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## Tributes Flow For Business Roundtable Founding Chairman

Business Roundtable Chairman Rob McLeod and Executive Director Roger Kerr today paid tribute to the organisation's founding chairman and business icon Sir Ronald Ramsey Trotter, who died peacefully at his Kapiti Coast home last night after a long illness.

"Sir Ron was one of New Zealand's truly great business leaders. In a distinguished career spanning half a century and some of the most turbulent times in New Zealand's business and political life, his contribution in both the public and private sectors was immense.

"Through his visionary leadership Sir Ron played a critical role in enabling New Zealand businesses to become internationally competitive and abandon the fortress mentality that had dogged the country in the pre-1980s period", said Mr McLeod.

Roger Kerr said tributes had been flowing in from business leaders from around the country and from abroad for Sir Ron, who was widely regarded as a giant of a man in every respect.

"Sir Ron was tough, courageous and unflinching in his pursuit of better outcomes for New Zealand business and for much better public policies for New Zealand.

"But he was also a modest, generous, warm-hearted man, who will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends, colleagues and admirers", said Mr Kerr.

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