

# Investigators probe Melbourne plane crash

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**Investigators expect to spend at least two days at the scene of a light plane crash which left a trainee pilot and instructor seriously injured when the aircraft ditched into a paddock southeast of Melbourne.**

The ultralight Bristell two-seater crashed into a paddock at Clyde North about 10.40am on Thursday, with one person flown to Royal Melbourne Hospital in a critical condition.

A man believed to be in his 20s was freed from the two-seater training plane and taken to The Alfred Hospital with facial, chest and spinal injuries in a serious but stable condition.

Recreational Aviation Australia will be investigating the crash as the governing body for ultralight aircraft and pilots.

"We will have two investigators on scene this afternoon and all day tomorrow," Mr Linke told AAP on Thursday.

It was too early to comment on the cause of the crash but investigators will look at environmental, human and mechanical factors to determine the cause, he said.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority spokesman Peter Gibson says the ultralight, two-seater plane was on a training flight when it crashed.

"It was on a dual training flight with an instructor and a student on board," Mr Gibson said.

The plane broadcast a mayday message before crashing into a paddock on Hardys Road, the CASA spokesman said.

The aircraft was registered to the Learn to Fly Melbourne school based at Moorabbin Airport.

The company has been contacted for comment.

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