



A new smile in Solomon Islands

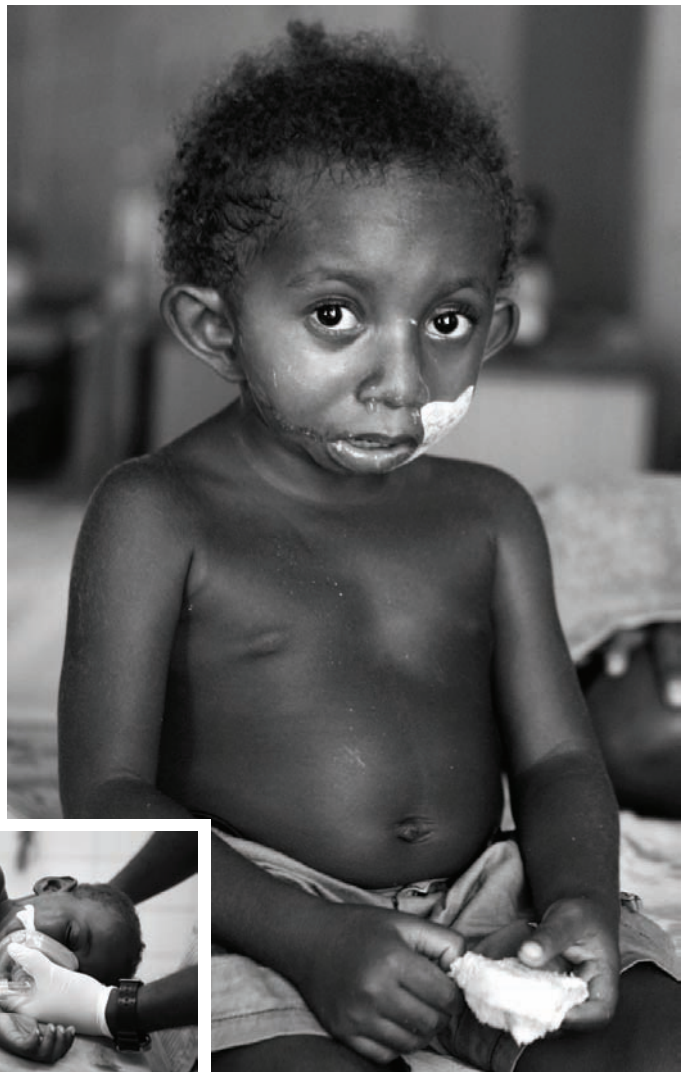
The types of operations performed during the program to the Solomon Islands in July 2008 varied considerably. One operation was on a little boy with a condition known as Macrostomia (pictured below), which prevents normal closure of the mouth, affecting things like eating, managing saliva and speaking. The picture below right, shows the little boy after the operation, the lower jaw has been repaired to return continence to the mouth. He can now close his mouth and enjoy the many things we take for granted such as eating, drinking and talking. But most

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importantly for him, once the stitches heal he will look like his friends — forever.

Forty five other people received operations on that program who can now, like this little boy, build a brighter future thanks to your donations.

Please help Interplast by telling your friends and colleagues about the incredible and life changing work of Interplast so that they too, may consider a donation. Together we can repair more bodies and rebuild more 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 Interplast is not an official project of Rotary International, Interplast is actively supported by Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.



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Dr McGuinness — training in the Philippines

Congratulations

Our congratulations are extended to Dr John 'Joe' McGuinness who was the recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia in the recent Queens Birthday honours list for services to medicine in the field of anaesthesia, to medical education and through the provision of humanitarian assistance to communities in the Asia Pacific Region. Dr McGuinness has volunteered on nearly 20 programs for Interplast over a number of years .

Congratulations also to another Interplast volunteer, nurse Margaret Maloney from South Australia. Margaret received the Medal of the Order of Australia also in the 2008 Queens Birthday Honours list for her services to international humanitarian aid through the provision of volunteer nursing services in developing countries. Again we are very proud to have Margaret as an Interplast volunteer.

Eureka Tower Charity Challenge

The Eureka Tower Charity Challenge is on again, on October 24, 2008. Although the event is slightly different from last year, it is shaping up to be one of Melbourne's iconic corporate events. Teams of 10 participants will climb the Eureka Tower, the worlds tallest residential building, relay style in a full day or half day event. Once a pair in the team reaches level 89, another pair in the team commences the climb and so on until the event is over. The idea is to see how many times your team can complete the ascent. Amongst the prizes is a \$5,000 Christmas Party at the Belgium Beer Café.

Olympic Gold Medalist and Swimming Champion Michael Klim says the Eureka Tower Charity Challenge "is an event

for people of all ages and levels of fitness, who can choose to walk, run, climb or crawl their way to the top."

This year, money raised by participants will go to two charity partners Interplast Australia & New Zealand and Whitelion. Whitelion is a well known

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Melbourne based charity that provide programs and mentors for those in the youth justice system, to help break the cycle.

To launch the event this year participants from different sports were invited to race to level 89 to see which

'code' is the fittest. Soccer player Jonothan Volgaris was the fastest on the day and completed the 89 flight climb in a breathtaking 11 minutes and 25 seconds, jockey Craig Williams came second at 11 minutes and 44 seconds. Michael Klim came a respectable

seventh with ex-Melbourne Storm player Robby Kearns coming tenth. He said his body was not made for climbing stairs!

To support the Eureka Tower Charity Challenge

you can either become a corporate sponsor, enter a team for a full day (10am — 4pm) or half day (1pm—4pm) event, support a floor (like last year) or participate in the corporate luncheon on Level 89 on the day, and enjoy the view. For more information please go to eurekatowerchallenge.com.au.



Representatives of Interplast, Whitelion, Grocon and a number of athletes from different sports at the 2008 Eureka Tower Charity Challenge Launch



Celebrating 25 years of Interplast



Interplast President Professor Donald R Marshall AM, KCI Managing Director Peter Hickey, Interplast General Manager Marion Wright, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development the Hon Bob McMullan and Interplast Ambassador Wendy Harmer.



Interplast supporters Lyn Hodgson, Judy Somers and Sandy Grice.



Interplast supporters from Air Niugini in Sydney Trish, Helen and Rose.



The Hon Dr Kay Patterson and ACFID President The Hon Margaret Reid AO

Interplast Australia & New Zealand is celebrating 25 years of service in 2008. Thanks to a donation from **KCI Medical**, Interplast is able to commemorate this milestone with volunteers, Rotarians and supporters in a number of states around Australia. Two functions have already been held at Government House in Sydney and the Town Hall in Adelaide.

Interplast has achieved a steady growth since inception from a purely humanitarian organisation to one that now balances the humanitarian needs of each country with capacity building.

During the 25 years Interplast has trained hundreds of overseas medical personnel, sponsored nearly 70 to receive part of their training in Australia, sent over 600 volunteers on over 400 programs to 23 countries, conducted 29,000 consultations and provided over 17,000 operations.

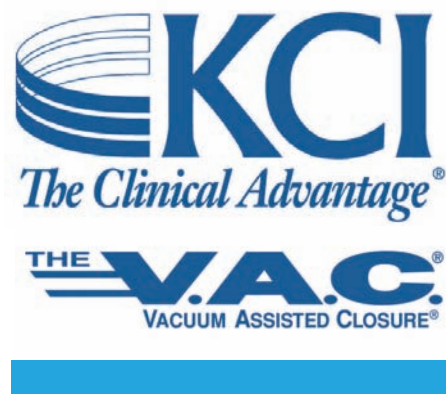
Approximately two thirds of the plastic and reconstructive surgeons from Australia and New Zealand have volunteered for at least one program, with many volunteering a number of times.

Interplast Australia & New Zealand President Professor Donald Marshall AM said "Every surgeon who goes on such a program gives freely of time and expertise to practice the fundamentals of plastic surgery and returns refreshed and invigorated with a well earned sense of achievement. There is no

financial reward but there is a great personal satisfaction. In the post modern era, it appears noblesse oblige is no longer valid, but there is one area in which it is alive and well – Interplast Australia & New Zealand. "



Professor Donald R Marshall AM



DG 9500 Roberta Waterman, Interplast Rotarian Committee Chair and Interplast Vice-President David Inglis, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs The Hon Alexander Downer, Interplast Director The Hon Dr Kay Patterson, Professor Donald R Marshall AM, KCI Medical Senior Product Manager Milner Fernandes and Peter Hickey, in Adelaide

Training surgical team from Burma in Sydney

In the closing months of the training fellowship for Burmese surgeon Dr Moe Moe's, emphasising Burns Management at Sydney's Concord Hospital, Interplast sponsored a Burmese anesthetist and nurse to receive training in Australia with Dr Moe Moe so they can work as a team.

Dr Khine Win and Daw Than Than Mya received 6 weeks of specialist training in Burns Management with Professor Peter Maitz AM MD, Head of the Burns Unit at Concord Hospital, Sydney's .

Nurse Daw Than Than Mya said "I appreciated the training attachment especially how to reduce the risk of infection and scarring to the patient."



Dr Moe Moe, nurse Daw Than Than Mya, Professor Peter Maitz AM and Dr Khine Win in theatre at Concord Hospital, Sydney Australia.

International standard burns course in PNG



A little boy awaiting treatment for his burn scar contracture that has disabled the use of his hand and left arm.

If burns injuries are not managed early terrible and debilitating scarring can occur. The little boy pictured to the left burnt his arm in a fire when he was just a baby. The resulting contracture of the burn scar over the years, has meant he has lost use of his arm and hand as they are all fused together. Left untreated this disfigurement and disablement will only get worse.

Funding provided by the 'John Barnett Burns Education & Research Fund' made possible through the charitable contributions of SOMA Health, and the AusAID PNG Tertiary Health Services project managed by the Royal Australasian of College of Surgeons, provided training for up to 50 health professionals from PNG and the Solomon Islands in 'Early Management of Severe Burns.'

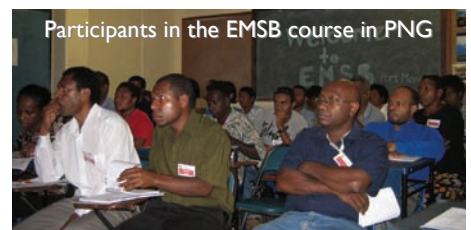
As a result of a needs assessment visit in November 2007 a team of 12 Faculty Members from the Australian and New Zealand Burns Association conducted an Early Management of Severe Burns

course (EMSB) at Port Moresby General Hospital, PNG in March 2008.

Training consisted of mainly formal lectures and smaller group discussions culminating in a written exam. Twelve participants were then chosen for the Instructors Course.

"We were impressed by the motivation, enthusiasm and abilities of the candidates participating in the Instructors Course. Seven were selected as Faculty Members for the PNG EMSB." said Professor Peter Maitz AM.

The purpose of the EMSB course is to ensure that the health professionals and eventually the population of PNG are able to manage burns early, so the disability caused by burns scar contractures, becomes a thing of the past.



Participants in the EMSB course in PNG

Helping Silida

Twenty year old Australian volunteer Raylee Gawley met six year old Silida in a hospital in Tanzania. Silida had suffered horrific burns to her face, head, arms and chest. There was no local expertise or equipment to treat Silida and doctors had to amputate both hands, her future was dire. Without surgery her injuries would never heal, there was a constant risk of infection and because her eyelids were burnt in the fire her eyesight was now also at risk.

Thanks to a donation from Mr Didier Murcia the Tanzanian Consulate in Perth, within 10 days of being contacted Interplast volunteers Dr Peter Haertsch OAM (Syd) and Nurse Catherine Gorr OAM (Melb) performed multiple skin grafts and reconstructed new eye lids now her eyes can close and her sight is no longer in danger. Silida and her father have now returned home to her village and family.

The following is an excerpt from a letter Raylees mother Glenys Moore,



Silida and Raylee

from Parkes NSW wrote to Interplast that accompanied a donation.

"I wish I could donate more to help with the wonderful work you do. Unfortunately we are facing our 7th year of drought on the farm so funds are really tight here and in our local community. Luckily I have a good vegetable garden and grew a heap of

pumpkins this year and I went door to door with all the businesses here in Parkes and Dubbo and sold nearly 100 pumpkins. I hope it helps Interplast touch more lives in a positive way. I hope I can raise more funds for Interplast by getting the word out about the wonderful work you do."

Interplast insights ►

► The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons is holding its annual Plastic Surgery Congress in Queensland October 2008. Interplast is sponsoring surgeons from Burma, Nepal, PNG, Sri Lanka and Indonesia to attend the Congress. This has been made possible with funding from The Colonial Foundation, The Kevin Eagan Scholarship and Rotary District 9520. The visiting surgeons will present to the Delegates at the Congress on how Interplast has provided assistance with the development of plastic and reconstructive surgery in their country and how Interplast can assist in the discipline in the future.

► A young patient with severe burns was referred to the Interplast team in Latouka, Fiji in June 2008. The team recommended the patient be transferred to New Zealand

for treatment. Interplast asked 'Children First Foundation' for assistance and they arranged in cooperation with ROMAC for the young boy to be treated at Hutt Hospital, Wellington. We are pleased to report he is well and will be returning to Fiji soon.

► In another first Interplast is acting as a Host Organisation for the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program (AYAD) which provides opportunities for young Australians in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region. Jessica Crause from NSW will be spending 12 months in Nepal establishing a speech therapy training program.

► Interplast programs have been suspended to Indonesia since July 2007 due to new Indonesian

government regulations requiring NGO's to be registered. We are pleased to announce Interplast Australia & New Zealand has been approved as an International NGO by the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We are now in the process of re-signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Indonesian Ministry of Health, and hope to recommence programs in 2009.



A patient for treatment on our next visit

Vietnamese burns victim can walk again



ABOVE LEFT: This man came into the Cho Ray Hospital in Vietnam, shuffling on a stool. Burn scar contractures prevented him from being able to straighten his legs and walk. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The same man lying in a hospital bed after the contractures have been released and skin grafted. He will now be able to walk tall again.

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