

## Rotarys Role in Interplast — More than Money

**A**s another Rotary Year begins it is opportune to reflect on Rotary Clubs and Districts involvement with Interplast and know it is more than just money.

“Without the involvement of Rotarians Interplast simply would not be” said PDG John Barnes (D9810). “It was the Rotarians in District 9800 that contacted the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in the early 1980’s with the idea of establishing Interplast Australia.”

Rotarians, to this day, retain equal ownership of Interplast a company limited by guarantee, with three members of the Company appointed by Rotarians. A further three Company members are appointed by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and these six Members appoint one independent member, currently The Hon Dr Kay Patterson (former Senator for 21 years).

Rotarians are Directors on the Board of Interplast Australia & New Zealand which determines the policy and direction of the organisation.

Rotarians also constitute the Rotarian Committee that advises

the Board on all matters pertaining to Rotary Clubs and Districts. Currently members of the Rotarian Committee are

Chair—Rotarian David Inglis (Interplast Vice-President)  
PDG John Barnes (Vic) (Company Member & Secretary)  
PDG Brian Guest (WA) (Company Member)  
PDG Ross Forgione (QLD) (Company Member)  
PDG Ray Stewart (Vic)  
PDG Alan Davies (NZ)  
DG Glenn Wran (NSW) (Director)

All of this is on top of the nearly 50 Rotarian Observers that have accompanied volunteer teams that their Club or District have funded.

Rotary continues to fund approximately one third of the 30 programs Interplast coordinates each year to deliver programs of treatment and training in our neighbouring countries. But as you can see—funding teams, is only a part of the way Rotarians ‘Repair Bodies and Rebuild Lives’ through Interplast medical volunteers.

Interplast President Professor Marshall said at the 25 year celebrations “Rotarians were there in the beginning; they have been a constant throughout the 25 years ... and they are very much a part of Interplast’s bright future.”



Rotarian Observer John Phillis (RC Newmarket Auckland) second from right, with Interplast medical volunteers. Fiji August 2008.



Rotarian Observer Mike McFarlane (RC Kew) seated left, spoke about Rotary and Interplast at the Rotary Club of Baguio City in the Philippines, November 2008.

# Interplast — 08/09 Review of Achievements

**A**s we close off our accounts for our 26th financial year, it is a good time to reflect on the inroads Interplast has made over the last 12 months providing access to quality health care for the disadvantaged.

This year nine surgeons, two anaesthetists and two hand therapists were brought to Australia for conferences and training. They have returned to their countries to pass on their new skills and knowledge.

Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training courses continued in Papua New Guinea and Bangladesh and commenced in Fiji. These programs continue to excite the Interplast medical volunteers from the Australian & New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA) with local enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge.

Interplast began work in its 24th country, Mongolia, with the Australian Society of Anaesthetists conducting an anaesthetic training course. This is an incredible story of self driven achievement by the newly formed Mongolian Society of Anaesthetists.

Of course our main programs of training and provision of operations continues. Our complete list of activities includes

- Papua New Guinea, Rabaul/Bougainville — Jul 2008
- Samoa, Apia — Aug 2008
- **Fiji, Taveuni — Aug 2008**
- Nepal, Kathmandu — Sept 2008
- Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby — Sept 2008

- Papua New Guinea, EMSB Training — Sept 2008
- 9 surgeons (5 countries) to ASPS conference — Oct 2008
- 2 Bangladesh OTs to Hand Therapy Conference—Oct 2008
- Sri Lanka, Colombo — Oct 2008
- Sri Lanka, Hand Surgery Educational CD—Oct 2008
- Kiribati, Tarawa — Nov 2008
- **Philippines, Baguio City — Nov 2008**
- Bangladesh, EMSB course — Nov 2008
- **Philippines, Cagayan de Oro — Jan 2009**
- **Vietnam Quang Nam needs assessment — Feb 2009**
- **Laos, Xayabouly outreach program — Feb 2009**
- **Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City — Feb 2009**
- **Laos, Vientiane—Feb 2009**
- **2 Laotian doctors training (Perth) — Mar to May 09**
- Tonga, EMSB assessment — Mar 2009
- Papua New Guinea, Madang EMSB Course Apr 2009
- Bangladesh, Dhaka OT — Apr 2009
- Bangladesh, EMSB Course — Apr 2009
- Solomon Islands, Honiara — Apr 2009
- Nepal, Katmandu — May 2009
- Tonga, Nuku'alofa — May 2009
- Bangladesh Needs Assessment — May 2009
- Bangladesh, Dhaka OT — May 2009
- Indonesia, Balikpapan — Jun 2009
- Fiji, Pacific Region EMSB course — Jun 2009
- Mongolia, Ulanbaatar — Jun 2009

Those programs in bold were the ones funded by Rotary Clubs and Districts from Australia & New Zealand. More funds have also been raised for projects to be undertaken this financial year.



Rotarian Observer Kathleen Monely (RC Templestowe) handing out Rotary gifts in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines January 2009.



Rotarians Alan Golding (RC Kenwick) 4th from right, and Interplast Company Member PDG Brian Guest (RC Kenwick) far right with, with Interplast medical volunteers in Laos, March 2009.

## Many types of Interplast projects to support

**I**t costs an average of \$40,000 to fund a program, the exact costs vary depending on where the team travel to, how long they stay, and the types of operations and therefore supplies that are required.

However there are many other projects that Rotarians support that cost far less than \$40,000. For example

Medical equipment so that medical personnel can use their new skills when Interplast teams are not there can cost between \$500—\$15,000.

Training overseas medical personnel in Australia can cost between \$1,500—\$10,000, as well as playing a hosting role to the International delegate.

Training of medical personnel overseas such as through our Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training can cost between \$200—\$5,000 per person.

So although funding a whole program is of course a popular way of supporting Interplast, there are many other ways Rotary Clubs can support Interplast and make a difference.



# Thank you to these Clubs for Donations

## District 9450

Morely  
Nedlands  
Whitfords

## District 9460

Applecross  
Rockingham

## District 9470

Kalamunda  
Kenwick  
South Perth – Burswood  
Willetton  
Private/Local Business – 111

## District 9520

Barmera  
Brighton  
Broken Hill South  
Coromandel Valley  
Mildura  
Norwood  
Onkaparinga  
St Marys  
Victor Harbor  
Private/Local Business – 2

## District 9550

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Darwin North  
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District

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Private/Local Business – 1

## District 9600

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## District 9630

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## District 9680

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## District 9690

Blacktown City  
Private/Local Business – 1

## District 9700

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Wagga Wagga Sunrise

## District 9710

Canberra – Weston Creek  
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## District 9750

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Private/Local Business – 2

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## District 9800

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## District 9810

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Private/Local Business – 91

## District 9820

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Private/Local Business – 4

## District 9830

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Devonport North  
East Burnie Sunrise  
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## District 9920

Rarotonga

## District 9940

Paraparaumu

# 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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By making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  My cheque is payable to -  
Interplast Australia & New Zealand Overseas Aid Fund  
 From my credit card (complete details below)

### ROTARY CLUB

Please credit Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

### JOIN THE REBUILDING LIVES FELLOWSHIP

I would like to join the **Rebuilding Lives Fellowship** and make monthly donations from my credit card.  
Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of every month from my credit card until further notice.  
Insert amount Insert date

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Visa  Mastercard  Diners Club  AMEX

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