

## **Pilot hurt after small plane crashes at Serpentine Airfield south of Perth**

**A pilot suffered serious head injuries when his small plane crashed shortly after taking off at an airfield in Perth's south.**

The incident happened at Serpentine Airfield, near Baldivis, about 60 kilometres south of Perth.

Police said the plane crashed into bushland at the end of the runway shortly after 2:00pm.

The male pilot, aged in his 60s, was the only person in the plane.

He had a gash to the head and was airlifted to Royal Perth Hospital.

The private airfield, about 60 kilometres south of Perth, is owned by the Sporting Aircraft Builders Club.

President Shirley Harding said no-one witnessed the incident but a member on the ground alerted another in the air after hearing a "spluttering".

The airborne person spotted the crashed Hummel Bird in bushland at the end of the runway.

It has been described as a single seat, single engine, aluminium plane.

Ms Harding said the crash would be investigated by Recreational Aviation Australia.

She said the club had a good safety record.

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