



## **Noted With Profound Appreciation**

Those Who Made Possible the Commemorative Visit to Australia

*June 18 – July 1, 2017*

*“Every single gesture by so many Ethiopians, Australians, and Americans contributed invaluable to make this Commemorative Visit a critical success, not only to the Crown, but to Ethiopia as a whole, to the Ethiopian diaspora, and to the sacred and blessed memory of Emperor Haile Selassie I. We who all participated on this historical journey are now inextricably linked by this visit, which will have an historical impact on the future of Ethiopia, and on Ethiopia-Australian relations. We are, through the generosity and love of you all, committed to a new age of prosperity and hope for Ethiopia and the perpetuation of more than three millennia of Solomonic dignity.”*

*HHH Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie,  
President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia*

### **Organization and Sponsorship**

**The International Strategic Studies Association’s Zahedi Center for the Study of Monarchy, Traditional Governance, and Sovereignty** (Gregory Copley, AM, GCHT\*, FRCGS, FSS, and Pamela von Gruber, GCEL, GCSE, RML, FSS), Washington, DC. Within this framework, ISSA Senior Fellow Andrew Pickford, GOSE, RML, FSS, was engaged in planning and on-site coordination of many aspects of the Visit.

### **Crown Level Corporate Support**

**Kefford Corporation**, Melbourne (HE Doug Kefford, AC, GCEL): Internal Australian private air transportation.

**Virgin Australia**: Air transportation for His Imperial Highness from and to the US.

**Globetrotter Corporate Travel and Penny Inc., Perth** (HE John Battley, GCSE).  
Australia-wide accommodation.

### **Lion Level Corporate Support**

**McRae Investments**, Perth (Dr Harold Clough, AO, OBE, and Stephen Quantrill).  
Hosting of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce event and Perth hospitality.

### **The Ethiopian Communities and Churches of New South Wales, Canberra (ACT), Victoria, and Western Australia**

The leaders and members of so many Ethiopian community groups and churches were extremely generous and enthusiastic in their support for the Commemorative Visit, going out of their way to provide events of historical importance to the Crown, including traditional ceremonies, tree-plantings, and other support. Australian broadcaster SBS Amharic, through its renowned journalist Kassahun Negewo, CSE, helped transmit the Visit's message of hope and unity to an Australian and global audience. Numerous Ethiopians in Australia were recognized and honored by the Crown for their years of service to their communities and to the Visit. Every meeting with the Ethiopian-Australian community was profoundly moving and meaningful.

### **Invaluable and Profound Personal Support**

HE the Hon. Shane L. Stone AC, GCHT, GCEL, PGDK, QC, and Mrs Josephine G. Stone AM, GCSE. Senior-level policy and logistical organization and engagement; hosting of the Welcome to Australia dinner at the Australian Club in Sydney; hosting of various activities in Canberra (Australian Parliament, Australian War Memorial, and other events).

HE Major-General the Marquess, Maj.-Gen. Oliver Peacock, GCHT, and the Marchioness of Debre-Berhan, North Carolina. Initial seed funding of the Visit.

Dr Paul Scully-Power, AM, GOSE, RML, Sydney. For organizing the reception to Sydney of the visiting group, and supporting the tour throughout.

Mr George Bougias, GOSE, and Mrs (Jelica) Bougias, RML, Melbourne. Significant organizational activities, including coordination with the Ethiopian communities in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, and Perth; visit photography, etc.

Mr Bryan-Sterten-Gill, GOSE, Chairman, International Monarchist League in Australia (Victoria), Melbourne. Coordination, planning, and hosting support for events in Sydney and Melbourne, and particularly the events at the Melbourne Club and at the Langham Hotel.

Prof. David Flint, AM, GOSE, National Convenor, Australians for Constitutional Monarchy; Sydney. Planning and support for events in Sydney and Melbourne.

HE Peter Iancov, Perth. Hosted the Welcome to Perth black tie event and separate entertainment.

HE Col. The Reverend Fred Gough, GCHT, South Carolina. Initial seed funding.

Mr Geoffrey Hazzan, GOSE, and Dr Joan Vernikos-Hazzan, GOSE. Initial seed funding.

Rev. the Hon. Frederick Nile, MLC, Dep. President of the New South Wales Legislative Council, Sydney. Hosting luncheon and support for Prince Ermias and his team at the New South Wales Parliament.

***In addition***, a significant number of individuals within the Australian Ethiopian community, as well as Her Excellency the **Ethiopian Ambassador to Australia, Mrs Tirfu Kidanemariam Gebrehiwet** and **Counsellor Temam Ally Godu** and others at the Embassy, undertook great efforts and provided wonderful hospitality to His Imperial Highness and his team.

As well, various ***members of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy's*** leadership, including **CEO Jai Martinkovits**, and supporters of the ***International Monarchist League in Australia (Victoria)***, went to great lengths to ensure a great reception and support for His Imperial Highness.

***Numerous Australian politicians***, in State and Federal Government, went out of their way to provide a strong welcome to His Imperial Highness, particularly the **Hon. Chris Pyne, MP, Minister of Defence Industry** and Leader of the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament, whose Ministerial Reception included the **Minister of Defence, the Hon. Marise Payne**, and the **Attorney-General, Sen. The Hon. George Brandis, QC**. Other Federal and State Parliamentarians and Ministers generously participated in events to support the visit. Also of particular note was the kindness and time devoted by **Sen. The Hon. Scott Ryan, the Special Minister of State and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cabinet**; and **Sen. The Hon. James McGrath, the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister**; and the **Hon. Jane Prentice, MP, the Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services**. The **Hon. Richard Marles, MP, the Shadow Minister for Defence**, also graciously gave his time to supporting the visit of Prince Ermias. In Melbourne, the **President of the Legislative Council of Victoria, the Hon. Bruce Atkinson, MLC**, participated in the reception for the Ethiopian Community, and gave an important speech of welcome.

***His Imperial Highness wishes to pay particular tribute*** to the Hon. the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, MP, for his generous hospitality.

***His Imperial Highness also wishes to pay distinct tributes*** to the Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson, AO, the Director of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. Dr Nelson's conduct of the visit to the AWM, supported by AWM Trustee Mrs Josephine Stone AM, GCSE, was profoundly moving and important. To have been entrusted to lay a wreath at the Memorial, in echo of the one laid by the Emperor, was described by Prince Ermias as having been permitted to comprehend the soul of Australia.

***His Imperial Highness wishes to pay distinct tribute*** to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne, and particularly to Prof. Tim Entwisle, Director and Chief Executive, and Mr Chris Cole, Executive Director Melbourne Gardens, for the historical tree-planting ceremony, and for their loving care of the tree planted in 1968 by His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I.

In Canberra, the **President of the Order of Australia Association, Philip Flood, AO**, discussed the meaning and structure of the Order and the Association supporting it to Prince Ermias, who is Sovereign of the Ethiopian Imperial Orders. As the OAA is also based in Old Parliament House, **Mr Andrew Harper, Deputy Director at the Australian Museum of Democracy**, showed Prince Ermias key areas of the first Parliament House to be built in Canberra.

In Perth, the University of Western Australia arranged for a special discussion in the Vice-Chancellor's chambers with members of Africa-related faculties and groups from the University, organized by **Dr David Mickler, Coordinator of the Africa Research Cluster**, and others, allowing Prince Ermias and strategic advisor Gregory Copley to talk about the Prince's Water Initiative for Africa. After that, the Prince and Gregory Copley, supported by advisor Andrew Pickford, GOSE, RML, were invited to address a significant audience at the Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation (CERI), with **Western Australian Chief Scientist Peter Klinken, AC**, as guests of **CERI Founder Charlie Bass**. As well, Mr **Ray Wardrop, Managing Director of Channel Nine** television, conducted a personal tour of Australia's most advanced television station, before hosting a special luncheon overlooking Perth from King's Park, where he also showed Prince Ermias the Western Australian War Memorial.

***Photographic support*** for the visit was largely the province of Jelica Bougias, RML (Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth), and Michael Wieteska (Perth). They, along with the particular event photographers at the Australian War Memorial, the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne, the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and other sites, created an image archive of many thousands of photographs and videos. The famous Amharic-language television journalist, Kassahun Negewo, CSE, also contributed to the video and still imagery library.

*To those others who so generously supported this trip, we also pay acknowledgment.  
This list will be updated going forward. We are all one family going forward.*