



Monbulk RSL Newsletter

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The following article was forwarded by Jill A'Vard from the Monbulk Historical Society who kindly gave permission to reproduce it here.

THE PLANE THAT CRASHED INTO THE HILLSIDE OFF MONBULK ROAD IN 1962

On the 12th of April 1962, 38 year old racing car champion, Ron Flockhart was killed when the ex RAAF Mustang he was flying crashed into a hillside.

Flockhart had taken off from Moorabbin airport only 10 minutes before the crash on a flight to Bankstown to conduct fuel consumption tests and deliver the machine for radio modifications at Bankstown.

Ron was preparing for a second record attempt intended to break the Australia to England speed record for a single engine aircraft.

In Monbulk this story began one cloudy damp morning with the weather starting to clear after rain during the night.

"I've got trouble", Ron reported in a final message before he was killed in a plane crash. "I've lost my compass. I'm at 3,000 feet and in heavy cloud."

Immediately after this message, recorded at 10:27 am, radio contact with the plane was lost.

Locals heard a light plane in the general direction of Olinda Road Monbulk that was high up in the cloud and appeared to be heading towards the township of Kallista.

"It soon became obvious that it was in trouble"

Geoff Sands of Monbulk remembered: - *"It was mid-morning and we could hear the roar of an engine of a plane, then it appeared to be coming*



Ron Flockhart at Moorabbin Airport just hours before his fatal crash on 12th April 1962