

# FECCA pays tribute to Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC, OBE

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) has paid tribute to Sir Nicholas Shehadie, a pivotal figure in the formation of SBS.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said that Sir Nicholas was committed to the building of a successful multicultural Australia.

"Nicholas was not only a great rugby player and administrator for Australia but a champion of an Australia based on immigration and its many benefits," Ms Patetsos said.

"He left a lasting legacy at SBS, serving as its Chairperson from 1981 to 1999."•

"He was a living example of Australia's successful multiculturalism, born in Sydney to a Lebanese family and achieving remarkable success not only in sport, but later as Lord Mayor of Sydney as well as in his time as Chair of SBS."

"FECCA pays tribute to his achievements. Our sympathy and best wishes go to his widow, the former Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir, and to his family."•

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and their organisations. FECCA provides advocacy, develops policy and promotes issues on behalf of its constituency to Government and the broader community

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