

Helicopter crash near Dubbo, two men taken to hospital

Craig Thomson and Taylor Dodge



ON THE SCENE: Orana Rural Fire Service, NSW Ambulance and Police crews attended the scene. PHOTOS: TAYLOR DODGE. A helicopter crashed in a paddock on Mugga View Road five kilometres from Dubbo on Monday morning.

NSW Ambulance says two people were injured as a result of the crash.

Four NSW Ambulance crews attended the crash after they received a call around 10:45 am.

NSW Ambulance says a 72-year-old man received cuts to his head and lower legs.

They report he was treated at the scene and was in a stable condition.

Paramedics say a 43-year-old man was also treated at the scene and was in a serious condition.

Both men were taken by road transport to Dubbo Base Hospital.



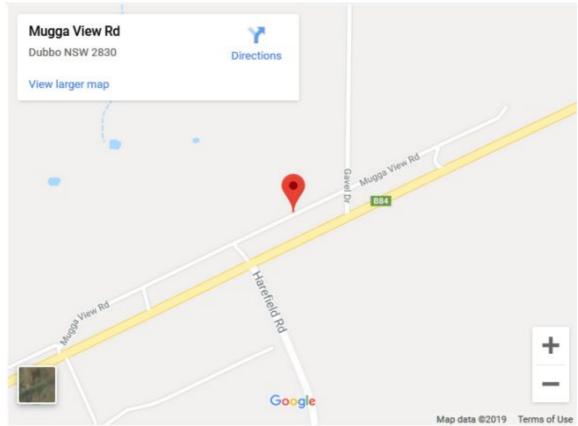
NSW Ambulance confirmed the aircraft was not part of the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

Orana Rural Fire Service superintendent Lyndon Wieland said RFS crews attended the site due to the risk of a grassfire.

"There was no fire when we arrived on the scene," Superintendent Wieland said.

"We attended because there is always an opportunity for a grass fire to start after such a crash.

"Therefore, we stayed until all the emergency services crews had completed their tasks, and the site was deemed safe."



Dubbo police say the older man is from Dubbo and the younger man from Queensland.

They say investigations into the crash are on-going

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