

### Who or what killed Dr Barry Uscinski?

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NOT OVER YET: The air crash wreckage which one investigator believes will yield vital clues about the death of champion pilot Barry Uscinski. Patrick Woods

"IT'S not over yet," aviator turned investigator Mal Beard told The Gympie Times yesterday.

Mr Beard said he about to start his examination of the aircraft wreckage he removed from Gympie Police Station last week.

An experienced aerobatic instructor, Mr Beard said he will examine every part of the plane, an 80% scale Spitfire replica, to find who or what killed his friend and one-time student, Barry Uscinski.

"He was beyond brilliant, he was a genius," Mr Beard said of the distinguished British scientist, explorer and aviator - the victim everyone tried to blame.

Gympie Coroner Maxine Baldwin cleared Dr Uscinski of any blame for the crash which claimed his life at Lagoon Pocket on October 22, 2010.



CLUES: Aerobatics instructor turned air crash investigator Mal Beard says there is more to be revealed about the death of his friend Dr Barry Uscinski, at Lagoon Pocket in 2010.

But as Mr Beard loaded the wreckage onto a truck at Gympie Police Station holding yard, he said there was a lot more to come out yet, a lot that had not been available to Mrs Baldwin.

In findings delivered at Maroochydore Courthouse last month, Mrs Baldwin was scathing of investigation processes adopted by almost everyone involved, from Gympie police to the Recreational Aviation Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Mrs Baldwin said too many people blamed Dr Uscinski after accepting the word of the aircraft's manufacturer, who had lied about its weight to minimise registration costs.

Mr Beard said yesterday he believed his examination would reveal serious breaches of safety and law.

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