

Thank you

I have been involved with Interplast since 1983 when it was established by then Rotary District 980 in association with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. I continue to be inspired and humbled by the lengths that Rotarians from Australian and New Zealand Clubs go to, in support of the work of our volunteers. We have decided to send a monthly email to let you know of their many and varied activities and to say thank you to all who are helping us repair bodies and rebuild lives. On behalf of the volunteers and the Board of Directors — our most sincere thanks.

Professor Donald R Marshall AM, President Interplast Australia & New Zealand.



What's been happening at Interplast.

September has been a very busy month for Interplast. Three teams of medical volunteers conducted programs of treatment and training; one to Taveuni in Fiji, and another to Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. Some of the 'Untied Rotary Club and District' Donations were used to make these programs the success they were.

The third program for September was in Kathmandu Nepal, to deliver the fourth module of the microsurgery training course. Nepalese surgeons thirst for skill development is matched only by their ability to perform this delicate task.

The Interplast Office now has a range of Interplast promotional material available for you to display on your Interplast fundraising nights, and can assist with specific flyers for your Interplast appeal such as those shown opposite.

We hope you enjoy reading about the inspiring work of the many Rotarians supporting Interplast — just wait until you hear about what the Rotary Club of Wandin have been up to, and we wish the Rotarians in WA all the best for their 'Climb for a Smile' event up this weekend.



Congratulations

At the Interplast Australia & New Zealand Board Meeting held on the 9th of September the Interplast Directors accepted the recommendations of the Rotarians Committee for two Observers to join

programs funded by their Rotary Districts.

Mike McFarlane from the Rotary Club of Kew will be observing the Philippines, Baguio City program in November 2008, and Rotarian Kathleen Monley (PHF) from the Rotary Club

Templestowe will be observing the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro program in January 2009. We wish them both well for their journey and should you require a speaker for your Club both Mike and Kathleen will be available on their return to share their experience.

Rotary Club of Wandin's Interplast Appeal

New Rotarian Carol Pittman was delighted with the many projects of Rotary but particularly inspired by Interplast. Carol made a suggestion to President Gavan McIntyre, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Carol, Angus Macdonald and the dedicated team organised an appeal

launch dinner at the Lilydale International attended by over 130 guests. Interplast Director The Hon Dr Kay Patterson was guest speaker, and spoke about the work of Interplast and her trip to Laos with an Interplast team. Over \$7,000 was raised on the evening, a staggering amount, and much good work was done

to promote the other projects of the Rotary Club.

The local butcher, who heard about the 'Wheelchair Project' and supported it by putting a wheelchair in his shop, was thanked on the evening for selling 13 via his customers! This has now inspired a

Rotarian John Sudholz's wife Catharina has made the most wonderful quilt and is raffling it off around Australia and New Zealand to raise funds for Interplast.

The local radio interviews done by President Gavan McIntyre have got the whole Yarra Valley talking Interplast.

These are just some of the activities. Every member is doing what they can to 'Make Dreams Real' through Interplast.

In addition to these and many other wonderful acts

competition in Yarra Valley between all the butchers!

Local businesses are also getting behind the Interplast appeal. For example Coldstream Timber and Hardware are sending Interplast information out to 1,500 of their suppliers and distributors.

Stewart Clark, who represented Bank West on the night, also made a personal donation, and then, at his 40th birthday raffled off a bottle of wine and box of chocolates and raised over \$150!

At the time of sending this out the Rotary Club of Wandin are half way towards funding a program.



Left Top: Some of the attentive crowd on the Interplast Appeal launch evening.

Left Bottom: The Hon Dr Kay Patterson speaking at Lilydale International.

Above Right: Rotary Club of Wandin President Gavan McIntyre, Interplast Director The Hon Dr Kay Patterson, District 9810 Chair Ian Armstrong, Rotarians Carol Pittman, Judy Gamble and 2005 Interplast Observer David Gamble.

Dr Allan Meares at Sydney Rotary Club

Sydney plastic and reconstructive surgeon Dr Allan Meares is a passionate Interplast supporter and long time Interplast volunteer. Dr Meares spoke at the Rotary Club of Sydney in early September to a crowd of over 100 people.

“Isn’t it wonderful to hear of the work of these surgeons who give of their time to travel overseas, not only to perform these miracle operations but also to train doctors... to continue the work after their departure.” said President Patricia Harrison.

Dr Meares has spoken at a number of Clubs, District Conferences. If you would like an update of Interplast from Dr Meares please contact the Interplast office.



Interplast Board Member and DGE Glenn Wran, Dr Allan Meares, and Rotary Club of Sydney President Ms Patricia Harrison.

Interplast at ROMAC 20 year celebration

Interplast Past President and Rotarian Mr Keith Walter, represented Interplast Australia & New Zealand at the recent 20 year celebration dinner for ROMAC. Keith was one of the key Rotarians involved in the establishment of Interplast Australia in 1983, and has continued his support and interest.

The evening was a huge success with homage paid to those who have helped contribute to ROMAC over the years.

Interplast works with ROMAC as the need arises such as last month in Fiji when a young patient with burns too severe to be treated in country presented to the Interplast team. ROMAC and Children First Foundation worked together to treat the patient in New Zealand. We are pleased to report he will be returning home, healthy, to Fiji soon.



Governor of Victoria Professor David De Kretsa, ROMAC patient Kim from Vietnam, and ROMAC Operations Director for the dinner Lew Pretorius.

International Café & District 9800

Rotary District 9800 has enjoyed a long relationship with International House at the University of Melbourne. 267 students from 32 countries call International House home whilst they are studying at Melbourne University. Each year the students hold a fundraising dinner—'International Café'. This year the theme of the dinner was 'Up up and away — airlines of the 60's.' It was attended by over 180 guests, mainly Rotarians. Café coordinator Naomi Hong presented Interplast President Prof Donald Marshall with a donation from the proceeds of the dinner.



Interplast General Manager Marion Wright, Interplast President Professor Donald Marshall, International House Representative Naomi Hong, District 9800 Chair Mike McFarlane.

What Does Interplast Do?

Interplast Australia & New Zealand sends teams of **volunteer** plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses 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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