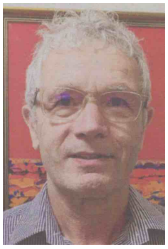


Mark Zagorski (OAM) – June 2019



LONG time Mount Beauty and Falls Creek doctor Adam Mark Zagorski has been recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday honours, receiving an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to the community as a general practitioner.

Dr Zagorski is a general practitioner at Mount Beauty Medical Centre and the Trauma Centre at Falls Creek Medical Centre, as well as a visiting medical officer at Alpine Health and a current member of the medical consultative committee.

He is also a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, a medical trainer with Falls Creek Ski Patrol, treasurer of the Rural Doctors Association Victoria, coordinator of 'Pit Stop' Men's Health Night at Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed, past Hume General Practitioner representative with Medical Displan Victoria (now Emergency Management Victoria) and is currently field emergency medical officer for the NE Hume.

Dr Zagorski was awarded the Rural Doctor of the Year Award by Rural Doctors Association of Australia in 2008 and received a long service award from Rural Workforce Agency Victoria in 2017.

Dr Zagorski said the nomination came as a surprise.

"I didn't expect anything like this. I don't consider myself any more special than anybody else who does a full-time job in the community," he said. Beyond getting three new letters to put at the end of his name, Dr Zagorski said the award simply meant 1,000 Facebook messages from well-wishers.

"There'll be a medal presentation ceremony later in September or October, and maybe a nod from the Victorian Governor General but I'm not sure what else," he said.