

# Queensland gyrocopter pilot found dead

**Authorities have found the body of a gyrocopter pilot who went missing during a flight in central Queensland.**

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The body of a gyrocopter pilot has been found in the wreckage of his aircraft in central Queensland.

Authorities are working to recover the 78-year-old man's body after a teenage boy spotted the wreckage in bushland near Baffle Creek, north of Bundaberg.

***The boy, 14, reported his find to authorities on Thursday and on Friday search crews focused their efforts on the area he identified.***

The pilot took off from Booyan Airstrip north of Bundaberg around 1.45pm on Wednesday, bound for a property near Yeppoon, but never arrived.

"Sadly, the pilot was found deceased at the scene. His family has been informed," the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said in a statement on Friday.

The authority thanked the boy and other locals who responded to a call for help to find the man.

"The information provided by this young man was exactly what our officers needed to narrow the search and find the missing aircraft. He showed great initiative and responsibility in reporting what he saw to AMSA," Response Centre Manager Alan Lloyd said.

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