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Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

ROTARIAN *review*

INTERPLAST AND ROTARY. CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER SINCE 1983.

Interplast volunteer nurse, Sam, at work in Vientiane, Laos, where a surgical team provided 171 consultations and performed 77 procedures in early 2015 thanks to the support of the Rotary Club of Kenwick.



Image courtesy
of Dr Chris Lowry

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE TEAM AT INTERPLAST

OUR 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

ROTARY'S SUPPORT HELPED INTERPLAST ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN 2014-15

Rotary's wonderful ongoing commitment to Interplast has once again been highlighted in this year's Annual Report, which is now available online [here](#).

The enduring bonds between Rotary and Interplast are highlighted on pages 38 and 39 of the report, where every club that financially supported Interplast in the 2014-15 Financial Year is acknowledged.

In his introduction to the report, Interplast President David Inglis emphasised the strength of the relationship.

"To Rotary, your long-lasting commitment and support are forever valued and appreciated," he wrote.

The incredible generosity and dedicated fundraising work of Rotarians from all over Australia and New Zealand contributed to sending Interplast's teams of medical professionals and educators to operate and train people in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region last financial year.

In the 2014-15 Financial Year, Interplast was able to deliver 58 programs in 26 locations, offering 965 training opportunities, 1,652 consultations and 801 surgical procedures for people who otherwise may not have had access to such medical care or education.

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The Annual Report features the story of Dr Lupi Lestari and Dr Lia Indriati, two anaesthetics registrars from Indonesia who spent four weeks in

Ballarat, Victoria in October 2014.

Thanks to Rotary's continued support, the program in which they participated has been running successfully for more than 10 years, with 22 senior registrars from Dr Soetomo Hospital in Surabaya having visited Ballarat Health Services.

This year, Dr Regina Agustiantina and Dr Retti Kartika completed the program, spending one month working in theatre, the pain clinic and the ECT room with the anaesthetic and intensive care departments at Ballarat Health Services Base Hospital.

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



Dr Agustiantina and Dr Kartika also visited St John of God Hospital Ballarat, the Ballarat day procedure unit, the Royal Children's Hospital and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, and they attended the Australian Society of Anaesthetists national conference in Darwin.

The massive Dr Soetomo Hospital has 1,449 beds and almost 50 theatres, but Dr Agustiantina [told the Ballarat Courier newspaper](#) that she had learned a lot about perioperative care and would be using that knowledge when she returned.

Special thanks to Dr John Oswald, District Chair for District 9780, who has been integral in ensuring the success of this program, and to the Rotary Club of Ballarat West.

Clubs are welcome to request hard copies of the Annual Report by contacting Interplast.

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SAVE THE DATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 10 MARCH 2016

HELP CHANGE WOMEN'S FUTURES BY SUPPORTING INTERPLAST

International Women's Day is fast approaching, and it's an excellent opportunity to celebrate Rotary's support for Interplast by attending or hosting an event where Interplast is the beneficiary. In 2014-15, Rotary's support contributed to Interplast providing surgery for 339 women and girls in the Asia Pacific region. By hosting or attending an IWD event, you can contribute to helping Interplast change women's futures through surgery and medical training.

event on the Women in Rotary website. You can find information on hosting an International Women's Day event [here](#).

Interplast may be able to assist you by providing a speaker for your event. Contact Di Gillies (di.gillies@interplast.org.au) to find out more.



Melbourne Rotarians will be in for a special breakfast on March 10 hosted by Tom Gleisner and featuring a panel including Maxine McKew to discuss the topic 'Ascent of a Woman'. You can find out more about this

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL MARCH?
HERE IS A GUIDE TO HOSTING AN INTERPLAST FUNDRAISING EVENT WHENEVER IT SUITS YOU
[HTTP://WWW.INTERPLAST.ORG.AU/FUNDRAISING-MATERIALS](http://www.interplast.org.au/fundraising-materials)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROTARY WORLD PRESIDENT ELECT

Interplast would like to congratulate Ian Riseley of the Rotary Club of Sandringham on his selection as World President Elect for 2017-18.

Ian has been a member of Rotary since 1978 and joined an Interplast program in Bangladesh in 2005 as an observer after his wife Juliet made him aware of the organisation's work.

Among many other awards, Ian holds the Order of Australia medal, which he received in 2006 for service to the Australian community.



Ian with an Interplast patient in Bangladesh in 2005.

"Doing good in the world is everyone's goal," Ian said in a recent interview about his nomination for President. He went on to point out that fostering successful partnerships with other organisations is vital to advancing that goal.

Interplast wishes Ian all the best and looks forward to a fruitful and continued relationship with Rotary during his time as World President.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

WE COULDN'T CHANGE FUTURES WITHOUT ROTARY

A heartfelt thank you to all the Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians who have supported us this year, on behalf of the Interplast team, volunteers and the people whose futures you have helped to change. Your contribution is vital to our work.

We wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season and look forward to another excellent year of partnership.