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Young Sunshine Coast family shattered as dad dies in mining accident

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A SUNSHINE Coast father has died in a tragic mining accident, leaving a wife and two young sons behind.

[*The Sunshine Coast Daily*](#) reports that Nathaniel Beesley, 32, was working at the Savage River mine in Tasmania when he fell to his death last Friday.

He leaves behind his wife Katie and two young sons, just months after the family moved from England to Australia to make a life on the Sunshine Coast.





📷 Father Nathaniel Beesley, pictured with 4-year-old son Freddie, died on March 17 while working in a Tasmanian mine.

Family friend Kara Poletti said the couple were full of “life and adventure” and had already become part of the Sunshine Coast community.

“They came to live here as he really wanted to create a better life for his little family and his children to grow up,” she said.

WorkSafe Tasmania is investigating the circumstances behind the tragedy.

Australian Workers’ Union assistant secretary Robert Flanagan told ABC it was understood the contractor was working in the mine’s north pit when he fell.





📷 Nathaniel Beesley, pictured with wife Katie Beesley.

“It’s the union’s understanding that the contractors were engaged in scaling operations in part of the mine’s operations,” he said.

“Scaling operations are undertaken to ensure that loose material can’t be dislodged from a work area.





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“Any workplace fatality is a tragedy and the union’s thoughts are clearly with the family and friends of the deceased worker and we continue to endeavour to ensure that workplaces are as safe as possible.”

It was the fourth mining death on the state’s west coast since 2013.

Friends have set up a Go Fund Me page to raise funds for the family.

Donors have already raised more than \$13,300 in one day.