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Statement from ACTU Secretary Sally McManus and President Michele O’Neil on the passing of Bob Hawke

It is with immense sorrow and gratitude that the Australian union movement acknowledges the passing of Bob Hawke.

As a leader of our nation and of our movement, Bob was a hero to working people – an architect of the accords, the father of Medicare, and a founder of universal superannuation.

The Australian union movement has enormous pride that a great and respected representative of working people and ACTU President went on to become a loved and legendary Australian Prime Minister.

Millions of working people owe their health, their prosperity and their dignity in retirement to Bob’s work.

All our thoughts and sympathy are with Bob’s family and loved ones during this time.

The entire union family is grieving as are all Australians.

We will never forget him.

Solidarity and Vale Bob Hawke