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A HUGE LOSS FOR ALICE SPRINGS

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The tragic death overnight of Alice Springs identity Mr Shaun, is a terrible loss for his young family and will leave a huge hole in the town, says Member for Braitling, Adam Giles.

"Mr Shaun was killed in tragic circumstances as he arrived home from an Apex meeting." Mr Giles said.

"My heart goes out to his wife Chantelle, their little boy Zachy and the entire Rothwell family at this terrible time.

"Mr Shaun was born in Sydney and arrived in Alice Springs in 1986 where his energy, drive and humour helped make him a much-loved figure in the community.

"As well as being a member of Apex, he was a key player in organising the Masters Games, was on the Hamilton Downs Youth Camp board, was an active fundraiser for families in need and was a tireless worker for the Alice Springs community.

"He was a candidate in the recent Alice Springs council election.

"I was proud to say I was a mate of Mr Shaun's. He lived in my electorate, I helped get him involved in the Country Liberals and we saw each other regularly in our work with Apex and Hamilton Downs.

"I was talking with him yesterday and am feeling tremendous pain at his death, as are his many friends and associates. His memory will run deep within the community for many years to come.

"Mr Shaun loved people and believed everybody had an interesting story to tell if given the opportunity.

"His golden rule was to treat others with respect, dignity and honesty – and he lived by that principle throughout his life.

"On behalf of the Country Liberals I want to send my condolences to his family and to offer them any support into the future.

"Mr Shaun will be sorely missed."

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