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PASSING OF JOHN CAIN

Labor has lost a legend today, in former Victorian Premier, John Cain.

As an activist in his early years in the Party, John Cain helped modernise Labor, paving the way for government at both a federal and state level.

After 27 years of conservative government in Victoria, John Cain was elected as the Premier of the State in 1982.

As the longest serving Labor Premier of Victoria, the Victorian State Government under John Cain oversaw a number of policy reforms including tobacco control, workers compensation, urban planning, social justice and education.

It was also cultural initiatives spearheaded by John Cain, including the lights at the MCG and Rod Laver Arena which has turned Melbourne into the city we know it today, an epicentre for international sporting tournaments.

John Cain's achievements were many, and his legacy carries on across Victoria today.

Be it the rights of workers, the education of our children, or the emphasis on

Victoria as a cultural state, John Cain pushed to reform Victoria in a way which we recognise it today.

He will be sadly missed but greatly remembered.

I extend my sympathies to his family and wife, Nancye.

Vale John Cain.

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