

Moorabbin Airport drama as pilot makes emergency landing with nose wheel sideways

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Melbourne plane makes emergency landing



A PILOT made a dramatic landing at a Melbourne airport this morning, arriving safely despite the plane's nose wheel turning sideways.

Fire crews were on standby at Moorabbin Airport while the Piper circled above the tarmac.

The pilot had called for help after noticing a problem with the plane's nose wheel, which is part of the landing gear.

Airport chief executive Paul Ferguson said that when the pilot called in a problem with the front wheel assembly, emergency services were scrambled to the scene.

Firefighters laid down foam on the runway as a precautionary measure, but the plane landed safely.

"It was a textbook response and emergency service responded just as they should according to the airport's emergency plan that's in place," Mr Ferguson said.

"It was a good outcome and the aircraft taxied away under its own power."

The runway that was used for the emergency landing is being cleared of foam and should soon be open for use again.

MFB spokesman Trevor Woodward said firefighters were called soon after 8am.

The plane landed about 8.45am.

Mr Woodward said the pilot had about four hours of fuel left in the tank.

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