

## DONATIONS TO INTERPLAST FROM ROTARY

From the beginning in 1983 when Interplast was established as a joint project between Rotary District 9800 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, many Rotarians have been actively involved in not only raising funds for Interplast programs but also volunteering on the Interplast Board, and the Committee of Rotarians. Since that time where Interplast was almost solely funded by Rotarians, Rotarians are now an important member of a number of funding sources that, although are recurrent, are not guaranteed. For the past few years donations from Rotarians have made up approximately 30% - 40% of Interplast's total annual income.

In 2006/7 Interplast Australia & New Zealand was advised to change its Accounting Policy which affects the way donations from Rotary Club and other donors are treated for accounting and income purposes. As a result a 'Provision for Future Programs' funded by Rotary and other donors was created on 31 December 2006.

This means the donors are asked that a maximum of two years be given to raise funds for specific programs. Should the Club or District raise enough funds to send a program within a one to two year period those funds will be transferred into the 'Provisions for Future Programs' in the financial year the program occurs.

***It is important that at the commencement of your appointment as Interplast District Chair you inform Interplast if you plan to raise enough funds to send an Interplast program overseas during your term as Interplast Chair (over the next year or two).***

Any donations made by individuals or businesses to Interplast on behalf of Rotary Clubs or Districts will be credited to that Rotary Club or District. However it is important to please ask the individual or business to make this intention clear with their donation (ie include the name of the Rotary Club or District with the donation)

When donations entered into the accounting system at Interplast the name of the Club and District are also recorded so we are able to provide detailed District data of donations should it be required.

Should Interplast not be notified of the Districts intention to raise funds for a program any donations received from that District will be treated as 'Untied Rotary Income' at the end of the financial year.

If after two years, donations from the Club or District are still not be enough to send a program (i.e well under \$40,000AUD) these funds need to be taken out of the 'Provisions for Future Programs' fund and allocated to 'Untied Rotary Income'.

'Untied Rotary Income' is used for various purposes including training and education programs for overseas medical personnel, purchasing of equipment to donate to overseas medical personnel, purchasing of equipment for Interplast teams, purchasing of text books to donate to overseas medical personnel and other such program support activities. These contributions by Rotary are immensely valuable in Interplast's support and add real value to our overseas programs.

We hope you are satisfied we are accounting for Rotary donations appropriately, and thank you once again for your continued commitment to Interplast volunteers repairing bodies and rebuilding lives.

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Founded in 1983 as a joint project of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Australian Rotary Clubs, Interplast Australia & New Zealand (a Company limited by guarantee) provides voluntary medical teams who carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery and deliver training in developing countries. Whilst not an official project of Rotary International, Interplast is actively supported by Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

