



Police investigate fatal light plane crash - Medlow Bath, Blue Mountains

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Police will prepare a report for the Coroner following a fatal light plane crash in the Blue Mountains.

About 12.15pm yesterday (Saturday 27 February 2016), an 80-year-old man took off from Katoomba Airstrip at Medlow Bath, and conducted numerous laps of the airfield before heading east away from the area.

The plane did not return to the airfield and was reported missing shortly after 6pm last night.

An air search was launched soon after, which was suspended around 8pm due to weather conditions.

The search operation, coordinated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), continued this morning from 7.30am (Sunday 28 February 2016).

It involved multiple resources from AMSA, NSW Ambulance and NSW Police Aviation Support Branch.

The plane was located in bushland approximately 200m from the airstrip shortly before 10am, and the pilot was found deceased in the aircraft.

A crime scene has been established at the location, which is being examined by detectives and specialist forensic officers.

Officers from Blue Mountains Local Area Command are continuing their inquiries, in conjunction with Recreational Aviation Australia, and a report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

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