

Ultra-light plane crash victim Jason Caswell remembered for dedication to fire services

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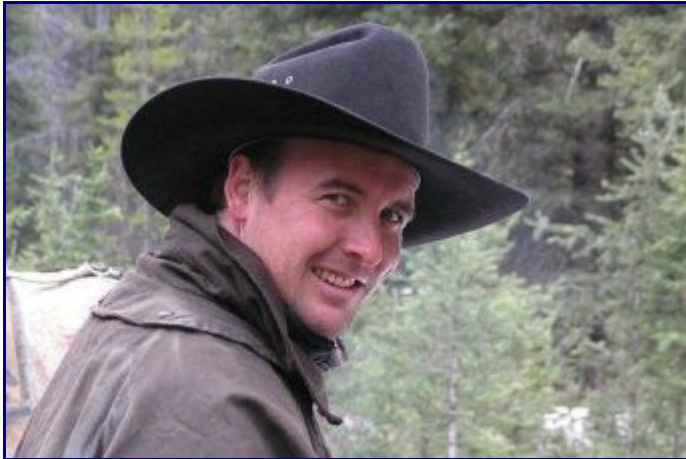


Photo: Mr Caswell worked as a firefighter in the Rockhampton area for four years. (Facebook: Jason Caswell)

Tributes are flowing for a central Queensland firefighter tragically killed in an ultra-light plane crash near Rockhampton.

Jason Caswell, 37, and a 53-year-old Brisbane man, were killed [when their powered hang glider crashed at Hedlow airfield yesterday afternoon](#)

Mr Caswell, a father of two, had been a firefighter based in Rockhampton for the past four years, after a stint with the service in Townsville.

"The fire service is known as being a big family, and the loss of one of our own is deeply felt," Assistant Commissioner of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Ewan Cayzer told the ABC.

"The crews in Rockhampton are deeply saddened and shocked by what occurred yesterday and will take some time to come to terms with what's happened.

"But their thoughts and prayers definitely go out to the family.

"Jason leaves behind a wife and two children and was also devoted member to the church community in Rockhampton."



Photo: An ambulance leaves the airfield following the deaths of Mr Caswell and a 53-year-old man. (ABC News: Jonathan Hair)

Assistant Commissioner Cayzer said support was being given to the 37-year-old's family and colleagues.

"Jason was a very, very highly respected firefighter within our service," he said.

"All the crews that have worked with him over the years, up here, and in Townsville, are deeply shocked and saddened.

"They will take time to come to terms with this, we have activated all our support networks obviously for the family, primarily, but also for all the crews were in Rockhampton.

"They're working through it, it'll take time, but they're working through it."

Mr Cayzer said Mr Caswell had developed a passion for flying in the past year, and was on a training flight at the time of the crash.

Crash investigators from Recreational Aviation Australia are expected to arrive at the scene today.

They will work with police to prepare a report for the coroner.

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