



Re David McGowan

David McGowan was a member of the Royal Adelaide Hospital Board of Directors from 1999-2004. He is here in the Save the RAH campaign because of his passion for the hospital.

A fire safety engineer he worked in the RAH Engineering and Building Department for 20 years and was responsible for the retrofitting of modern fire safety systems, bringing the RAH to current standard including the requirements for the RAH redevelopment. He was the liaison officer between the RAH Burns Unit, SAPOL Fire Investigation and Fire Services.

He is well known to many South Australian families as the initiator of the Baby Memorial at the West Terrace Cemetery in 1995, which he did during a short secondment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. For that work he was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Order of Australia.

A life member of the SA Country Fire Service and veteran of the Ash Wednesday fires he holds the UN Volunteer Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal

Before fire engineering he was a mathematics science teacher, he is in demand on the public speaking circuit having twice won the state public speaking championships. Presently he is chairman of committee of the Public Schools Club, Commodore of Port Adelaide Sailing Club and President of the Public Service Medal Association.