

Trainee pilot dies after ultralight plane crashes in paddock in central Queensland

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The trainee pilot of an ultralight plane has died in a crash near Emerald in central Queensland.

Timothy White, 53, crashed in a paddock about 15 kilometres south of Emerald on the Gregoru Highway just after 7:30am.

Detective Sergeant Russell Joyce said the pilot took off from Emerald Airport at about 6:00am for some training. After he failed to return, his instructor went up to look for him and discovered the crash site.

The trainee pilot was found dead at the scene.

"[The instructor] saw it from the air and he's landed beside or nearby and gone over to the crash scene and tried to help his trainee out but unfortunately he has been deceased at the time," Detective Sergeant Joyce said.

"My understanding is that he was very close to obtaining his recreational pilots licence but that is still a matter under the investigation."

"It's too early to tell as to what the cause of the accident may have been.

Detective Sergeant Joyce said the trainee pilot was fairly well known in the community and involved in the hospitality industry.

Police are preparing a report for the coroner.

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