

George McGowan

..... was so small that he applied to play in the junior ranks, in 1923, once his Grade career had ended. An article in 1937 suggested that George McGowan was perhaps the lightest player to have played First Grade rugby league, weighing in at 7 stone 12 lbs.

George made his First Grade debut with Eastern Suburbs in 1915, playing ten games that season. He moved on to South Sydney in 1916 and spent three seasons with the Rabbitohs, playing thirty nine First Grade games. Souths were runners up in 1916 and 1917, but took out the premiership in 1918. George captained Souths in 1917.

In 1919, George came across to Wests and played the 1919 and 1920 seasons. He did not play in 1921 but returned in 1922 and played three First Grade games before retiring. During his time with Wests, George played twenty four First Grade and four City Cup games. George was a member of Wests City Cup winning team in 1919.

George got better with age and while with Wests he represented with the Metropolis team and then played for Sydney against Great Britain and then followed up by playing for NSW against Great Britain.

George was supposed to coach the Young rugby league team in 1925 but this did not proceed and he found himself being appointed as the captain/coach of the Campbelltown Rugby League team, based on the outskirts of Sydney..

George McGowan lived most of his life in the western Sydney suburb of Glenfield and he died there in March 1970.