

Statement

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STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FRANK COSTA AO

A State Memorial Service for Mr Frank Costa AO will be held on Wednesday, 12 May at 2.30pm at GMHBA Stadium, Geelong.

Frank was a legend in Geelong, and beyond. Renowned for his entrepreneurial acumen, Frank was also a noted philanthropist – giving generously to his local community.

Perhaps his most well-known contribution was as President to his beloved Geelong Football Club. Serving the Club for 30 years, Frank led the Cats to one of its most successful eras, winning two Premierships and breaking a 44-year drought. More recently, he was named as the Club's 26th Legend, becoming the first non-player to receive this honour.

Frank is survived by his wife Shirley, his daughters Rona, Laurelle, Gillian, Caroline, Suzanne, Geraldine, Edwina and Kate and their families, including his 24 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Family, friends, colleagues and members of the public are invited to attend the Memorial Service to celebrate Frank's life and reflect on his many contributions to our state and the Geelong region.

Tickets will be available from 12pm on Monday, 10 May. More information about how to secure tickets can be found at www.vic.gov.au/Frank-Costa.

In lieu of floral tributes, people may wish to consider making a donation to support the Anam Cara House, SecondBite or the Geelong Community Foundation.

The State Memorial Service will be held in line with COVIDSafe requirements and will be livestreamed.

For the most up to date information about the State Memorial Service, please visit www.vic.gov.au/Frank-Costa