

## News

# A male pilot dies after plane crash at a Byron airfield

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Ray Jackson is the male pilot who tragically lost his life in a Northern NSW plane crash.

**UPDATE: A WELL-KNOWN Gold Coast teacher has been confirmed by close friends to have died after crashing an ultralight aircraft near Byron Bay this morning.**

Friends of Ray Jackson said he tragically crashed his plane 300m from the Pacific Motorway west of Byron Bay about 8am.

The 59-year-old was transported by helicopter to Gold Coast University Hospital in a serious condition where he later died from his injuries.

Friends and colleagues from the Coomera school say they are reeling from the news and that “he was a top bloke”.

Cycling Olympic gold medallist Sara Carrigan offered her condolences to the family of the teacher she said introduced her to cycling.

Ms Carrigan said Mr Jackson, who coached her for many years, “had a heart of gold”.

Police from Tweed Byron Local Area Command will be working with investigators from Recreational Aviation Australia, and the NSW Police Force’s Aviation Support Branch to determine the cause of the crash.

It is the second serious incident at the airport in three months after two skydivers died when they crashed to the ground after their parachutes became tangled midair.

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