



Pilot Billy Hayes, centre, with beef delegates Jing Liu and Vivian Zhang on Deep Well Station. Picture: Supplied

Tragedy strikes pioneering Territory cattle family

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TRAGEDY has struck the Territory cattle industry with William 'Billy' Hayes, from the cattle pioneering Hayes family, dying in a gyrocopter crash near the South Australian border.

Mr Hayes, owner of Deep Well Station, was the pilot and sole occupant of the gyrocopter and died at the scene.

Emergency services were notified of the incident about 1pm Monday.

Mr Hayes is the former husband of current NT Cattlemen's Association chief executive officer Tracey Hayes, who was last night heading to Central Australia.

He was regarded as one of the Territory's great cattlemen.

His father, also named Billy, died in a quad bike accident on Deep Well Station located 120 km south-east of Alice Springs in 2011.

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