

## Hot air balloon makes hard landing at Dixon's Creek, Yarra Valley



**Video:** A number of people were treated at the scene after the landing (ABC News)

**Seven people have been taken to hospital after a hot air balloon landed heavily during a flight over Victoria's Yarra Valley.**

Emergency services were called to Dixon's Creek, north-east of Melbourne, shortly after 7:00am.

The balloon, which was carrying a mix of international and Australian passengers, landed in a paddock.

Aerial footage showed the basket on its side in the grass.

*Ambulance Victoria said paramedics assessed 16 people at the scene, and seven were then taken to the Royal Melbourne, Box Hill and Maroondah hospitals.*

They suffered a range of injuries, including back, neck and ankle injuries.

The flight was conducted by Go Wild Ballooning, which offers balloon rides around the Yarra Valley, Melbourne and Port Phillip Bay.

A Victoria Police spokeswoman said the cause of the crash was yet to be determined, and it would be investigated by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

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