Four dead after two planes crash in mid-air over central Victoria

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Four people have died after two light planes crashed in mid-air at Mangalore in central Victoria.

Emergency services were called to two separate crash scenes east of the Mangalore airfield, shortly before 11.30am on Wednesday



Two planes crashed in Mangalore on Wednesday. Credit: Nine News

"It is believed two aircraft have collided mid-air before crashing," a police spokeswoman said.

Four people, two in each aircraft, died at the scene. They are yet to be identified.

A spokesman from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority said one of the aircraft was a Piper Seminole, registered to the flight school Moorabbin Aviation Services.

The second aircraft is a Beechcraft Travel Air registered to a private owner at Tyabb.

A plane has crashed in a paddock in Melbourne's north, with at least one person on board.

CASA and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau have been notified.

Police are investigating and will prepare a report for the Coroner.

Ambulance Victoria was called to the scene but was unable to provide details.

All southbound lanes on the Hume Freeway have been closed near Avenel.

Mangalore Airport has flight training facilities for student pilots.

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