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VALE MICHAEL SHEARER

It is with great sadness that I report to you the death of former chair of The David Roche Foundation, Michael Shearer on 6th August 2019.

Michael had not been well for some time but his death was unexpected.

Michael had a distinguished career as an accountant in Adelaide serving as a partner with major firms, as well as being President of the Adelaide Club, Chairman of Council of St Mark's College, University of Adelaide and Chairman of Council of Walford Anglican School for Girls.





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Introduced to David Roche by TDRF Trustee David Simmons in the late 1980s, he quickly formed a close relationship with David Roche and guided his financial affairs for many years. So it was appropriate that David asked Michael to chair the Foundation before his death in 2013. It proved to be an inspired appointment as Michael was able to guide the Foundation through the process of physically creating the Foundation as it stands today. Throughout this he worked closely with Museum Director Martyn Cook, whose untimely death earlier this year means that TDRF has lost in quick succession the two people that really brought David Roche's legacy to South Australia to life.

Michael was a charming, generous man in so many ways and the Foundation owes him a great debt of gratitude for all that he contributed. Our heartfelt thoughts and condolences go out to his wife Raels and their children at this time.

Julian Bickersteth

Chair

The David Roche Foundation

