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### Interplast

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### REPAIRING BODIES AND REBUILDING LIVES

INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND (INTERPLAST) IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION WORKING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO ARE DISABLED AS A RESULT OF CONGENITAL OR ACQUIRED MEDICAL CONDITIONS. INTERPLAST VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD ACCESS TO SUCH SERVICES. INTERPLAST ALSO ASSISTS WITH DEVELOPING LOCAL CAPACITY BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND MENTORING FOR MEDICAL AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT.

### **OUR VISION**

People in developing countries across the Asia Pacific region have timely access to high quality surgical, medical and allied health services.

### **OUR MISSION**

To enhance people's health and wellbeing by enabling access to life-changing reconstructive surgery and related medical services.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

Repairing bodies, rebuilding lives.

### **OUR VALUES**

We respect the values, cultures and perspectives of the countries and people with whom we work.

In all our endeavours, Interplast remains independent of any political or religious affiliations.

We value and harness the support, input and contributions of our volunteers, donors, partners and staff.

### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Interplast delivers and enables surgical and related medical services of the highest standards where patient welfare is always of paramount concern.

Interplast is collaborative in its approach, building partnerships and fostering strategic alliances.

Interplast's Development Philosophy is underpinned by the fundamental principle that solutions, changes and impact should be sustainable and enduring.

Measuring and understanding the impact of Interplast initiatives is critical to all aspects of the Interplast strategy. Accordingly, transparency, evaluation and accountability are embraced in all Interplast's undertakings.

Interplast responds to needs or opportunities as they arise and as its resources allow. In doing so, Interplast directs its resources and expertise to areas where it can achieve the greatest impact, ideally to those experiencing the greatest disadvantage.

(Extracted from Interplast Australia & New Zealand's Strategic Plan July 2013 - June 2018)

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**SCOTT FORTEY** LONG-SERVING INTERPLAST ANAESTHETIST

"My first trip was to the Philippines and since then, my life has never been the same! The Philippines led to Fiji, to Bangladesh, to Nepal, and to Indonesia - all fabulous countries with wonderful cultures and people. All with something to teach me. And, all with a great need for specialist, high quality reconstructive surgical treatment which Interplast provides.

What I've got from these trips is enormous. I love teamwork, both with our team and with the local staff. I love chatting to the locals and getting a laugh with my clumsy language. I also love problem solving and there is no shortage of this on a trip - we deal with oxygen failure, old equipment, language barriers, crook bellies, too hot too cold, late nights and local hospital customs and we find inventive and collaborative ways to deal with them all.

To the individual patients and families, Interplast is a miracle. I will never forget the look of contentment on a seven-month-old baby's face as she sucked away on a bottle of formula in Fiji recently. Prior to this, the four kilogram girl, with a cleft lip, had been fed via a nasogastric tube, unable to suck. Each time we visited, big eyes looked at us in bliss over the top of her bottle.

Interplast - thank you."

### TOGETHER, WE'VE REPAIRED BODIES AND REBUILT LIVES OVER THREE DECADES



I FEEL EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANISATION, THE SEEDS OF WHICH WERE SOWN OVER 30 YEARS AGO.

Interplast was incorporated on 19 May 1983 and we received tax-deductibility status the following year. I recall receiving a letter from the then Treasurer, the Honourable Paul Keating, granting that status. Interplast was the culmination of many discussions and meetings between representatives of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary District 9800. It was the dedication of a number of people and the organisations they represented that led to the incorporation of Interplast and its ongoing success. Sir Benjamin Rank, one of Australia's foremost plastic surgeons, was President of Interplast for eight years. His family continues to support the organisation today. 30 years of Interplast would not be complete without acknowledging

the man I am pictured with here, Professor Donald Marshall AM who, since 1983, has dedicated himself to the organisation, serving as President for 16 years following Sir Benjamin. He currently acts as our Patron. Thanks to Sir Benjamin and Professor Marshall's commitment and vision, Interplast has grown and prospered.

As is fitting with a 30th celebration, this has been a big year.

We have had a strong focus and commitment working towards our AusAID re-accreditation. While important in its own right, the journey is also a valuable exercise in strengthening our internal corporate governance protocols.

In the past year we also implemented our first major evaluation study in Fiji. Pulling together 30 years of history and activities, it included an eight-day in-country evaluation where over 60 participants, including past patients, families, local trainees and other key stakeholders were interviewed.

We also approved of our new five-year strategic plan, outlining our vision

to ensure people in developing countries across the Asia Pacific region have timely access to high quality surgical, medical and allied health services. We have previewed elements of this plan at the beginning of this report.

30 years is a long time! We have reached our 30th milestone because of our remarkable supporters - our thanks are extended to our donors. in-country partners, corporate supporters, our Board of Directors and Committee members, staff members and volunteers. It's been wonderful to celebrate with our volunteers and to hear their personal experiences, has been rewarding. We could not have done it without our volunteers - they have transformed lives and have actively contributed to improving healthcare systems in our neighbouring countries by empowering the locals through training. That is a significant contribution and something of which to be enormously proud.

We look forward to meeting the challenges and opportunities for Interplast in the coming years and increasing the profile of Interplast's work so we continue to meet the needs of those less privileged in our neighbouring developing countries.

DAVID INGLIS President

### IT'S ALL BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A FULL AND EXCITING ONE FOR INTERPLAST.

Our 30th anniversary has provided the Board and staff with the chance to acknowledge personally and formally thank all our volunteers, corporate and private supporters and Rotary clubs for their contribution to making Interplast what it is today. It was also the perfect opportunity to implement a formal recognition process to acknowledge the amazing and often unsung work of our volunteers.

There have been some clear priorities for Interplast over the financial year:

Our anniversary has given us a great excuse to spread the word about Interplast and the great work you've allowed us to do. Our new website and our Facebook page are important vehicles in telling our story and in sharing experiences. We've received great assistance from many volunteers who have been prepared to share their experiences across a range of media about what it means to volunteer for Interplast and their impact, at both an individual and systemic level across the Asia Pacific.

The year has also been a time for equipping the organisation with the foundations to move into its next phase. We've been reviewing and developing policies and procedures to strengthen the organisation while continuing to develop our service philosophy with a clear focus on building capacity and fully embedding monitoring and evaluation into all our activities. The formal reviews of our programs in Cambodia, Fiji and Vietnam are all excellent demonstrations of this approach.

And the year has been one for building partnerships. The key to doing better is to do it together. We've established more formal agreements with the Australian College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), Children First Foundation and a number of local partners. We've also formalised our arrangements with our corporate supporters, including the establishment of a five-year agreement with Avant.

As a proud signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, Interplast has continued to build its focus on developing the skills and knowledge of local medical professionals in all our activities. This is reflected by this year's activities breakdown – for the first time, Interplast has undertaken more activities with a primary purpose of education and training than surgical services. Our program coordinators spend a lot of time communicating with our local partners across all the countries in which we work to ensure timings and activities align. While there have been many achievements this year, unfortunately, we were unable to proceed with three of our larger surgical activities due to internal country issues. We are hoping all these activities will resume in 2013/14.

None of this could be achieved without a huge team effort. I would particularly like to thank all the staff for their work above and beyond. And of course, our volunteers and supporters at all levels. We couldn't do it without you!

PRUE INGRAM Chief Executive Officer

### A YEAR FULL OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES

### JULY 2012

We spoke at the Rotary International Directors' Briefing weekend in Parramatta this month. An opportunity for all District Governors Elect to be introduced to various Rotary-supported organisations and projects, it was a great chance to tell Interplast's story and spread the word.

### **AUGUST 2012**

We established a new program activity in Laos to include Phonsavan, in the country's northeast. Over the course of two weeks, medical staff from Vientiane and Phonsavan received on-the-job training from our Interplast volunteer team and 50 patients received life-changing surgery.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

We launched our new website – www.interplast.org.au! After months of hard work, our online identity now reflects who we are, what we stand for and how you have repaired bodies and rebuilt lives across the Asia Pacific region.



### OCTOBER 2012

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To promote the iconic fundraising event, the Eureka Climb, and the work of charity partners, Interplast and Whitelion, Scott McGraw ran up the stairs of Melbourne's tallest tower 31 times in a row! That's the equivalent height of Mount Everest! 51,000 steps and 11 hours later, he did it.

### **NOVEMBER 2012**

We delivered another successful surgical activity to Mt Hagen in Papua New Guinea. The Interplast volunteer team of two surgeons, two anaesthetists and two nurses were accompanied by two corporate supporters and one staff member. With 85 patients waiting to be consulted, our team was able to perform 47 life-changing procedures, while also training the local medical staff.

### DECEMBER 2012

Our commitment to capacity building was highlighted this month, when the Board endorsed our new Development Philosophy. A key framework, it articulates our commitment to long-term development, people with disabilities and gender equality and guides the behaviours, practices and decision-making of all Interplast personnel and volunteers. The Development Philosophy guides all Interplast programs to ensure they're implemented effectively, with development outcomes reached.







### **JANUARY 2013**

We knew our 30th year would be a big one. So, in anticipation of our birthday in May, we commenced a short PR campaign to promote our milestone, our supporters, our volunteers and our achievements. The campaign officially kicked off in January, with the incredible work of our supporters being celebrated across many media channels.

### **FEBRUARY 2013**

We started implementing Interplast's first major impact/evaluation study! A huge task, the study pulled together 30 years of history and activities in Fiji and included an eight-day in-country evaluation where over 60 participants, including past patients, families, local trainees and other key stakeholders were interviewed.

### **MARCH 2013**

We hosted our annual Black & White Ball in Sydney this month. As well as raising funds for our program activities, it also served as a fantastic opportunity for Interplast's volunteers and their families, corporate supporters, donors and fundraisers to gather and celebrate their role in repairing bodies and rebuilding lives.







### 2013

### **APRIL 2013**

A team of enthusiastic Interplast supporters, dubbed the Vikings, trekked the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea and raised \$35,000 towards Interplast's surgical and training activities in the country.

As part of the Marshall International Scholarships, and our focus on capacity building, we funded four surgical registrars from Indonesia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea to attend this year's Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Congress in Melbourne.

### MAY 2013

We reached a significant milestone – our 30th anniversary! Celebrating our birthday in style, we commenced the celebrations with three anniversary cocktail parties – one each in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth – to thank all those who've supported us since 1983.



### **JUNE 2013**

We approved our new five-year strategic plan for Interplast, outlining our intentions to ensure people in developing countries across the Asia Pacific region have timely access to high quality surgical, medical and allied health services.









Over the past 30 years Interplast has performed



### **WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR NEI**





Since 2006, Interplast has assisted Nepal with the development of reconstructive microsurgery services. To date, we've delivered seven comprehensive training modules and in September 2012, our Interplast volunteers were joined by an Interplast hand therapist to assist in strengthening hand rehabilitation for Nepalese patients. Kathmandu Model Hospital continues to undertake independent microsurgery cases with distant support from Interplast volunteers.



BANGLADESH



LA0S

TANZANIA

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This year, we expanded our programs in Laos to the province of Xieng Khouang! Six Interplast volunteers, as well as in-country medical staff from Mahosot General Hospital in Vientiane, travelled to the northeast of Laos to provide critical and otherwise unavailable surgical services to the local community. Over the course of two weeks, 73 patients were consulted and 50 patients received life-changing surgery. 84 per cent of all surgeries performed were to relieve burn scar contractures.

Interplast's focus on building the capacity of the local Bangladeshi medical staff has continued this year, with another microsurgery mentoring activity in May 2013. The

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training modules.

trip coincided with the 3rd Bangladesh Plastic Surgery

Conference - Plasticon 2013, where Interplast surgeons

presented papers and chaired a number of sessions. The

trial training session and write protocols for microsurgery

trip saw the team provide microsurgery training, run a

### HBOURS



With a population of over seven million people scattered across the eastern half of the island of New Guinea and numerous offshore islands, Papua New Guinea is one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse countries in the world. Interplast has been visiting Papua New Guinea since 1985 and in the 2012/13 year, delivered three surgical visits and three mentoring visits to Lae, Madang, Mt Hagen and Port Moresby.

implemented activities - Ho

Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Tam

Ký and Hanoi – to re-focus our

Vietnam program. Since 1997,

across Vietnam.

17 activities have been delivered

In partnership with the University of Tasmania's School of Medicine, Interplast ran a successful, first of its kind, Applied Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop in Hobart. Based in the state of the art laboratory and teaching facilities of the UTAS School of Medicine, nine leading young surgeons from the Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea spent two intensive days being taught by six leading Interplast volunteer plastic surgeons.













# THANK YOU

In 2013, we celebrated 30 years of repairing bodies and rebuilding lives. Since 1983, we've conducted 647 activities, 37,455 consultations and performed 21,935 life-changing procedures. We currently work in 16 countries across the Asia Pacific region. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are repairing, rebuilding and transforming lives.







### IN 2012/13: 16 COUNTRIES ACROSS THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

WITH YOUR HELP WE'VE CONSULTED 1437 PATIENTS, PERFORMED 743 PROCEDURES AND FOR THE FIRST TIME ON RECORD, DELIVERED MORE TRAINING THAN SURGICAL ACTIVITIES. WE'VE TRANSFORMED LIVES.

### BANGLADESH

Country Coordinator: Mr Russell Corlett

The activities in Bangladesh for the year were strongly focused on capacity building. Two key individuals from the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB) were supported to attend and present at international conferences. Dr Saidur Mashreky attended the 16th Congress of the International Society of Burn Injuries (ISBI) in Edinburgh, Scotland where he discussed the collaborative work between Interplast and CIPRB. He also presented on burn disaster issues in low-income countries and burn education and management strategies. In October 2012, Dr Animesh Biswas from CIPRB attended the 11th World **Conference on Injury Prevention** and Safety Promotion in Wellington, New Zealand, presenting on the 'Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) Program: A New Dimension in Burn Management in Bangladesh.'

Interplast continued to support CIPRB in the delivery of EMSB courses in December 2012 and June 2013. In February 2013, in partnership with ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists) Interplast piloted the Essential Pain Management (EPM) course in Dhaka. A great success, 49 participants attended with 10 being selected to be key instructors for future delivery of the EPM.

In May 2013, a team of five volunteers undertook a microsurgery mentoring activity in Dhaka. The team presented papers and participated at the 3rd Bangladesh Plastic Surgery Conference -Plasticon 2013, assisting the local team with microsurgical procedures and writing protocols for training modules in microsurgery.

- 1 procedure
- 8 consultations
- 6
  - training activities

#### **CAMBODIA**

No Country Coordinator

In May 2013, funding from the Planet Wheeler Foundation enabled Interplast to assess the opportunities for building on the current Cambodian program. A team of three volunteers and two staff members visited Siem Reap, Battambang and Phnom Penh to establish the feasibility of implementing new surgical and training activities in the country.

The team visited the Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) and Siem Reap Provincial Hospital in Siem Reap and Battambang Provincial Hospital in Battambang. Meetings were held with non-government organisations and individuals with an understanding of the Cambodian health sector. A meeting with the Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Health, H.E. Professor Dr Thir Kruy also took place.

The assessment indicated that although there are challenges in working in Cambodia - due to the







high volume of non-government organisations already positioned in the health system - there are significant opportunities for Interplast to contribute to capacity building in the country. As such, planning is underway to implement a capacity building activity in Cambodia in 2014.

1 planning and evaluation activity

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### FIJI

Country Coordinator: Mr Simon Thomson

This year, four separate surgical visits took place in Fiji – one each in Lautoka and Suva and two in Labasa. All four of these activities had a significant training focus, with the Fiji Ministry of Health now supporting one or more surgical registrars, with an interest in plastic surgery, to join the team for the duration of the visits, as well as providing pre-screening and postoperative support. The total number of patients consulted during these four visits was 236 and a total of 118 surgical procedures were performed.

In addition to these four visits, two Fijian surgical registrars, with an interest in plastic surgery, Dr Esala Vakamacawai and Dr Rachna Ram, were funded under Interplast's Marshall International Scholarships to attend the Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Congress in Melbourne in April 2013. Dr Vakamacawai, along with three of his Fijian surgical colleagues



(Dr Tudravu, Dr McCaig Jnr and Dr Matanaicake Jnr) also attended the Applied Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop in Hobart in May 2013.

Excitingly, this year saw the development and implementation of Interplast's first major impact/ evaluation study, pulling together 30 years of history and activities in Fiji. This included an eight-day in-country evaluation component, where over 60 participants, including past patients, families, local trainees and other key stakeholders were interviewed. The report identified a series of recommendations which will guide the future of Interplast's programs in Fiji. (Read more about this study on pg 20).

- 118 procedures
- 236 consultations
- 4 surgical activities
- 2 planning and evaluation activities

### INDONESIA

Country Coordinator: Mr Ian Carlisle

This year, Interplast was only able to partially implement an activity to Balikpapan due to the postponement of all Indonesian activities in the 2012/13 financial year. Surgeon, John de Waal, was able to work with the local team in Balikpapan for one week in May 2013. Given the limited resources and timeframe, he, alongside two local plastic surgeons, Dr Djohan Wirawan and Dr Rahmad Dianto, as well as registrars from



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the Indonesian Association of Plastic Surgeons (PERAPI), managed to provide consultations to 98 patients with 24 receiving surgical treatment. Without a full Interplast team, the shortened activity demonstrated the increased capacity of the local medical professionals in Indonesia to administer these services. In addition, two Indonesian anaesthetic registrars, Dr Siti Nurchafida and Dr Herdiani Sulistyo Putri, attended a four-week professional development program in Ballarat in September 2012. (Read more about this attachment on pg 22).

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- 24 procedures
- 98 consultations
- 1 surgical activity
- 1 training activity
- KIRIBATI

Country Coordinator: Mr Miklos Pohl

In December 2012, the regular Interplast surgical visit to Tarawa in Kiribati was led by Interplast's volunteer Country Coordinator and surgeon, Miklos Pohl, and included surgeon, Sian Fairbank (on her first Interplast activity), anaesthetists, Andrew Jowitt and Claudia Krellman and nurses, Fiona Podbury and Sue Graham. With most of this team having volunteered in Kiribati in previous years, it was a chance for them to re-connect with their local colleagues.

Over the course of the week, the team saw 74 patients, with 56 surgical procedures undertaken. This included a number of cleft lip and palate repairs,



burn scar contracture releases and the treatment of other congenital and acquired conditions.

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56 procedures

74 consultations

1 surgical activity

### LA0S

Country Coordinator: Mr Philip Slattery (previously Mr Chris Bennett)

In Vientiane, a total of 210 people (from across the country) received consultations from the Interplast and Mahosot General Hospital teams. This number was the largest for any Interplast Laos activity since the country program began in 1995. Of this number, 60 people received surgical treatment. This increased reach was due in part to working closely with various in-country stakeholders in communicating the purpose and focus of Interplast's work. A highlight was the visit from the then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Bob Carr, who was able to meet and observe the Interplast team in action.

A second trip to the Lao-Mongolian Friendship Hospital in Phonsavan saw six Interplast volunteers travel to the remote Xieng Khouang province in August 2012. This was the first of three annual activities funded by Phu Bia Mining. 73 patients were consulted. Of the consultations, 50 received life-changing surgical treatment. This activity was also very training focused as it allowed a local surgical team from Mahosot General Hospital in Vientiane to travel to the rural province to work alongside the Interplast team.

This model of capacity building also saw the transfer of skills and knowledge between the Mahosot General Hospital staff and the Lao-Mongolian Friendship Hospital staff. This was further highlighted through the work of the Mahosot Outreach Team in March 2013, which provided training to the medical staff at the Savannakhet Provincial Hospital in Savannakhet.

123 procedures296 consultations3 surgical activities

### MONGOLIA

Country Coordinator: Dr David Pescod

This year, Interplast provided financial support to the Mongolian Society of Anaesthetists (MSA) to plan and implement the annual MSA conference in Ulaanbaatar. As a result, collaboration between MSA and the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA) saw 30 Interplast volunteers deliver specialised training during the conference.

With impressive attendance, over 100 doctors participated and focused on various topics, which included:

 Piloting a two-day Initial Emergency Care (IEC) and instructor course in Ulaanbaatar.
11 Interplast volunteers led these courses, acting as IEC instructors. MSA secured doctors from secondary and tertiary hospitals to participate in the course, which was then implemented in the regional areas of Arkhangai and Khentii Aimag.

- The WHO Patient Safety Pulse Oximetry Project, which focuses on improving the safety of anaesthetics care in operating rooms in low and middle income countries, was introduced to Mongolia during the conference, with Interplast volunteers conducting a teaching workshop in rural areas around pulse oximetry.
- An Essential Pain Management (EPM) course was delivered in Ulaanbaatar, Arkhangai and Khentii Aimag by three Interplast volunteers.

2 training activities

#### NEPAL

Country Coordinator: Mr Damien Grinsell

In September 2012, an Interplast microsurgery training activity to Kathmandu in Nepal was led by Interplast's volunteer Country Coordinator and surgeon, Damien Grinsell and included surgeon, Scott Ferris, anaesthetist, Stephen Hur and nurses, Stephanie Gardiner and Wendy Gale. The team focused on the effectiveness of the training provided by Interplast teams on previous visits and the level of competence acquired by the local







team. The Interplast team provided consultations to 14 patients with four selected for surgical treatment. In addition, Wendy Gale delivered a three-day plastics and reconstructive nurses' course which was well attended, while Beth McNeish, an Interplast hand therapist, worked with the local hand therapists to assist in the development of the allied health sector.

Throughout the year, local staff at the Kathmandu Model Hospital carried out three independent microsurgery cases, with remote support and guidance from Interplast volunteers in Australia.

### 4 procedures

- 14 consultations
- 1 surgical activity
- 1 training activity
- 1 planning and evaluation activity

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Country Coordinator: Mr Simon Donahoe

Three surgical visits were undertaken in Papua New Guinea this year – one each to Lae and Mt Hagen and a hand surgery visit to Madang. Over the course of these visits, 214 consultations were provided and 138 surgical procedures performed. In addition, 32 hand therapy treatments were carried out by Interplast's hand therapist who joined the Madang team. PNG's plastics trainee, Dr Morath Maire, joined the Madang and Mt Hagen activities to work alongside



the Interplast teams where he received valuable in-theatre training. During the 2012/13 financial year, three specific mentoring activities, based at the Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH), took place. One activity focused on burns treatment and surgery, one focused on cleft, head and neck surgery, and one focused on hand surgery. All three visits focused on mentoring Dr Maire and various other local surgical personnel, including the University of Papua New Guinea Masters of Medicine trainees.

During the year, Dr Maire also participated in a number of overseas training attachments including the Applied Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop in Hobart, the Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Congress in Melbourne (under the Marshall International Scholarships) and two short placements at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne and the Royal Hobart Hospital in Tasmania.

- 138 procedures
- 214 consultations
- 3 surgical activities
- 6 training activities
- 1 planning and evaluation activity

### PHILIPPINES

Country Coordinator: Dr Michael McGlynn OAM

In November 2012, a team of six volunteers successfully completed Interplast's annual activity to Baguio

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City. In total, 61 patients received treatment with over 60 per cent requiring cleft lip and palate repair. Local general surgeon, Dr Rolando Canival, received one-on-one mentoring from Interplast volunteer, Peter Haertsch, in burns and graft management, while the local nurse, Val Smith-Orr, received specialised burns dressing training from the team.

In February 2013, Interplast undertook a planning and evaluation assessment of Masbate province following a request from mining company, Filminera Resources Corporation and the Masbate local Governor Hon Ruizalina Seachon-Lanette. An Interplast team visited Masbate to establish the feasibility of collaborating with Filminera Resources Corporation to deliver an activity in the future. They have since committed to fund three annual program activities, which will commence in February 2014.

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- 61 procedures
- 62 consultations
- 1 surgical activity
- 1 planning and evaluation activity

### SAMOA

Country Coordinator: Dr Benjamin Norris

In the 2012/13 financial year, Interplast implemented one program activity in Samoa - a two week plastic and reconstructive surgical and training visit to Apia in August 2012. During this visit, 86 patients



were consulted with 42 life-changing surgical procedures being performed. Local nursing, anaesthetic and surgical staff received hands-on training in clinic, theatre, recovery and in the wards during the visit. Interplast surgeon, Damian Marucci, gave a well-received lecture on the reconstructive ladder and nurse, Simone Kairouz, provided training materials to the local nursing staff.

In addition to this visit, Dr Dyxon Hansell was a participant in the Applied Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop in Hobart in May 2013, where he spent two intensive days being taught by six leading Interplast volunteer plastic surgeons.

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- 42 procedures
- 86 consultations
- 1 surgical activity
- 1 planning and evaluation activity

### SOLOMON ISLANDS

Country Coordinator: Mr Darrell Nam

This year, Interplast conducted an outreach visit to the island of Gizo, as well as the annual surgical visit to the National Referral Hospital in Honiara. The team comprised surgeons, Darrell Nam and John Carney, anaesthetist, Vernon Moo and nurses, Jan Sloan and Helen Jarczak. The team was also joined by Rotarian observers, Albert Kramer and Valda Bray. This was the first time Interplast has sent a team to Gizo in several years. It served as a great opportunity to assess the hospital's facilities and personnel capacity to host such as visit and allowed the consultation of a number of patients as well as several surgical procedures. Having worked alongside the Interplast team this year, the local Gizo team will be well equipped to pre-screen and host another visit next year, allowing patients who are located a significant distance from Honiara to access surgery. 79 consultations and 37 procedures were provided during this year's visit.

#### 37 procedures

- 79 consultations
- 1 surgical activity
- 1 training activity
- 1 planning and evaluation activity

### SRI LANKA

Country Coordinator: Mr Randall Sach

This year saw an expansion of Interplast's country program to Batticaloa, located in the eastern province of Sri Lanka. Interplast volunteers, together with a team from the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, worked at the Teaching Hospital of Batticaloa in September 2012. The team comprised surgeons, James Savundra and Philip Slattery, anaesthetists, Elmo Mariampillai and Chris Johnson and nurses, Linda Ferguson and Gill Bathgate.

In total, 125 patients were consulted, with 55 procedures being performed. The cases were generally burn scar contracture releases and congenital hand injuries. James Savundra also delivered an 'Introduction to Plastic Surgery' lecture to an auditorium of approximately 150 people including many medical students. This was well received. It is hoped one of these medical students will pursue this field, becoming the first Tamil plastic surgeon from the eastern province region of Sri Lanka.

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55 procedures125 consultations1 surgical activity

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### TONGA

Country Coordinator: Dr David Morgan (previously Mr Martin Rees)

In October 2012, the annual Interplast surgical visit to Nuku'alofa in Tonga included surgeons, David Morgan and Graham Sellars, anaesthetist, Lian Pfitzner and nurses, Alison Osmen and Suzanne Wills. The team was also joined by Rotarian observers, Judy Berends and Kathryn O'Connor.

Over the course of the week, the team consulted 98 patients, with 48 surgical procedures being performed, including a number of cleft lip and palate repairs, burn scar contracture releases and the treatment of other congenital and acquired conditions. David Morgan delivered a lecture during the Grand Rounds focusing on the management of facial trauma while Graham Sellars focused on the one-on-one training of Dr Kolini in theatre. Suzanne Wills also presented to the surgical nurses on cleft surgery.

#### 48 procedures

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- 98 consultations
  - surgical activity



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of equipment and supplies sent over 2012/13





of all our patients who received treatment were under the age of 18

#### VANUATU

Country Coordinator: Mr Ian Holten

In June 2013, the annual Interplast surgical visit to Port Vila in Vanuatu was led by volunteer Country Coordinator and surgeon, Ian Holten, and included surgeons, Mark Duncan-Smith and Rebecca Wyten (on her first Interplast program), anaesthetist, Rob Grace and nurses, Helen Chadwick and Tanya Karal.

Over the course of the week, the team consulted 47 patients, with 36 surgical procedures undertaken including a number of cleft lip and palate repairs, burn scar contracture releases and the treatment of other congenital and acquired conditions.

The visit included a significant training component, with ni-Vanuatu surgical registrar, Dr Samuel Kemuel, travelling from his training at the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva to be present with the Interplast team in Port Vila. Dr Kemuel pre-screened patients in the lead up to the team's arrival and assisted with most procedures performed by the Interplast team. Other hands-on training was provided to the local surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses throughout the week and a lecture was delivered by Mark Duncan-Smith on wounds and acute burns care.

- 36 procedures
- 47 consultations
- 1 surgical activity

#### VIETNAM

Country Coordinator: Dr James Masson (previously Mr Allan Meares)

In November 2012, a program review of the effectiveness of Vietnam's current country program was undertaken. A team of two volunteers and one staff member visited four cities where Interplast have previously implemented activities – Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Tam Kỳ and Hanoi – to review what ingredients are required for successful future programming.

Over a five-day period the review team visited the Hospital for Traumatology and Orthopedics and Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang Hospital in Da Nang, Quang Nam General Hospital in Tam Ky and Saint Paul Hospital and National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi. Meetings were held with key plastic surgeons and their staff, as well as with the Australian Consul-General, senior AusAID representative and various non-government organisations.

As a result, Interplast will implement activities in the 2013/14 financial year with a focus on capacity building, specifically around hand surgery and advanced microsurgery mentoring.

1 planning and evaluation activity

Three training activities had a regional focus and are not included in the country-specific information.



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While there was no activity to Myanmar this year, Interplast will be undertaking activities in 2013/14. (Country Coordinator: Associate Professor Michael Leung, previously Dr Michael McGlynn OAM).



ESALA VAKAMACAWAI FIJIAN SURGICAL REGISTRAR

"Fiji is a developing country with 45 per cent of people living in poverty. I realised that in this specialty, I could make a difference to many of these people who cannot pay for overseas treatment. I am currently studying as a second year student in the postgraduate Masters in General Surgery at the Fiji School of Medicine. My interest in plastic surgery began a few years ago after witnessing tears of joy from a mother after seeing her son's outcome of a cleft lip repair.

I thank Interplast for sending teams to Fiji and giving patients a fair chance for treatment. I have worked with the teams in Lautoka, Labasa and Suva where these attachments have exposed me to quality surgical procedures and principles that will allow me to become a skilled and safe surgeon in the future. It also ensures that when the teams return home, I should be able to continue what they have started.

This year, I've been sponsored by Interplast to attend two additional attachments. This has not only broadened my knowledge but has also given me a chance to meet other surgeons from neighbouring countries. We have initiated a network where we can discuss cases and ideas – there's always more than one solution to a single problem! I look forward to working with the Interplast teams towards changing lives in Fiji and the Pacific region in the future."

### OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF INTERPLAST

WE COULD NOT REPAIR BODIES AND REBUILD LIVES WITHOUT TWO ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS - YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND THE PASSIONATE COMMITMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND LOCAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

### COUNTRY INTERPLAST VOLUNTEERS

Bangladesh	Paul Cargill (observer), Russell Corlett, Ian Hogarth, Annette McLeod, Ramesh Menon, Wayne Morriss, Moira Rush, Leonie Simmons, Ian Taylor
Cambodia	Mark Ashton, Linda Ferguson, Prue Ingram (staff), Suzi Nou, Santisouk Phongsavan (staff)
Fiji	Mirjam Bar, Elizabeth Bashford, Murray Beagley, Robert Buckland, Simon Donahoe, Mary Dwyer (observer), Scott Fortey, Robert Gates, John Georgakis (observer), Ian Hogarth, Jess Howell (staff), Christine Hunter, Prue Ingram (staff), June James, Lisa Ku, Christina Leslie (staff), Kerry Loyson (staff), Craig MacKinnon, Sally Mitchell, Simone Nast-Clarke, Joanne Oxbrow, Miklos Pohl, Melissa Radjenovic (observer), Colleen Saunders (observer), Glenda Sherwin-Lane (staff), Anne Skinner (observer), Linda Upton, Lynne Westland (observer), David Ying
Indonesia	John de Waal
Kiribati	Sian Fairbank, Sue Graham, Andrew Jowitt, Claudia Krellman, Fiona Podbury, Miklos Pohl
Laos	Hayley Benbow, Chris Bennett, Bill and Eileen Doyle (observers), David Gillett, Megan Gray, Samantha Jervios (x2), Martyn Lethbridge, Christopher Lowry (x2), Santisouk Phongsavan (staff), James Savundra, Philip Slattery, Beth Sperring, Fiona Walker, Kerrie Westwood
Mongolia	Amanda Baric, Kirsten Connan, Braidy Davies, Hella Deifuss, Debra Devonshire, David Dolan, Elizabeth Farrell, Hugo Fernandes, Kim Fuller, Timothy Furlong, Sian Griffiths, Julia Gunn, Samantha Hargreaves, Simon Hendel, Kym Jansen, Rhonda Keenan, Samuel Kennedy, Andrew Lees, Payam (Max) Majedi, Kairul Mohamed-Noor, Anna Pederson, David Pescod, Phil Popham, Emma Readman, Sathi Seevanayagam, Loren Sher, Simon Smith, Rebecca Szabo, Eleanor Teare, Nicole Woodrow
Nepal	Scott Ferris, Wendy Gale, Stephanie Gardiner, Damien Grinsell, Stephen Hur, Beth McNeish
Papua New Guinea	Andries Coetzer, Scott Coleman (observer), Ellis Choy, Hella Deifuss, Simon Donahoe, Nick Fifield (observer), Jess Howell (staff), Chris Hunter (x2), Andrew Ives, Mike Klaassen, Peter Maloney, Elmo Mariampillai, James Masson, Joe McGuinness, Allan Meares, Suzanne Millar, Zac Moaveni, Jeremy Moles, Judith Morrin, Darrell Nam, Moira Rush, Kay Suter, Kim Taylor, Douglass Wheen, Amanda Whitty (staff)
Philippines	William Blake, Jennifer Brennan, Mae Chen, Peter Haertsch, Sally Howard, Prue Ingram (staff), James Leong, Lindsay McBride, Michael McGlynn, Leonie Simmons (staff)
Samoa	Alan Goodey, Jess Howell (staff), Simone Kairouz, Elke Lushington, Damian Marucci, Benjamin Norris
Solomon Islands	Valda Bray (observer), John Carney, Helen Jarczak, Albert Kramer (observer), Vernon Moo, Darrell Nam (x2), Shelley Scrafton (staff), Jan Sloan
Sri Lanka	Gill Bathgate, Linda Ferguson, Chris Johnson, Elmo Mariampillai, James Savundra, Philip Slattery
Tonga	Judy Berends (observer), Anne-Marie Maher (staff), David Morgan, Kathryn O'Connor (observer), Alison Osmen, Lian Pfitzner, Graham Sellars, Suzanne Wills
Vanuatu	Helen Chadwick, Mark Duncan-Smith, Rob Grace, Ian Holten, Tanya Karal, Rebecca Wyten
Vietnam	Mark Ashton, Allan Meares, Santisouk Phongsavan (staff)

### LOCAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Binita Acharya, Animesh Biswas, Renu Gurung, Saidur Mashreky

Semesa Matanaicake, Rachna Ram (x 2), Esala Vakamacawai (x 3)

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MRS. CHANH GRANDMOTHER OF VINNA

"When my granddaughter, Vinna, was seriously burnt in a house fire a few years ago, I was very sad and very worried. My family is poor and I wasn't sure how I was going to get her the help she needed. That's when WIG (Women's International Group) stepped in - they came to see Vinna in ICU at Mahosot General Hospital in Vientiane and they helped out by moving her to a rehabilitation centre called COPE (Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise) when she felt better. They also told me an Interplast team was coming soon.

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Vinna had her operations to release her burn scar contractures on her arm and leg. I am so appreciative of the excellent job the Interplast team did. It's totally changed her life! They took very good care of Vinna and always came into the ward to visit her. She's getting better every day and she really has become a new person - she can do everything by herself now. She's very cheerful!

Without Interplast, she would have been a disabled person. She wouldn't have been able to do anything by herself. She wouldn't have been able to walk. She would have been a burden and our lives would have been very difficult. Now, she's a great granddaughter with a new life – she will be a normal person thanks to Interplast."

Image credit: Bart Verweij AusAID

## 30 YEARS: A lasting impact in Fiji

OUR FIRST MAJOR EVALUATION STUDY HAS PROVED ONE THING. THANKS TO YOU, THE LIVES OF PATIENTS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL TRAINEES THROUGHOUT FIJI HAVE IMPROVED. THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'VE HELPED TO DELIVER BRIGHTER FUTURES. Interplast has been delivering surgical and training activities in Fiji since 1983. In recognition of our 30th anniversary and our lengthy involvement in the country, we implemented our very first major impact/evaluation study in February 2013. Pulling together the history of all the programs and people involved, it assessed the impact Interplast's programming has had in repairing bodies and rebuilding lives in Fiji.

Stretching over a period of 12 months, the study included three components - a desktop review of all historic documentation relating to Fiji's program, in-Australia interviews and surveying of Interplast volunteers who've participated in Fiji, and an in-country component, consisting of eight days of interviews. After over 60 interviews with participants, including past patients, families, local trainees and other key stakeholders, the study concluded that Interplast has had considerable impact in Fiji over the past 30 years. Highlighting the invaluable role our

teams have played, and continue to play, in the Fijian medical landscape, the study found that Interplast has had a significant impact on the lives of many Fijian patients and families in terms of reducing or reversing disability. It also emphasised the substantial contribution Interplast has made to the development of the Fijian surgical health sector.

With a number of recommendations for continued improvement for Interplast's Fiji programs, many of which are also relevant to other countries in which we work, the study has set the benchmark for a more effective understanding of our longitudinal impacts.



### WAJIHAH

Age: 8 years Condition: Burn scar contractures Year of first Interplast operation: 2010

"Before her surgery, the scars on her arms were bad and she could no longer extend her arms. A visiting Interplast team operated on her, and she was in hospital for just one week after. Once the staples were removed, she was normal again. Before, she could not dress herself, or wash herself and she could not run around outside. She was in a lot of pain. But now, she is in class three and she is a normal little girl. Everything is okay now." – Farisha, Wajihah's mother







### **DR RACHNA RAM**

Role: Surgical registrar Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWM) in Suva

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Some of the most important things that Rachna has learned from the visiting Interplast teams are what she refers to as "the basics." Basic principles of using skin grafts, and how to use the older equipment that they have available to them in Fiji. "Things that we do every day... but little tips and tricks to make our work better."

### YOU ARE IMPROVING HEALTH AND ACCESS TO QUALITY MEDICAL SERVICES

INTERPLAST IS COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE. WE'RE COMMITTED TO GIVING A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT. OUR FOCUS ON EQUIPPING OUR NEIGHBOURS' MEDICAL STAFF WITH THE SKILLS TO DELIVER APPROPRIATE AND SAFE TREATMENT IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. THANKS TO YOU, OUR SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING ATTACHMENTS ARE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICAL LEADERS.

### MARSHALL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Established to acknowledge the contribution of our inaugural Patron and past president of 16 years, Professor Donald Marshall AM, the Marshall International Scholarships complement the activities undertaken by Interplast's volunteers by supporting selected medical personnel to develop and strengthen their area of expertise. Founded following Professor Marshall's resignation, the scholarships are open primarily, through both application and invitation, to residents of our neighbouring countries, who have demonstrated commitment in the field of surgery and allied health services.

### HAROLD MCCOMB SCHOLARSHIP

Facilitated through the University of Western Australia, this scholarship honours the significant contribution of Interplast volunteer plastic surgeon, Mr Harold McComb, over many years. Established in 2004, the scholarship provides assistance for medical students nominated by the University of Western Australia to undertake their elective placement in a developing country.

In January 2013, Kelly O'Donovan was selected as the recipient of this scholarship and undertook her placement at Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki, a small rural town in the east of Swaziland in Southern African.



### DR SITI NURCHAFIDA (FIDA) & DR HERDIANI SULISTYO PUTRI (DIAN)

Indonesian Anaesthetic Registrars

Meet Fida (left) and Dian (right). In September 2012, the anaesthetic registrars from Surabaya in Indonesia attended a four-week professional development program in the anaesthetics and intensive care departments of Ballarat Health Services in Ballarat. Having previously worked alongside four Ballarat Health Services employees in Indonesia, during an Interplast surgical visit to Balikpapan in East Kalimantan, their attendance allowed our volunteers to focus on building on previously transferred skills and knowledge.

### TRAINING ATTACHMENTS

ACTIVITY	LOCAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS	INTERPLAST VOLUNTEERS
11th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (Wellington, New Zealand)	Animesh Biswas (Bangladesh)	
16th Congress of the International Society of Burn Injuries (ISBI) (Edinburgh, Scotland)	Saidur Mashreky (Bangladesh)	
Applied Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop (Hobart)	Trevor Cullwick (Vanuatu), Dyxon Hansell (Samoa), Morath Maire (PNG), Semesa Matanaicake (Fiji), Vaigalo McCaig (Fiji), Saia Piukala (Tonga), Deacon Teapa (Cook Islands), Josese Tudrava (Fiji), Esala Vakamacawai (Fiji)	John Crock, Simon Donahoe, Frank Kimble, James Masson, Simon Thomson
Marshall International Scholarships: Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Congress (Melbourne)	Anastasia Harsono (Indonesia), Morath Maire (PNG), Rachna Ram (Fiji), Esala Vakamacawai (Fiji)	
Training and observation at Ballarat Health Services (Ballarat)	Siti Nurchafida (Indonesia), Herdiani Sulistyo Putri (Indonesia)	
Training attachment at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Melbourne) and the Royal Hobart Hospital (Hobart)	Morath Maire (PNG)	Simon Donahoe, Simon Thomson
Vanuatu Surgical Activity	Samuel Kemuel	



### DR DYXON HANSELL

Samoan Surgical Registrar

This year, Samoan surgical registrar, Dyxon Hansell was selected as one of nine leading young surgeons to attend the Applied Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Skills workshop in Hobart. He spent two intensive days being taught by six Interplast volunteer plastic surgeons and praised the importance of such modules: "In the Pacific we deal a lot with trauma, orthopaedic, burns and wound cover. Learning about these techniques will enable me to deal with these in my country." Dyxon is currently completing his training in Christchurch, New Zealand, after which he will return to Samoa where he will continue to work alongside Interplast teams.

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### YOU ARE OUR INTERPLAST CHAMPIONS. BECAUSE OF YOU, LIVES ACROSS THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED – AND THAT DESERVES A GIANT THUMBS UP

### YOU'VE INVESTED IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE AND YOU'VE FORMED THE BASIS FOR ALL OUR ACHIEVEMENTS. SO, FROM US TO YOU: **THANK YOU**

We couldn't do it without you. Together, we've really changed lives. Your generosity has enabled us to work with our partners and communities on relieving treatable disability and strengthening the next generation of local medical leaders. That's pretty impressive.

As with all thank you speeches, there are always those that deserve a special mention. So, here we go:

To our passionate volunteers, the backbone of Interplast, thank you, thank you, thank you. You go above and beyond, you give of your skills, time and expertise and you're committed to making a difference in our neighbouring communities. Thank you also to your families for willingly supporting you while you volunteer. And, thank you to all our volunteer Country Coordinators and committee and working group members for contributing towards realising our vision.

This year, our partnerships with corporate supporters have grown. We're so proud to be associated with them. Thanks to each and every one of you for believing in our cause and for contributing towards repairing bodies and rebuilding lives across the Asia Pacific region. Thank you to Allergan, Avant, B. Braun, CH2, Device Technologies, Dynamig, FirstClick Consulting, Johnson & Johnson Medical, Koala Medical, Q-Med, Stryker and Vorotek. Whether you've supported us through sponsorship, workplace giving, fundraising events, pro bono support or in-kind donations - you have made a very big difference. Thank

you especially to Minter Ellison Lawyers, our solicitors, for providing such valuable pro bono support.

A huge thank you is also extended to associated trusts and foundations such as ANZ Trustees Foundation, Cabrini Health, Caterpillar, Erase Skin Rejuvenation Specialists, Give2Asia, Planet Wheeler Foundation, Sisters of Mercy, The Myer Foundation and The Trust Company. You've improved health systems and access to quality medical services.

Thank you to all the in-country businesses, hospitals, Rotary clubs, mining organisations and companies who've bent over backwards to ensure local infrastructure is ready to support our visiting teams. To Batu Hijau Doctors Children's Fund and Yayasan Senyam and Harapan,

Of all patients treated in 2012/13:





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foundations established by Kaltim Prima Coal (KPC), CPL Group, Filminera Resources Corporation, Kenmore Group, Phu Bia Mining, PT Newmont, Ruel Foundation Fiji and Women's International Group (WIG), your support is so important to us.

Thank you to all our significant private donors, particularly Bill and Eileen Doyle. To all our regular givers, thank you for, time and time again, committing yourselves to our cause. Thanks to our fundraisers who've gone above and beyond – you've run for us, climbed for us, trekked for us, baked and knitted for us. To the Buller Knights, Peter Jones and the Vikings, thank you for your impressive fundraising efforts. You've flown our flag with pride and gusto. Thank you to GFM Removals for rising early and staying up late to assist our teams with delivering or collecting our equipment from the airport. Thank you to Air Nuigini, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Virgin Australia for regularly waiving our hefty excess baggage fees. Thank you to Ability Press for assisting with our printing needs. A big thank you is extended to Patrick from Egg Creative for creating materials to print and to Anthony Denahy for your work on our new electronic patient database. Merivale, our terrific events partner - thank you. Thank you to Anton Davis for your invaluable assistance in developing our new strategic plan and to Mark Pallet, thank you for providing access to your extensive banking contacts. To all the office volunteers who've helped out over the past year, we really do appreciate your assistance.

Thank you to the Australian Government, particularly the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program and its high commission and embassies in the countries in which we work for your wonderful support and promotion of Interplast. Thank you to organisations we work closely with such as the Australasian Foundation for Plastic Surgery, Australian and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA), Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), the Australian Hand Surgery Society, the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA), the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), Children First Foundation, the New Zealand Society of Plastic Surgeons, ROMAC, Rotary and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

Thank you. Each and every one of you.





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### YOU'VE BEEN OUR CONSTANT FOR 30 YEARS. WITH US SINCE THE BEGINNING, YOU, OUR ROTARIAN SUPPORTERS, HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY FLOWN OUR FLAG

AND, THIS YEAR HAS BEEN NO EXCEPTION. YOUR BELIEF IN OUR CAUSE AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR VISION HAS UNWAVERINGLY CONTINUED. SUCH LENGTHY LOYALTY IS NOT TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. MOST EXCITINGLY, YOU'VE ONCE AGAIN, FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, OUTDONE YOURSELVES WITH EVERY ROTARY DISTRICT IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND DONATING TOWARDS REPAIRING BODIES AND REBUILDING LIVES ACROSS THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

Together, we're really making a difference.

Thank you for empowering our neighbours through enabling surgical treatment for patients and training for local medical staff. Thank you if you've donated for the first time, thank you if you've donated for the 20th time. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you, in particular, to all the Interplast District Chairs across Australia and New Zealand for your many hours visiting Rotary clubs to help spread the Interplast word. We couldn't do it without ambassadors like you. Thank you to the 21 Interplast District Chairs who gave of their time and, in some cases, their own money to travel to Sydney for the inaugural Interplast **District Chair Training Seminar** earlier on this year. Such dedication is appreciated. A huge thank you is extended to all the District Governors, who found room in their budget to fund the airfare to Sydney - the seminar was a great success and will now become an annual event. And, thank you also to our corporate

partner, Avant, for your generosity in donating your Board room, lunch and staff members to assist on a Sunday.

To all the District Governors, District Governors Elect and Interplast District Chairs who took the time to attend our 30th celebrations in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, we really do appreciate your attendance. It's been fantastic to celebrate this significant milestone with all those who've helped us get there.

Thank you to the Rotarians Committee members, all of whom are Past District Governors, who have worked tirelessly and passionately to promote the work of Interplast. Integrally involved in the launch of our Rotarian strategic plan this year, their valued knowledge and expertise have guided our continued focus on building fruitful links between Interplast and Rotary.

Thank you also to all our Rotarian observers who've joined Interplast teams over the past year. We really appreciate you spreading our word. And, thank you to all the Rotary clubs and Rotarians who've fundraised for us in so many different ways. You have really gone above and beyond this year – your initiative, your creativity and your dedication are admirable. We are so grateful for your support.

To each and every Rotarian, thank you.

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Please note this listing represents donations between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.





### JUDY BERENDS ROTARIAN OBSERVER

"Knowing how much my husband, John, gained from being an observer on an Interplast trip to Fiji in 2006, I was really looking forward to experiencing it for myself. The week spent in Tonga in October last year certainly met my expectations as I watched both the Australian and local medical staff perform with complete dedication to the task.

All the Australian medical team were more than willing to explain to me in layman's terms the intricacies of some of the procedures, which made it all the more interesting. It was wonderful to see the happy faces of the children and their families after the operations - they were so grateful! One little boy received not only one but two toy bears after his operation! The look on his face was just delightful. Interplast had provided some hand-knitted bears and I had brought another 50 to be given out. Those remaining were left with the staff to distribute later on.

In its 30th year, Interplast is an amazing organisation and, as a Rotarian, I am so proud of Rotary's involvement."



### **GENIE FIEBIG** INTERPLAST DONOR

"I heard about Interplast many years ago on the ABC. They had a program on what you were doing and a telephone number and I thought, 'Well, gee, that's worth donating to!' I felt awfully sorry for those people, particularly the children. So I rang and said, 'Do you take donations?' and they said, 'Of course, yes!' And I've been donating ever since.

I donate because you're doing something. There are no CEOs who are getting a million dollars a year, which some of them do! So, at least I know where my money's going. My money goes where it's supposed to go. I know my donations aren't going towards extraordinary postage or advertising.

These are volunteers who give up their holidays to work at something that's very worthwhile. All you have to do is look at the before and after pictures - if I was in that position, I'd want someone to help me out. And when I hear about what you've done with training the local doctors - wow! Donating is very rewarding. Through Interplast, I have made a huge difference and I'd tell others thinking of donating to just 'go for it!' You know where your money's going and you know what it's doing. That's what spurs me on."



### JULIAN SMYTH INTERPLAST FUNDRAISER

"My first fundraising experience for Interplast was immensely rewarding. I first heard about the life-changing work that Interplast does a couple of years ago and I've wanted to assist them in some way ever since. The instant and profound difference that they are able to make to their patients' lives is amazing.

I thought I could only be of any use to Interplast once I had finished my medical education and progressed to a point where I would hopefully be able to volunteer on one of their activities. But, when I became an executive member of the Sydney University Surgical Society earlier this year, I saw an opportunity to organise a team of students to raise much-needed funds and awareness for Interplast.

I decided to use the Sun Herald City2Surf as our fundraising platform – it's a high profile event, and running is something I, and many of my friends enjoy.

I ended up gathering over 50 students to run in our team! Once I explained Interplast and the work they do, things simply snowballed from there. We raised almost four times as much money as I thought would be possible!

I would love to remain involved with Interplast in any capacity that I can - my involvement with Interplast is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."







THE HON DR KAY PATTERSON INTERPLAST BOARD MEMBER

"Investing time in an NGO is akin to investing one's savings - the guestion I ask is what is the return on the investment? The value of the pro bono gift of our highly gualified and talented volunteers - the surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and other allied health professionals has a huge multiplier effect on the return of our financial donors' gifts and the efforts of those of us who volunteer as Board members. Added to this is the satisfaction of knowing that so many lives are changed - the patients whose surgery is life-changing and the local doctors and health professionals whose training is part of the multiplier effect and results in an even better return on our volunteers' investment of time and passion. Having said this, the greatest reward is seeing the relief and joyful expressions on the parents' faces as you carry a child from recovery and place it in the arms of one of them – their joy is the greatest return on our investment."



**JUDITH MORRIN** INTERPLAST HAND THERAPIST

"I've had the privilege of accompanying the Interplast surgical team to Madang in Papua New Guinea on two occasions. Hand trauma is part of daily life in PNG, often resulting from bush knife injuries and burns. But, with only one physiotherapy school in PNG, therapists are faced with enormous challenges.

The students I worked with were extremely keen to learn and were quick to demonstrate good clinical reasoning as we discussed and implemented treatment protocol for each patient. They were excited to see that their newly learned interventions were often generating significant clinical change within a matter of days! The hand therapy textbooks I had left with the department in 2012 were well-thumbed, too. This was so personally satisfying!

The most challenging aspect has been the lack of basic equipment and materials. Scissors are scarce and existing ones are blunt. Elastic bands and safety pins for splint-making are not available so I came prepared on my second visit! We brought a whole new meaning to the word 'improvisation' and we quickly learned to work with whatever was available! Upon reflection of my experiences, I am reminded of Lao Tzu's proverb: 'The journey of a thousand miles, begins with one step.'"



**REBECCA WYTEN** INTERPLAST PLASTIC SURGEON AND FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEER

"Being a recent consultant in plastics and reconstructive surgery, there are many challenges in the first few years - building a practice, contributing towards public health and educating future trainees and surgeons. So why suddenly add another challenge of volunteering on top of this? Put simply, volunteering provides an opportunity to mature as a person. It humbles and grounds you when you most need it and enables you to provide a service that will reward more than you could imagine.

Being a member of Interplast has been stimulating. My first experience in Vanuatu was incredible - it is an amazing country of beauty, colour and warmth. The people immediately capture your heart with their large smile and even bigger hearts. Even the smallest procedure leads to tears of gratefulness and a hope for the future. From small babies requiring cleft surgery to dealing with immediate management of severe burns, each operation helps not only the patient but the whole community. It drives you to work harder and longer and encourages you to strive to be your best in every way as a surgeon and a person."

### WE ARE SUPER PASSIONATE. WE do a lot with a little and are a great team

OUR TEAM IS COMMITTED TO OUR VISION AND WORKS TOGETHER TO ENSURE WE ARE TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE AND EFFICIENT.

#### COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

During the period of this report, the Company Membership has been constituted as follows:

Mr Peter Callan – MBBS FRACS MBA Royal Australasian College of Surgeons nominee Professor David Watters – MB ChB

FRCS (Edinburgh) FRACS Royal Australasian College of Surgeons nominee Mr Keith Mutimer – MBBS FRACS Royal Australasian College of Surgeons nominee PDG John Barnes – District 9810 Rotarian nominee PDG Brian Guest – District 9465 Rotarian nominee PDG Ross Forgione – District 9630

Rotarian nominee **The Hon Dr Kay Patterson - PhD BA (Hons) Dip. Ed. MAPsS GAID** Independent nominee

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

During the period of this report, the Board of Directors has been constituted as follows:

Mr David Inglis - BA LLB President\* Dr Michael McGlynn - OAM MBBS FRACS Vice President\* The Hon Dr Kay Patterson - PhD BA (Hons) Dip. Ed. MAPsS GAID Vice President\* Mr John Georgakis - Chartered Accountant Treasurer\* PDG John Barnes - Real Estate Agent Secretary\* Mr Ian Carlisle – DDSc MBBS FRACS Director PDG Glenn Wran – Consultant (resigned November 2012) Director Dr Ross Sutton – PhD MSC FIAM FASM Director Professor Mark Ashton – MBBS FRACS Director Mr Michael Stillwell - MBA (Melb) MAICD Director PDG Brian Guest - Company Director Director Mr Keith Mutimer – MBBS FRACS Director Mr Paul Sundberg – BA Economics (Hons) and Chartered Accountant (FAC) (joined April 2013) Director

### PATRON

Professor Donald R Marshall – AM MBMS FRACS FACS

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Committee consisting of the Office Bearers\* of the Board meets as required.

### **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**

The objective of the Audit & Risk Committee is to assist the Board of Directors to discharge its corporate governance responsibilities in relation to financial affairs and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Mr Keith Mutimer (Chair) Mr John Georgakis Mr Paul Sundberg Mrs Mary Traversa PDG Glenn Wran (resigned November 2012)



### SURGICAL COMMITTEE

The objective of the Surgical Committee is to assist the Board of Directors to discharge its corporate governance responsibilities to exercise due care, diligence and skill in relation to surgical and medical issues involved in the implementation of program activities.

Professor Mark Ashton (Chair) Mr Chris Bennett Dr Brendan Butler Mr Ian Carlisle Dr Heather Cleland (resigned Feb. 2013) Ms Jill Dickinson Ms Angela Doherty Mrs Catherine Gorr OAM Dr Ian Hogarth Mr Ian Holten Mr Nicholas Houseman Mr Damien Ireland Mr James Leong Associate Professor Michael Leung Dr David Pescod Mr Anand Ramakrishnan Ms Jan Rice Mrs Leonie Simmons





### **PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Planning & Evaluation Committee provides professional advice and assistance to the Board of Directors in the planning and evaluation of Interplast's country programs and activities, and to support the Board to discharge its corporate governance responsibilities in this area in a skilful and diligent manner.

Dr Ross Sutton (Chair) Mr Chris Bennett Mr Russell Corlett Ms Tanya Edmonds (resigned August 2012) Mr Ian Holten Mrs Narelle Mahony (resigned April 2013) Ms Annette McLeod Ms Naanki Pasricha Dr David Pescod Mr Randall Sach Mr Santisouk Phongsavan

#### **ROTARIANS COMMITTEE**

The Rotarians Committee has been established to provide professional advice and assistance to the Board of Directors in relation to all matters pertaining to Rotarians from Rotary Clubs and Districts across Australia and New Zealand.

PDG Brian Guest (Chair)	D9465
PDG John Barnes	D9810
PDG Alan Davies	D9920
PDG Ross Forgione	D9630
PDG Kel Hobby	D9820
PP Mike McFarlane	D9800
(resigned March 2013)	
PDG Peter Murfett	D9830
PDG Peter Signal	D9930
PDG Ray Stewart	D9820
PDG Bernie Walshe	D9800
PDG Glenn Wran	D9750

The above committees work closely with the Board-appointed Interplast Country Coordinators to provide planning and guidance of activities in the nominated country and to support staff to administer the operational aspects of these activities.







# INSIDE THE INTERPLAST ENGINE ROOM

### CURRENT STAFF

(AS AT 1 OCTOBER 2013)

Prue Ingram	Chief Executive Officer
Phyllis Bell	Equipment and Supplies Assistant
Marisa Bilston	Community Relations Officer
Jess Howell	Program Activities Coordinator
Madeleine Jones	Policy and Standards Coordinator
Christina Leslie	Finance Assistant
Kerry Loyson	Communications Officer
Anne-Marie Maher	Finance Manager
Santisouk Phongsavan	Senior Program Activities Coordinator
Kasturi Shanahan	Administration Coordinator
Glenda Sherwin-Lane	Rotarian Coordinator
Leonie Simmons	Equipment and Supplies Coordinator
Amanda Whitty	Corporate and Community Relations Manager

Additional staffing assistance was also provided throughout the year by Donna Wilson, Shelley Scrafton and Rachel Portelli. Narelle Mahony resigned in April 2013 and Stephanie Thompson resigned in June 2013.





### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

INCOME	TOTALS
Community and Corporate Support	\$1,229,740
AusAID	\$136,834
Other Australian Organisations	\$562,741
International Corporations and Trusts	\$65,236
Other Income	\$167,697

#### TOTAL SUPPORT

\$2,162,248

#### **Community and Corporate Support**

Income received from the Australian public, Rotary and corporations in the form of public donations, fundraising and bequests.

AusAID

Grants received directly from the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

#### Other Australian Organisations

Income received from other Australian organisations, trusts and foundations including the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons as part of AusAID's funding via the Pacific Islands Project.

#### International Corporations and Trusts

Income received from overseas corporations and trusts.

#### Other Income

Income received from in-kind donations and interest.



### WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT

COSTS	TOTALS
International Programs Costs	\$1,180,248
Operating Costs	\$576,881
Fundraising Costs	\$404,089
Domestic Programs Costs	\$14,485

### TOTAL COSTS \$2,175,703

#### International Programs Costs

Includes all expenses and support costs associated with our country programs. **Operating Costs** 

Covers administative and other costs inherent in running an organisation, including staff time in the areas such as finance, program coordination and administration, insurance premiums, office supplies, consultancy fees and other running costs.

#### Fundraising Costs

Costs associated with attracting more support through donations, sponsorships and community awareness. This includes costs such as staff time, events, advertising, mail-outs, website maintenance and the processing of donations.

#### **Domestic Programs Costs**

Costs associated with supporting further education through our scholarship programs.



### THE REAL VALUE IS PRICELESS ....

INCOME	<b>TOTALS</b>
Volunteer Services*	\$2,915,300
42 nurses and allied health specialists for a total of 447 days	\$223,500
118 surgeons and anaesthetists for a total of 1186 days	\$2,727,800
International Programs Costs	\$1,180,248
Operating Costs	\$576,881
Fundraising Costs	\$404,089
Domestic Programs Costs	\$14,485
TOTAL	\$5,091,003



#### \* Volunteer Services

As Interplast volunteers are highly qualified professionals, this conservative estimate based on public sector pay rates is a more realistic value of their services. This chart represents the real impact if Interplast had to pay for this invaluable expertise.

### FOR MORE DETAILS, OUR FULL FINANCIAL Report is available for download From our website.

WWW.INTERPLAST.ORG.AU

### **INCOME STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

REVENUE	2013	2012
Donations and gifts – monetary	1,192,390	1,271,168
Donations and gifts - non-monetary	65,456	133,947
Legacies and bequests	37,350	-
Grants		
- AusAID	136,834	199,017
- Other Australian - RACS	236,623	234,546
- Other Australian	326,118	146,894
- Other overseas	65,236	56,754
Investment income	102,206	127,192
Other income	35	-
Revenue for international political or religious adherence programs	_	_
Total Revenue	2,162,248	2,169,518
EXPENSES		
International aid and development programs expenditure		
International projects		
- Funds to international projects	926,748	941,813
- Program support costs	253,500	205,098
Community education	-	-
Inventory revaluation	-	14,212
Fundraising costs		
- Public	330,888	340,233
- Government, multilateral and private sector	46,466	15,000
- Community supporter	26,735	-
Accountability and administration	576,881	547,406
Non-monetary expenditure	-	-
Expenses for international political or religious adherence promotion programs		
Domestic program expenditure	- 14,485	- 20,692
Total Expenses	2,175,703	2,084,454
EXCESS (DEFICIT) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(13,455)	85,064

### **BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

ASSETS	2013	2012
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,353,118	2,438,740
Trade and other receivables	264,588	82,673
Inventories	60,269	135,875
Assets held for sale	-	-
Other financial assets	21,425	87,030
Total Current Assets	2,699,400	2,744,318
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	-	_
Other financial assets	_	-
Property, plant and equipment	184,545	234,838
Investment property	-	
Intangibles		
Other non-current assets		
		-
Total Non-Current Assets	184,545	234,838
TOTAL ASSETS	2,883,945	2 070 154
	2,883,945	2,979,156
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	48,682	69,672
Borrowings	40,082	07,072
Current tax liabilities		-
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Provisions	657,586	713,365
Other	057,500	/13,303
Other	-	
Total Current Liabilities	706,321	783,037
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	-	-
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Provisions	3,504	8,544
Other	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	3,504	8,544
TOTAL LIABILITIES	709,825	791,581
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NET ASSETS	2,174,120	2,187,575
EQUITY		
Reserves	500,000	500,000
Funds available for future use	1,674,120	1,687,575

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	\$	\$	\$
	Retained Earnings	General Reserve	Total
Balance at 1 July 2011	1,602,511	500,000	2,102,511
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	85,064	-	85,064
Balance at 1 July 2012	1,687,575	500,000	2,187,575
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(13,455)	-	(13,455)
Balance at 30 June 2013	1,674,120	500,000	2,174,120

### SUMMARY OF CASH MOVEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Cash Available at Beginning of Financial Year	Cash Raised During Financial Year	Cash Disbursed During Financial Year	Cash Available at End of Financial Year
AusAID - ANCP	-	150,000	136,834	13,166
AusAID - RACS	-	236,623	236,623	-
Rotary	443,462	281,759	387,404	337,817
Total for Other Purposes	1,995,278	1,329,333	1,322,529	2,002,082
TOTAL	2,438,740	1,997,715	2,083,390	2,353,065

### **RECOGNISED DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE: VALUE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

The value of volunteer services is not included in the accounts. However for the purposes of claiming AusAID Recognised Development Expenditure the following information has been prepared in accordance with the rates approved by AusAID.

Volunteers for the year ended 30 June 2013:

118 surgeons and anaesthetists for a total of 1186 days - Executive Level 2	532,467
42 nurses and allied health specialists for a total of 447 days - APS Level 4	107,356

**Total Value of Volunteer Services** 

This financial report is a summarised version of our full financial report. Copies of our 2012/13 audited financial report, including the Directors' Report, can be found at www.interplast.org.au or by contacting the office on 03 9249 1231.



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# WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE

### COMPLIANCE AND REGULATION

Interplast operates in a highly regulated environment, with laws, regulations, licences and codes of conduct that we need to comply with to ensure we remain accountable to the community.

### ASIC AND ATO

As a public company, Interplast is required to comply with the regulations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), which regulates the preparation of financial statements.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has given Interplast the status of a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), granted exemption from Income Tax and Fringe Benefits Tax and provided concession for GST. Interplast is also registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

### ACCREDITATION

Interplast is currently a base accredited and trusted recipient of funds from AusAID, the Australian Government's Agency for International Development responsible for managing the Australian Government's official overseas aid program.

Our accreditation is maintained through a rigorous process by AusAID that is undertaken every five years, involving an in-depth assessment of our management capacity, systems, operations and linkages with the Australian community against a set of agreed criteria.

### ACFID

Interplast is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. ACFID is the peak body for NGOs and their code of conduct upholds the highest standards of ethics, effectiveness and accountability. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document, available at www.acfid.asn.au.

Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct, by an ACFID member can be made at the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee.

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### FUNDRAISING

Fundraising licences are required by all states of Australia in order to raise funds within their borders. Interplast holds all required licences and complies with the requirements associated with these licences, which includes such conditions as providing extra reporting to particular states.

### COMPLAINTS

Interplast has a process for handling any complaints. If you wish to lodge a complaint about Interplast, please do so at www.interplast.org.au, via email on contactus@interplast.org. au, by phone on 03 9249 1231 or mail at the principal office.

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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### ABN

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