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MEDIA RELEASE

Lord Mayor to discuss Melbourne's top five priorities

The Rt Hon Robert Doyle, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, will discuss "the five priorities of Melbourne as a City for People" on 25 August 2014 (11:45am) at the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) premises.

His talk will cover the ways we can ensure Melbourne stays as one of the most peaceful and people-friendly cities in the world.

This means bringing all Melburnians into the decision-making process, engaging with the community on key issues such as climate change, embracing people who arrive new to our city, providing services to help people of varying needs and celebrating our diverse cultures.

The event, including a Q&A session, will be facilitated by Melbourne Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle, a member of the AIS Advisory Board.

One hundred people, many of leadership background, are expected to attend from various backgrounds: business, law, not-for-profit, ethnic communities, sports, faith groups, media, academia and government.

AIS Executive Director Ahmet Polat said it is vital to bring government leaders together with the diverse people that they represent.

"Melbourne embraces its diverse community, but we are still divided by class and culture and distances and differences. That is why we need events like these where we can come together and engage with our leaders over common concerns," Mr Polat said.

This event is part of the 2014 Luncheon Series. Previous speakers have included the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission Professor Gillian Triggs, leader of the Opposition the Hon Daniel Andrews and 774 ABC radio host Jon Faine.

Due to space limitations and the importance of reaching as many stakeholder representatives as possible, this event is invite only. Members of the press are welcome to attend, but should RSVP by 1pm on Friday **22 August** by emailing info@intercultural.org.au.

About AIS

The Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) is a Melbourne based not for profit established in 2000 working to bring people together from different cultural, religious or other diverse backgrounds through various projects, such as the Annual State Parliament Iftar Dinner, study tours to Turkey and the Luncheon Series. For more information, please visit www.intercultural.org.au.