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Plane down: 2 hurt



By **DARRYL FERNANCE**

A PILOT and his passenger miraculously escaped serious injury yesterday when their vintage De Havilland Chipmunk aircraft crashed

shortly after takeoff from Goulburn Airport. The single-engine plane, believed to be owned by the 50-year-old pilot from Mittagong, ploughed into a paddock just north of the airport at about 9.30am.

Both he and the passenger, a 51-year-old Sydney man, were reported as being in a stable condition yesterday afternoon at Goulburn Base Hospital with minor injuries.

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EMERGENCY: Paramedics prepare to transport the passenger of the aircraft to Goulburn Base Hospital. Main photo: The damaged vintage Chipmunk lies just metres from Goulburn Airport. Photos: Darryl Fernance.

The great communication roadblock



By **EMMA MASTRONARDI**

IT seems the only ones who knew about last week's major road works on the intersection of Goldsmith and Auburn streets were the Roads and Maritime Services people (formerly the RTA).

Goulburn Mulwaree Council told the *Goulburn Post* on Friday it knew nothing of the works - a \$100,000 resealing job - despite traffic in the area being severely disrupted for at least two days.

"Auburn Street, Goldsmith

Street is a state government road and therefore they contract out to have any works completed," said a mystified Brendan Hollands, Council's acting general manager.

"The RTA hadn't notified anyone that work was to be conducted this week or any work to be conducted in the future.

"There has been a communication breakdown somewhere along the lines so that's what we're going to chase up."

Residents told the *Post* they too weren't advised.

Some contacted the paper on Friday after enduring a lengthy hold-up in the roadworks area while driving into the CBD.

In attempting to contact the RMS for a response, the *Post* was finally directed to the appropriate department after 38 minutes on hold and six prior calls that were unexpectedly terminated.

A spokesperson for the RMS stated the agency did inform residents, the council and media of the road works.

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DEEP IMPACT: The roadworks site at the Goldsmith Street/Auburn Street roundabout that Council says it didn't know about.