

Miracle escape for five people after light plane crashes in Tooradin

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Light plane crashes at Tooradin Airport

Five people have survived with only minor injuries after their skydiving plane crashed south-east of Melbourne.

Emergency services rushed to Tooradin Airport after the single-engine Cessna plane crashed shortly after take-off at 10.30am.

All four passengers on board and the pilot were able to extract themselves from the wreckage amid fears it could catch fire.



The plane crashed just before 11am in Tooradin. (9News)



Five people were able to remove themselves from the wreckage. (9News)



The cause of the crash is being investigated. (9News)

Both fuel tanks of the plane had ruptured but emergency crews hosed down the aircraft with firefighting foam and were able to prevent a blaze.

One person was treated for an arm injury.

Witness Michael Paten said the plane came to a halt near some trees.

"Pretty sure it bounced just behind us here, bounced across the ground, and pulled up just before the trees," he told 9News.

"The pilot told me the engine actually stalled at 400 feet.

"Their parachutes are still on, they never got to jump, so it's a good day for them, I reckon."

It is not yet known what caused the plane to crash.

Victoria Police Acting Sergeant Emily Stephens said those on board were "safe and well".

"I think they're in a bit of shock, but no they're doing ok at this stage," she said.

"It's always a relief when there is no person injured in an incident like this, and from now on, it will be an investigation into the cause."

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