

Pilot dies in light plane crash in Gippsland



Photo: Investigators were travelling to the crash site. (ABC News)

A pilot has died in a light plane crash in a paddock in Gippsland, in Victoria's east.

Police said the plane crashed in a paddock in Tanjil South, around 10 kilometres north of Moe, about 2:35pm.

The pilot was the only person in the plane, police said.

Police said they were assisting Recreational Aviation Australia with its investigation into the cause of the crash.



Photo: The plane's pilot was killed when the plane crashed into a paddock north of Moe. (ABC News)

An Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) statement said the light plane was a single-engine Yakovlev Yak-9UM warbird aircraft.

"Initial information provided to the ATSB indicates the aircraft has collided with terrain, approximately 20km west of Latrobe Valley Regional Airport," the statement said.

"Five Transport Safety Investigators from Brisbane and Canberra will travel to the accident site shortly to begin the evidence collection phase of the investigation.

"This will include the examination of the wreckage, interview witnesses, and obtain any available recorded data for analysis, amongst other activities.

"The evidence collection phase will define the size and scope of the investigation and determine the expected timeframe for the completion of a final report."

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