

Light plane crash lands near Dareton - pilot walks away uninjured

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Emergency Services including Police, Ambulance and the Rural Fire Service from Dareton were called to a light plane incident not far from the Coomealla Irrigation district.

They responded to a mayday call at 5.45pm Monday that a light aircraft had crashed on a property near Boeill Creek.



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Police said that miraculously the pilot of the light aircraft - a 42 year old local business man, had clamoured out of the cockpit and walked away uninjured.

The pilot was able to bring the light aircraft with its three wheels down for a normal landing on a paddock which had sparse vegetation and cleared of trees.

However before pulling up the Cessna 210 struck a two metre high fence, which caused slight damage to the right hand side wing strut.

The aircraft landed on its wheels but tipped to the right hand side where the tip of the wing suffered some damage when it ploughed into the ground as it came to a halt.

The pilot was able to open the left hand cockpit door and jumped down to ground level, softened a little because of rain this morning.

Fire Brigade officials said that while it had crash landed in a paddock no fire was ignited by the incident,

The aircraft had taken off from Mildura Airport at 7am on Monday and was on return after visiting a number of outback clients.

The engine is believed to have cut out when the pilot was making an airport approach to the north south runway at Mildura.