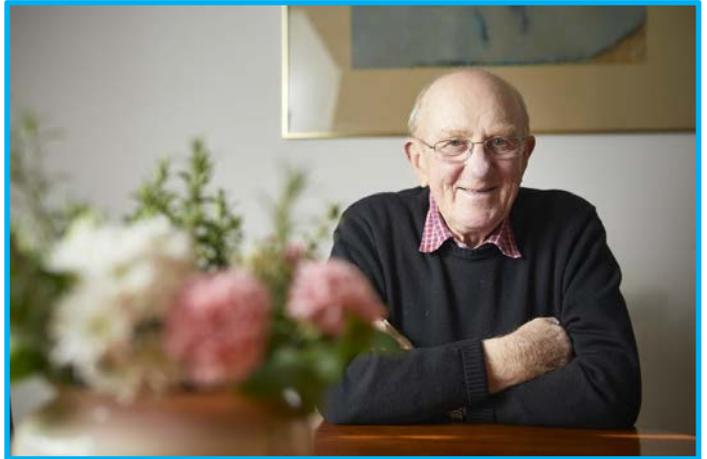


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FRANK SHEEHAN OAM

Frank Sheehan spent more than a decade in the public eye as a Labor MP, but his service to the community runs much deeper than that. Mr Sheehan, 80, has been honoured as an Order of Australia Medalist (OAM) for his decades of service to the Ballarat community.

The former mechanic served as the Labor member for Ballarat South from 1982-92 under the Cain and Kirner Labor state governments. Mr Sheehan said he always had politics at his heart even though it took him three attempts to win his seat in parliament. "I'd always been interested in the community and the possibility of politics being an area where you can help out people with their various needs and concerns," he said.



One of his proudest political moments was being involved in the creation of work place laws. "I had many cases of people coming to me with work injuries," he said. "Worksafe and Workcover compensation never existed at the time and there was some legislation in the early days of the Cain government that addressed all those issues."

After losing the seat what is now Buninyong in 1992, Mr Sheehan continued his service at the Overseas Service Bureau which now is known as Australian Volunteers International. "They are an organisation that recruit and send people to volunteer in other countries," he said. "I was asked to be involved in a program for them known as Beyond Borders. It was a program that invited people from 12 different nations to come to Australia to experience our culture and lifestyle."

In more recent times, he was a founding member of Moving Towards Justice which provides support for abuse victims. He was involved in the program from 2012-16 and still helps collect hampers for victims at Christmas.

Mr Sheehan said he wished to thank the support of his wife Rosalie and four children Jane, Michael, Roseanne and Katrina. "Some people must think I'm worthy of it, otherwise they wouldn't have nominated me," he said.

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DONALD MOSS OAM

Throughout his career, Donald Moss has watched regional medicine evolve, and had a hand in establishing Ballarat as a training post for future doctors. It was during a surgical training rotation in Ballarat during the 1970s that Mr Moss found a speciality in urology, the study of the urinary tract and the male reproductive system. So enamoured with the work under Ballarat urologist Ken Neerhut, after completing study in Adelaide and the United States, he returned to Ballarat in 1977 to begin his long career.

Mr Moss was the Head of Urology at Ballarat Base Hospital from 1985 until 2008, and lectured in urology at University of Melbourne for 39 years until 2016. He was "lucky to start practice in a time of great change" in his field, as new endoscopic techniques and reconstructive surgery allowed him to assist a wider range of patients. "To return someone

with lifelong incontinence to a life with restored dignity via continence is hugely satisfying and gave me much pleasure.”

Mr Moss has received a Medal of the Order of Australia at the 2018 Queen’s Birthday Honours. He said urology has a “tradition of teaching the next generation” and he had a hand in establishing Ballarat as a post for urology trainees.

Following the creation of Ballarat Urology, and time as the president of Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, Mr Moss’ dedication to improving health continued into retirement. “After retirement I was able to continue teaching on Pacific Aid trips to nearby countries such as PNG, Tonga, Timor Leste,” he said. “The surgeons working there have become friends and are to be admired for their work in sub-standard facilities.

“Recognition by the OAM award is humbling, but a nice acknowledgement of the development of a surgical specialty in a regional area.”



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