Small plane crashes on Stuart Highway at Dunmarra

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Photo: The crashed plane at Dunmarra has been dragged off the road, the two occupants shaken but without serious injuries. (Facebook: Adrian Wallace)

A man and a child have escaped injury after the plane they were travelling in crashed on the Stuart Highway, south of Daly Waters in the Northern Territory, authorities have said.

NT Police say a small plane had "difficulties in the air" and upturned on the highway this afternoon.

A spokesman from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau said it had been notified at 3:15pm that "a small aircraft collided with terrain at Dunmarra in the Northern Territory".

The manager of the Dunmarra Wayside Inn told the ABC the plane was taking off after filling up with fuel at the Wayside Inn, when it flipped onto its roof and broke a wing.

He said it was a small, light aircraft and there were two people, including a 10-year-old boy, on board who were not injured in the incident.

Paramedics confirmed no-one was injured.

Traveller Irene Dunshea drove past the plane while travelling north on the Stuart Highway.

"We saw the plane upside down on the side of the highway which we couldn't believe," she said.

"We could see it had crashed and there was a lot of luggage and stuff out of the plane and we could see two people ... and they appeared to be getting stuff out of the plane.

"There was a lot of traffic on the road but we were going too fast to stop."

Ms Dunshea said the plane was small and looked like it could only carry two passengers.

"I would imagine that the roof of the plane was pretty well smashed in because it was upside down," she said.

"We couldn't believe it to be quite honest."

At around 3.30pm, NT Police confirmed the plane had been dragged off the road, with the man and the boy "shaken" but without any serious injuries.

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