

# Bendigo Advertiser

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## Bendigo Airport plane crash: north-south runway closed



**A PILOT was practising landings when the light plane he was operating crashed at Bendigo Airport on Thursday morning.**

Bendigo Flying Club chief flying instructor Linda Beilharz said the plane's owner was an experienced pilot and member of the club.

Ms Beilharz was flying a plane at the time of the crash and was due to land on the Bendigo Airport runway next. She was instead diverted to an airstrip at Huntly.

Ms Beilharz said six flights had been diverted from the airport to other landing strips so far.

She said at this stage the airport was set to reopen at 3pm.

The light aircraft involved in the crash has damage to its underside, including three wheels.

### **12.50pm**

RECREATION Aviation Australia will investigate the incident at Bendigo Airport.

The group is recognised by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority as a self-administering organisation for recreational and sport aviation.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau does not investigate accidents and incidents involving recreational and ultralight category aircraft.

### **11.40am**

TWO Eaglehawk men were piloting the ultra light plane that made an emergency landing at Bendigo Airport.

The pilot, 63, and his co-pilot, 78, were uninjured in the incident.

It is understood the incident at Bendigo Airport involved an ICP Savannah recreational category aircraft, which experienced a hard landing and nosewheel collapse during a training flight.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau and Civil Aviation Safety Authority will be notified of the incident.

### **10.51am**

THE north-south runway at Bendigo Airport is closed after a plane crash on Thursday morning.

The two-seater light plane crashed on the runway just after 10am.

Country Fire Authority crews and police are on scene. Ambulance Victoria and State Emergency Service crews also attended.

Firefighters are using foam on a small fuel leak from the plane.

Victoria Police have closed the runway and planes in the air are being alerted.

The incident is under control.

A City of Greater Bendigo spokesperson confirmed the airport is closed.

Pilots have been alerted that the Bendigo Airport is closed to traffic due to the crash. Image via [flightradar24.com](http://flightradar24.com)

### **10.45am**

An Ambulance Victoria spokesperson confirmed it had attended the scene and there were no injuries resulting from the incident.

Ambulance Victoria has since cleared the scene.

### **Earlier**

EMERGENCY services are attending an incident at the Bendigo Airport in East Bendigo.

A request for assistance at the scene, on Victa Road, was issued about 10.15am.

The alert is labelled an aircraft accident.

Police, firefighters and ambulance crews are on scene.

At least five vehicles are responding.

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