

Injured pilot praised for averting disaster during crash landing

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A light aircraft that had to make an emergency landing at Cairns Airport after its main landing gear failed.

PICTURE: Brendan Neeve

A FEMALE pilot has injured her wrist after she was forced to make an emergency landing at Cairns Airport early this afternoon.

The woman was returning from a sightseeing tour with four passengers when the single engine Cessna's main landing gear failed.

Cairns Police Acting Sen-Sergeant Robert Morriss said the pilot alerted the control tower to the problem about 2pm before attempting to land half an hour later.

"She circled around a bit to use up some fuel then she has come in and landed the plane on the grass next to the main runway," he said.

"The plane came in one wheel which then folded up underneath and the plane has landed on its belly.

"The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has been notified and they will be taking responsibility for any investigation into the matter

"The pilot has done an extremely good job under the circumstances."

The woman suffered a minor wrist injury and was taken to Cairns Hospital while her passengers were unhurt.

The plane's propeller and fuselage were damaged during the landing.

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