

Melbourne plane crash: Air safety investigators examine wreckage near Moorabbin Airport

A light plane that crashed in a residential street in Melbourne's south-east, bursting into flames and killing the pilot, turned just before it hit the ground, Australia's air safety authority says.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) said a witness reported seeing the plane turn just before it crashed into Scarlet Street, Mordialloc, shortly after 5:00pm on Friday.

The single-engine Cessna 172 took out power lines, clipped the roof of a house and damaged a fence when it came down about 200 metres from the end of the runway at Moorabbin Airport.

The pilot, who was in his 50s, was the only occupant of the plane. No-one else was injured

Four ATSB investigators have been sent to the scene to examine the wreckage, gather any available recorded data, and speak to witnesses.

"We're trying to piece together exactly what occurred in the moments leading up to it," ATSB executive director Nat Nagy said.

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