

Light plane crashes in south Tweed

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UPDATE: AN investigation is under way into how a pilot and her student miraculously survived a light plane crash this afternoon.

It is believed the plane's engine failed, forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing on a bumpy field behind South Tweed's Pioneer Country on Fraser Drive at 4.10pm.



Two people have walked away from this light aircraft crash in South Tweed Heads. Photo: Scott Fletcher

Property owner Billy Sullivan witnessed the crash and told the Gold Coast Bulletin the incident could have been a tragedy if the plane didn't clear the trees surrounding the paddock.

"I thought it was bird and then I realised it was a plane," he said. "It wasn't making any noise – the engine had probably stopped.

"It hit every pothole in the paddock. They were lucky they landed where they did.

"It looks smooth but it is pretty rugged."

The two people on board – the 28-year-old pilot and her 22-year-old student – managed to escape with minor injuries.

"They were quite with it, but probably a bit in shock," Mr Sullivan said.



The light aircraft back on its under carriage after a forced landing at South Tweed Heads. Photo: Scott Fletcher

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