

Maurice De Rohan Citation

Maurice has nearly four decades of experience as a Chairman, Managing Director or Director, of professional practices in engineering, architecture, urban planning and design, project management, and facilities management, in Australia, London and New York.

He is also an alumnus - a Civil Engineering graduate from one of the University of South Australia's foundation institutions – the South Australian Institute of Technology (or SAIT).

In 1959, Maurice became one of four founding partners of the consulting engineering practice, Kinnaird Hill de Rohan and Young, later known as Kinhill Engineers – which I joined as a young engineer and had the pleasure of working with him for many years.

Maurice moved to London from Adelaide in 1976 to take up an appointment as Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of Llewlelyn-Davies Weeks, an international firm of Architects, and Urban and Health planners.

Some 25 years later he still lives there although he and his wife Margaret are regular visitors. He is now Agent General for South Australia and in this role, which he began in January 1998, he has responsibility for representing the State's interests in Europe.

In 1992, Maurice was awarded the OBE for work as founding Chairman of the Herald Families Association, and for services to maritime safety which followed a major Ferry maritime disaster resulting in the deaths of Maurice and Margaret's Daughter and Son in Law. In the aftermath Maurice was instrumental in changing Corporate Responsibility Law in the UK and in new design standards for RoRo passenger Ferries.

Maurice is also:

- a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia, the Royal Society of Arts and the Institute of Management, UK
- Chairman of The Cook Society, the MCC Estates Committee, The Cutty Sark Trust, The Herald Charitable Trust, Greenwich Chairman of Disaster Action
- A Member of the Council of The Maritime Trust, of the Supervisory Board of the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, London and of the Committee and Executive Board of Marylebone Cricket Club at Lord's
- An Honorary Life Member of Australian Business in Europe (following positions as Director 1978-2002, President 1982-83, and Vice-President 1981-82 and 2001-02)
- President of the Regent's Canal Boat Owners' Association
- Freeman of The City of London, 1998
- Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Engineers.

Ladies and gentlemen, Maurice de Rohan is a great South Australian. It has been my privilege to have known him for almost 40 years. I have enormous respect for his engineering and business acumen, and his generosity, energy and determination. He is a great supporter of the University, having contributed significantly to our work on Corporate Responsibility. We value his friendship and support most highly.

On behalf of the University of South Australia, I confer on you, Maurice de Rohan, the honorary degree of Doctor of the University.