



Nose wheel collapse causes serious crash in Torres Strait Islands

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A PILOT has had a lucky escape after his light aircraft crashed and burst into flames on a small island in the Torres Strait.

The Cherokee 6 was coming into land on Saturday morning at Mabuig Island, which is about 100km north of Thursday Island, when its nose wheel collapsed and it left the runway before colliding with a small building.

A police spokesman said it travelled through a gate then came to rest about 10m from the runway where it caught fire and was incinerated.

The pilot, who was the sole passenger, managed to get out in time and it is believed he did not suffer any injuries. It is understood he had been on his way to collect a passenger on the island when the crash occurred about 10am. Firefighters attended the scene and extinguished the blaze, but the aircraft was completely destroyed.

A spokesman from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau confirmed they had been notified about the incident and were awaiting further information

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