

TRIBUTE TO MR TED McGOWAN

Statement by Member for Joondalup

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [12.58 pm]: I pay tribute to a constituent of mine who, unfortunately, passed away on Monday, 10 November this year. I had not met Ted McGowan, who was a lecturer at Edith Cowan University, until I was elected to this place. The week of March that I moved into my office in Joondalup, Ted bounded in to present me with a copy of his book, *Destiny is a Sea without Boundaries*. I thought Ted was in his mid 50s or early 60s. When he died I discovered he was, at that time, 77 years old. That was Ted McGowan; he was always a young man at heart and always keen to help. Ted was born in Dudley, England. He joined the British Army as a teenager. He was also a firefighter, ambulance driver, rigger and teacher. He became one of Western Australia's senior educationalists. As the cover of his book states, "Ted McGowan's life has been one crowded with incident and challenge".

I extend my condolences to his wife of 57 years, Jeena, and his children Michael, Liam, Justin and Michelle. Ted McGowan was a man I met only recently. To my mind he became a great man and a big influence on my life. Any time he asked for help it was not for him; it was for other constituents in my electorate. I thank Ted for making me his friend.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm