

Plane crash at William Creek airfield in South Australian outback

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Photo: View from the air over William Creek. (Supplied: Trevor Wright)

A woman and a man aged in their 50s are in a stable condition after the light plane they were flying in flipped upon landing at an airfield near Lake Eyre in South Australia's far north.

Police say the light aircraft flipped just after 3:00pm while landing at the William Creek Airport, about 160 kilometres east of Coober Pedy.

The pair suffered multiple injuries to their heads, chests and legs.

An ambulance crew from Coober Pedy — around 160 kilometres away — arrived at the crash site on Sunday afternoon.

An ambulance spokesperson said it was unclear where the couple would be treated for their injuries.

The area is popular for scenic flights over Lake Eyre, however Wrightsair tour operator Trevor Wright told the ABC it was not a sightseeing plane that crashed.

He said he saw "one person currently lying underneath the wing of the aircraft" and a second person outside the plane going in and out of consciousness, with local people providing first aid.

Rachel Whitford, 48, and Peter Gesler, 59, died on July 7 when the light plane they were in crashed in scrubland about 4.5 kilometres from Leigh Creek Airport, also in remote outback South Australia.

Lake Eyre is the fullest it has been in 45 years, attracting tourists from around Australia.

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