

# Plane makes dramatic belly landing in Sydney

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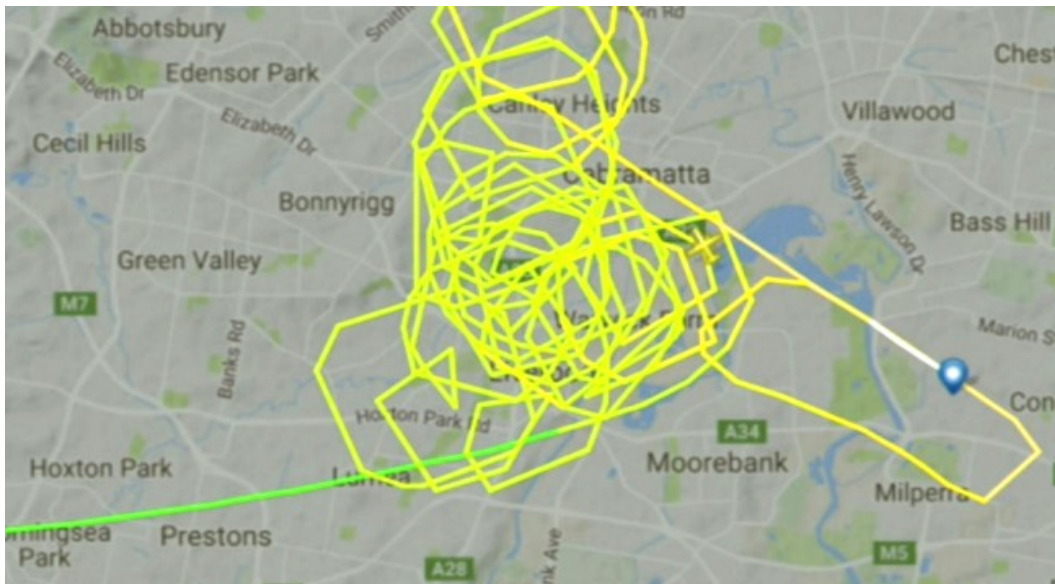
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**A pilot was forced to make a dramatic emergency landing at Sydney's Bankstown Airport last night after having trouble with landing gear.**

The Piper PA-31 Navajo light plane, owned by the Wagga Air Centre, was carrying only the pilot and mixed freight when it made the emergency belly landing just before 8pm.

The flight path of the light aircraft shows the plane circling the airport several times, with one source telling 9NEWS the pilot may have been trying to dislodge the landing gear.



In audio obtained by 9NEWS, the pilot can be heard telling air traffic control he had done "everything he can" to try and initiate his landing gear, but was unsuccessful.

With the assistance of the flight control centre, the pilot was eventually able to land the plane on its belly, and the pilot self evacuated.

He was assessed by paramedics at the scene, and was uninjured

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