

A new Rotarian President

Rotarian David Inglis accepted the prestigious role of President of Interplast Australia & New Zealand at the 2009 Annual General Meeting after the resignation of long time President and surgeon Professor Donald Marshall AM. Lawyer and Chair of Minter Ellison Melbourne, David Inglis has been a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne since 1989 and a Director of Interplast since 1985.

“It has been a privilege to be associated with such a wonderful organisation and witness its growth. I would like to thank those who have given me such unstinting support for so long. I am reassured by the knowledge Interplast is in excellent hands. While we can all be proud of the present position of Interplast, I feel there is much more to be achieved and I have every confidence that Interplast will continue to thrive and make an increasing contribution to health care in our region,” said Professor Marshall.

Not since its inception has a Rotarian been at the helm of Interplast. Rotarian Keith Walter, from the Rotary Club of Melbourne South, held the position of inaugural President of Interplast Australia as it was known back then from 1983—1984. Subsequently surgeons and Paul Harris Fellows Sir Benjamin Rank and Professor Donald Marshall AM headed the organisation from 1985—1992 and 1993—2009 respectively.

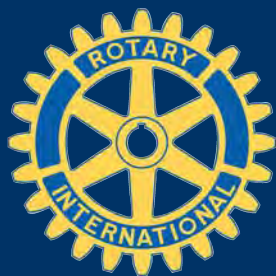
“I am honoured to lead Interplast and face the exciting and challenging times ahead. I particularly look forward to strengthening the involvement of Rotarians with this wonderful organisation they have been a part of from the beginning,” said Interplast President, David Inglis.



Rotarian and Interplast President David Inglis (left) with Paul Harris Fellow, Interplast Patron and former Interplast President Professor Donald Marshall AM.



Thank you to Keith & Val Corbett (RC Wandin D9810) and their knitting team for our wonderful teddies.



Interplast Australia & New Zealand is a project actively supported by Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.



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A busy start to the Rotary year by Interplast

It has been a busy start to the 09/10 Rotary year with 19 programs undertaken by Interplast volunteers in the first six months. Of those 19, five have been funded by Rotarians from Clubs and Districts across Australia. Additionally five Rotarians have had the opportunity to observe Interplast volunteers first hand, thanks to the **KCI Ambassador** program, and are available to speak at your Club if you would like a first hand experience of ‘miracle work’ of Interplast.

A summary of the activities of Interplast over the first half of the 09/10 Rotary year include:

- Indonesia, Balikpapan — June 09
 - Samoa, Apia — June 09
 - Indonesia, Jakarta — July 09
 - Vanuatu, Port Vila — July 09
 - Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh — August 09
- Funded by D9810 George Malone & Bayside
Rotarian Observer Peter Brown**
- Fiji, Lautoka — August 09
- Funded by the Rotary Club of Wandin, D9810
Rotarian Observer Carol Pitman**
- Bangladesh, Dhaka—August 09

- Sri Lanka, Colombo—August 09
 - Fiji, Suva—September 09
 - Indonesia, Sumbawa — September 09
 - Philippines, Cagayan de Oro—October 09
- Funded by the Rotary Club of Archerfield and D9630. Rotarian Observer John Lipman.**
- Fiji, Lautoka—October 09
 - Nepal Training Attachment Melbourne—October 09
 - Cook Islands Radiology program—November 09
 - Philippines, Baguio City— November 09
- Funded by District 9820
Rotarian Observer Andrew Ling**
- Sri Lanka, Colombo — November 09
 - Solomon Islands, Honiara Nurse Training — November 09
 - Myanmar, Yangon — November 09
- Funded by Rotary Club of Seaford-Carrum Downs, D9820. Rotarian Observer Natalie Graham (attended Lautoka, Fiji August 2009)**
- Bangladesh, Dhaka EMSB—December 09

For more information on the activities of Interplast for the remainder of the Rotary year go to the Interplast website www.interplast.com.au.

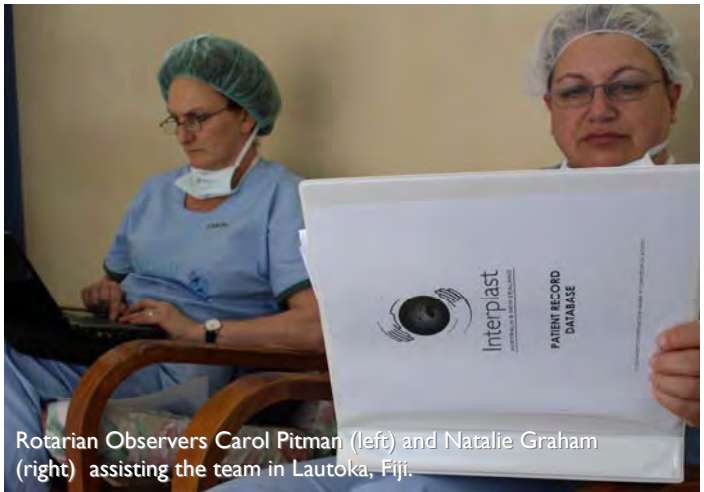
What the Rotarian Observers said

“A highlight was the remarkable generosity of spirit of the surgical team and the camaraderie of the team itself. I felt privileged to be a part of this team of experts.” Andrew Ling, D9820 Philippines.

“I saw a greater need than I could ever have imagined and found a dedicated team of people, with a well formulated program behind them that did a lot to contribute to a better life for many people.” Carol Pitman D9810, Fiji.

“Absolutely fascinating to watch such a remarkably skilled team change someone’s life forever.” Peter Brown D9810, Vietnam.

“To see the difference that the surgical team made to the patients that they treated was truly a humbling experience.” John Lipman D9630, Philippines



Rotarian Observers Carol Pitman (left) and Natalie Graham (right) assisting the team in Lautoka, Fiji.



Rotarian Observer John Lipman in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines



Rotarian Observer Peter Brown (back) in Vietnam

Rotarian Observers thank KCI

A Rotarian Observer can accompany an Interplast team if a Club or District has funded so they can see first hand the life changing work of Interplast, to assist fundraising efforts upon their return. There is no cost to the Rotary Club or Interplast for this privilege. All costs of the Rotarian Observer are covered by the KCI Ambassador program. KCI are a worldwide provider of advanced healing technologies and a strong supporter of the work of Interplast. The KCI Ambassador program helps raise funds for Interplast so volunteers can continue to repair bodies and rebuild lives.



(Left) Interplast volunteer surgeon Mr. Christopher Bennett with Rotarian Observer Andrew Ling (D9810) Baguio City, Philippines.

International Rotary Fellowship and Interplast

Interplast volunteers have worked in 24 of the developing countries surrounding Australia and New Zealand, and sent nearly 60 Rotarian Observers away on programs to witness first hand the life changing work of Interplast volunteers.

In some countries Rotary Clubs are the local support for Interplast teams and help with things like identifying and transferring patients or transporting the team safely from their hotel to the hospital and the like. Where possible most Rotary Clubs host a dinner for the volunteers whilst they are visiting in the country promoting international goodwill, fellowship and an enjoyable evening for all.

As the countries Interplast visit continues to grow and develop so too does Rotary in those countries, and as communication with these Clubs becomes easier with the advent of emails and the web, so too does their involvement with Interplast.

Rotarian Observer Natalie Graham said "The members of the **Lautoka Rotary Club (D9920)** were fantastic meeting us at the airport and transporting us to the hotel and all the equipment to the hospital." The Rotary Club of Lautoka also shared a dinner with the team and took the Rotarian Observers on a tour of one of their large projects.

Just recently Interplast volunteers working in Papua New Guinea were invited to a dinner by the **Rotary Club of Boroko, Papua New Guinea (D9600)**. The fine session that evening generated a donation nearing \$500 to the work of Interplast.

In November 2009 the 'Alan Nam Trust' funded the first in a series of nurse training programs at the National Referral Hospital in Honiara, Solomon Islands. During the program it was discovered the medication in the nurses treatment room

was deteriorating because of the direct sunlight and heat in the room. The **Rotary Club of Honiara, Solomon Islands (D9600)** raised funds to buy and install blinds in the treatment rooms in the hospital. The Rotary Club of Honiara has assisted Interplast in the past by helping to pay the transport costs so that the indigent population in outlying islands can receive treatment from Interplast volunteers.

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Rotarian Observer John Lipman said of his recent visit with the team to the Philippines. "The hospitality extended to the team by the **Rotary Club of**

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Rotarian Observer Carol Pitman (Rotary Club Wandin D 9810) and President Willy Heywood, Rotary Club Lautoka D9920

What Does Interplast Do?

Interplast Australia & New Zealand sends teams of **volunteer** surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied therapists to developing countries of the Asia Pacific region to provide free medical **treatment** and **training**.

Volunteers

Each member of an Interplast program is fully qualified in their field of expertise and VOLUNTEER their time to participate in an Interplast program.

Treatment

Interplast volunteers provide free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and palate, or an acquired condition such as burn scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to the indigent population who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

Training

Interplast assists with developing local capacity to provide plastic and reconstructive surgery services by providing training and mentoring programs for medical and allied health professionals. All Interplast programs are training programs — leaving a legacy long after the team has gone.

Contact

Interplast has a District Chair in all of the Australian and New Zealand Rotary Districts. Please contact them or the Interplast office if you would like any further information sent to you, or would like to host a speaker who has experienced first hand the incredible work of Interplast's highly motivated and caring volunteers.

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