

# One dead, one seriously injured in Gold Coast light plane crash



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**One man is dead and another has been rushed to hospital with severe burns after a light plane clipped a power line and crashed on the Gold Coast.**

Crews were called to an address at Jacobs Well, near the Heck Field airport, about 9.30am on Sunday after the recreational-category aircraft came down.

Police said initial investigations suggested the plane lost power and "clipped an overhead cable" before crashing into trees and catching fire.

The 64-year-old pilot, from Helensvale, was declared dead at the scene.

A second man, aged 60, was taken to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in a serious condition with "significant burns".

The men were members of the Gold Coast Sports Flying Club, which operates out of the airfield, and were flying their own plane.



Emergency services were called to the scene about 9.30am on Sunday. *Credit: Nine News*

Club president Mike Smith said the small group was "gutted" by the news.

He understood the plane had lost power immediately after take-off, leaving it in a glide and unable to avoid the power lines, which "sliced the tail off".

Recreational Aviation Australia is helping the police investigation.

A few hours earlier in the South Burnett, a pilot in his 40s managed to escape serious injury after crash-landing his crop duster in a Corndale paddock.

Another pilot escaped serious injury after an earlier crash-landing in the South Burnett.



*Credit: RACQ LifeFlight Rescue*

Emergency services including the RACQ LifeFlight helicopter were called to the scene about 6.30am to find the solo pilot had already freed himself from the wreckage.

He was airlifted to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital in a stable condition.

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