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**GREG HEYS**

Members of the Australian Labor Party in Newcastle are distressed at the death of their fellow member, Greg Heys, former Lord Mayor of Newcastle.

Greg, his wife Wendy, and his children Sarah and Matthew are all part of the Labor family and our concern and love is extended to them in every way possible.

Greg was a man of great vision who had a unique understanding of social planning and its potential for developing liveable and prosperous cities.

His leadership in the introduction of Pathways to Sustainability positioned Newcastle ahead of all other Australian cities in the development of economically and environmentally sustainable approaches.

As a political leader, Greg always attempted to negotiate consensus outcomes and had a genuine inclusive commitment to participation in decision making. Greg was a true community builder.

After the Lord Mayorship, Greg went on to use his special understanding in the Windale project and in many community causes and organisations, furthering social justice in action.

Greg's very nature was to always see the good in people and to reach out to those in need. He was himself a generous and good man who constantly inspired others to be involved in improving community life for the common good.

He will be sorely missed by his many friends and colleagues in the Australian Labor Party and the city of Newcastle.

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