

## Pilot escapes injury in light plane crash near Tharwa



**Photo:** The light plane crashed south of Tharwa near Nass Road and Sunshine Road. (Supplied: Kym Bradley)

**A 49-year-old pilot has escaped serious injury after a light plane crash near Paddy's River, south of Canberra on Thursday.**

Police said the plane went down in a field south of Tharwa near Nass Road and Sunshine Road.

Emergency services were called to the site at 3.47pm.

The male pilot was taken to the Calvary Hospital for observation and discharged late on Thursday evening.

Richardson resident and bird photographer Kym Bradley spoke to the pilot before the plane took off.

"I had asked the pilot if I could take some photos of his plane and ever so nicely, he said 'no, not a problem in the world'," she said.

"He did a thorough check of the whole plane before he took off," she added.

Ms Bradley said she had seen the plane flying overhead numerous times while out walking at Gudgenby, in search of wedge tail eagles to photograph.

"It went quiet and we thought he must have finished for the day," she said.

"When we were coming back from the Yankee Hat Walk, low and behold we saw the plane had come down.

"It's the last thing you expect to see when you're talking to the gentleman, you see him flying around and give him a wave.

"It's just not what you expect at all, especially to such a nice bloke too."

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