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Commemorate Bob Hawke at Old Parliament House

MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy) joins Australia in paying respect to former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who sadly passed away yesterday.

Mr Hawke spent more than seven years of his parliamentary career in Old Parliament House, now home to MoAD.

In 1980, he was elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Wills and was appointed Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Employment and Youth. He became leader of his party on the day a general election was called in March 1983 and won a landslide victory in that poll, the first of four election wins.

Daryl Karp, Director of MoAD, said that he will be remembered for his vision of Australia as a country where everyone pulls together for the common good, as well as his prowess in communicating and implementing his government's policies.

"Bob Hawke played a key role in steering Australia through the 1980s, a decade of great change at home and abroad," said Ms Karp. Many of the policies introduced during that time, including the floating of the dollar, the introduction of Medicare and university funding reforms, have shaped the way we live today.

Before entering Parliament Bob Hawke was President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and President of the Australian Labor Party. In 1979, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for his service to trade unionism and industrial relations.

A commemorative display has been created at the MoAD. Visitors are welcome to lay flowers on the front steps and sign our commemorative book.

More information on Mr Hawke can be found by visiting the museum, including the Prime Minister's Office where he served.

About MoAD

The Museum of Australian Democracy celebrates Australia's proud history as a democratic nation and actively promotes the participation of its citizens in determining its future.

MoAD is a museum not just of objects but of ideas. In our iconic heritage building, we tell the story of Australia's journey to becoming one of the world's most vibrant and multicultural democratic nations.

MoAD is a place where stories, conversations and narratives from myriad perspectives can be heard and discussed.

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