

# THE QUEEN ELIZABETH

## DIAMOND JUBILEE TRUST AUSTRALIA

August 2013

Fellow Australians

I would be grateful for your support of a unique and important initiative.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust has been established to celebrate the Queen's outstanding 60 years of service as Head of the Commonwealth. The Trust is raising funds to assist developing countries and underprivileged groups in Commonwealth countries. The major focus of the Trust is to combat avoidable blindness, with a focus on the elimination of trachoma and the early detection and treatment of diabetic retinopathy (blindness caused by diabetes).

Prime Minister Gillard asked me and a Board of notable Australians to lead fundraising efforts from Australian businesses, communities and individuals. The Board includes notable Australians from business, government and civil society. Patrons of the appeal include former Prime Ministers John Howard and Bob Hawke. A complete list of Board members and Patrons is attached.

Throughout Australia and the Commonwealth, an estimated 85 million people are visually impaired. Approximately 11 million are blind. The vast majority of people with visual impairment live in developing countries where eye health services are hugely inadequate but with early detection and better treatment 80 per cent of visual impairment cases could be avoided. This means that some 8 million people in Commonwealth countries, including Australia, are needlessly blind.

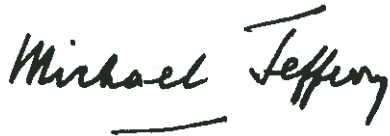
Trachoma is caused by an infection that causes eyelashes to turn inwards and rub against the eyeball, causing scarring of the cornea and ultimately, painfully, leading to blindness. Australia is the only developed country with active trachoma, with approximately 58,000 Indigenous Australians living in trachoma endemic areas and up to 5,000 children with the disease. The Trust will work with experts in this field and State and Territory authorities to consolidate efforts and ensure that trachoma is eliminated in Australia once and for all. This, of course, is in addition to focusing on the elimination of trachoma across the poorer Commonwealth countries, including some of our closest Pacific neighbours.

These worthy goals, undertaken in tribute to the Queen's 60 year reign, need your support. I encourage all Australians to make a generous contribution. Donations (tax deductible for Australian taxpayers) may be made through the Trust website [www.jubileetrust.org.au](http://www.jubileetrust.org.au), or through contacting the Trust directly on [info@jubileetrust.org.au](mailto:info@jubileetrust.org.au).

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I would appreciate you passing on this information to others in your organisation and networks that may wish to make a contribution also.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jeffery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Major General the Honourable Michael Jeffery,  
AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd)  
Executive Chairman

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ANNEX A

### BOARD AND PATRONS

#### BOARD

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1. Major General the Honourable Michael Jeffery, AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd)
2. Sir Ralph Norris, KNZM
3. Dr Neil Conn, AO
4. Mr Michael Crouch, AO
5. Mr Bill Farmer, AO
6. Mr Russell Miller, AM
7. Mr Marc Purcell
8. Ms Lyndall De Marco
9. Mr Marvin Weinman
10. Mr Dan Adams

#### PATRONS

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1. The Honourable John Howard, OM, AC
2. The Honourable Bob Hawke, AC
3. Sir Eric Neal, AC, CVO
4. Mr Harold Mitchell, AC
5. Mr Hugh Morgan, AC
6. Lady Potter, AC
7. Mr Kerry Stokes, AC
8. The Reverend Tim Costello, AO
9. Sir Rod Eddington, AO
10. Mrs Imelda Roche, AO
11. Mr Graham Bradley, AM
12. Mrs Gina Rinehart
13. Mr Andrew Forrest
14. Mr Mick Gooda
15. Mr Bernie Fraser
16. Mr Anthony Pratt
17. Ms Ita Buttrose, AO, OBE