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Speakers include: Minister for Child Protection, the Hon. Luke Donnellan MP; Lord Mayor Sally Capp; ISS Australia ambassador, actor, and playwright Ra Chapman; former ISS Australia President Rupert Myer AO; and ISS Australia President, Dr Fiona McIntosh.

Media Welcome

ISS Australia is proud to celebrate its 60th Birthday at the Melbourne Town Hall this Wednesday after its long association with the City of Melbourne and its people.

Incorporated in 1961, ISS Australia has a long and proud history of supporting children and families separated by borders. ISS Australia is part of a global network of more than 130 member organisations providing cross-border social work and legal services.

“ISS Australia is incredibly proud to have been serving the Australian and international communities for sixty years with a particular focus on family reunion and the best interests of children and families across borders”, said ISS Australia CEO, Peter van Vliet.

“We thank all of our supporters, board members, staff, volunteers, donors and funding agencies who have enabled us to perform our critical services for vulnerable families and children impacted by borders for six decades”, Mr van Vliet said.

Today ISS Australia provides services include international parental child abduction (IPCA) services for families experiencing IPCA and various International child welfare, kinship care and tracing services.

“At this time, ISS Australia also welcomes the Australia-New Zealand travel bubble noting how important family visitation and connection is to Australians and New Zealanders living across the Tasman from their families”, said ISS Australia CEO Peter van Vliet.

More information can be found at www.iss.org.au

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