Vale Martyn Cook
(1958 – 2019)

The Board of the David Roche Foundation is greatly saddened to report the death of the Foundation's founding director Martyn Cook on 2nd April. He was 60. His role in creating the Foundation has been critical. The collection that forms the Foundation and that David Roche put together over his lifetime was very largely guided by Martyn. They invariably travelled together on buying trips and David relied immensely on Martyn's knowledge, network and eye for detail.

Upon David's death in 2013, Martyn played the lead role in conceiving and guiding the creation of the critically acclaimed house museum and gallery in North Adelaide from which the Foundation now operates. Martyn made an indelible impression on all who met him, and was much loved by his friends and colleagues. Debilitated by illness over the last eighteen months, he bore his treatment with great fortitude and many a joke. A memorial event to mark Martyn's life will be hosted by the Foundation at a date to be advised.

We send our sincere condolences to Martyn's immediate family, his sisters Michelle, Janeanne and Debra.

A very sad day.

Julian Bickersteth

Chair TDRF