

By popular vote, Bob's a winner



He might have slipped in the opinion polls, but the Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, today was the darling of the crowds on the campaign trail.

Mr Hawke took to the streets of Ringwood and Croydon to drum up support for Bob Ives, ALP candidate in the Nunawading re-run election.

And, he was feted like a pop star.

Shoppers surged forward seeking autographs and handshakes . . . security guards tried unsuccessfully to keep a path clear for the man sometimes known as the "messiah".

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Mr Hawke revelled in the attention, pressing the flesh of every possible voter.

He had his photo taken holding fruit, holding babies and wearing a hat.

He even signed an autograph for a woman who said she was a Liberal Party voter.

Mr Ives and the Premier, Mr Cain, gladly took back seats.