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Vale Robert Oatley AO

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Mr Robert Oatley AO will be remembered for his passion for winemaking and sailing and also as a generous contributor to the arts.

As a founding benefactor of the National Portrait Gallery, Mr Oatley contributed generously. His support enabled the National Portrait Gallery to secure the landmark '*Portrait of Captain James Cook RN, 1782*' by John Webber, and other works associated with Captain Cook. The portrait is displayed in a gallery named in honour of Mr Oatley.

Mr Oatley was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for his distinguished service to the Australian wine and tourism industries, to yacht racing, and to the community as a supporter of medical research and visual arts organisations.

My deepest condolences to Mr Oatley's family and friends.