

Matthew McGowan

General Secretary National Tertiary Education Union (Australia)



Matthew McGowan came to the NTEU General Secretary's position in October 2018 after eight years as National Assistant Secretary, preceded by 8 years as Victorian Division Secretary and, before that, seven years as the RMIT Branch President. He was a general staff member, working at RMIT Student Services as a Student Housing Officer, a position he had previously also held at the University of Western Australia when he was a member of another union.

He has been a strong focus on communications both within the union and externally in a campaigning context. His campaigns have included defeating multiple non union agreements at the University of Ballarat, saving the former Victorian College of the Arts, and numerous collective bargaining campaigns.

He has worked in the sector for 20 years and been a union activist throughout his working life.