

A photograph of a woman with a warm smile, wearing a grey patterned top and a necklace, holding a young child. The child is looking towards the camera with a happy expression. The background is a blue tiled wall.

**REPAIRING BODIES.
REBUILDING LIVES.
IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.**



InterplastTM

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

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WHO WE ARE

Interplast Australia & New Zealand 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.

OUR PURPOSE

Repairing bodies, rebuilding lives.

MISSION

To improve lives through the treatment of disabling conditions which inhibit full engagement in society by providing access to surgical, other medical and allied health services in developing countries and by supporting and building capacity within local health services to enable the delivery of surgical and other related healthcare interventions.

WHAT WE DO

Interplast volunteers provide free medical treatment to people living with a disability as a result of a congenital or acquired condition. Treatment is targeted to the disadvantaged population who would otherwise not be able to afford access to services.

Interplast assists with developing local capacity by providing training and mentoring for medical and allied health professionals to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

OUR VALUES

We respect the values and culture of the people with whom we work

We work to achieve quality outcomes

We value the support of volunteers and donors

We value all people equally

We place service above self

We value responsible corporate governance

We are independent of any political or religious affiliations

We are open and transparent

Front cover - Vientiane, Laos:
Khamkhy sustained a burn to his left foot at the age of three months. Interplast volunteers released his burn scar contractures during a three hour operation to enable the full function of his foot (February 2012).
Photo: Dr Christopher Lowry

Thank you to our volunteers who have provided many of the images included in this report.



THE REPORT.

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**WE BUILD CAPACITY.
WE EMPOWER COMMUNITIES.
WE LEAVE A LEGACY.**



**WE'RE A STANDOUT.
WE HAVE A GREAT STORY
TO TELL. SHARE OUR SECRET.**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



DAVID INGLIS
PRESIDENT - INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Interplast has a great story to tell. It's a story of more than 21,000 patients receiving life-changing surgical treatment. It's a story where their stories and the stories of their families have been transformed. It's a story of staff training, the passing on of knowledge and leaving a legacy in the regions Interplast visits. Above all, it's a story punctuated with achievements.

This year's chapter has been rewarding.

We have facilitated 48 activities in 31 locations across 17 countries. We implemented 23 surgical activities, which focused on surgery and the practical teaching and training of surgical registrars and other medical staff, 21 training/mentoring/professional development activities and four needs assessments to strengthen future programming. We provided consultations for 2165 patients and performed 1113 life-changing surgical procedures. This translates into the direct transformation of lives. It also highlights Interplast's focus on the importance of capacity building – our development activities almost equal that of our surgical activities. We have always said our aim is to do ourselves out of a job. In some of the areas we visit, we are well on the way to achieving this.

Our commitment to helping to develop the next generation of medical leaders across the Asia Pacific region and beyond is high on our agenda. Our focus on leaving a legacy and building capacity through strengthening, improving and expanding the abilities of in-country

medical personnel is a fundamental component of all our activities. We are committed to rebuilding lives. Through training, support, mentoring, education modules, guidance, monitoring and evaluation, we have empowered local surgeons, nurses, anaesthetists and allied professionals with the skills and knowledge to administer safe and appropriate treatment independently. Evidence of this development is scattered across the countries we visit. It's in Laos, where, following eight years of Interplast training, there is now an independent, highly skilled team of cleft lip and palate surgeons who conduct their own training and treatment activities in provincial centres. In places like Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh and Nepal, Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) courses, delivered in partnership with the Australia and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA), have equipped healthcare providers with the skills to manage severely burnt patients effectively. Most recently in Fiji, we implemented the inaugural Pacific Islands Training Project, which brought together surgical trainees from several Pacific nations, to undertake intensive training in plastic and reconstructive surgery. The results of this capacity building will be long-lasting – improved healthcare, better quality of services and sustainable systems managed by local staff.

Our relationships with key external bodies and partners, as well as Ministries of Health and other in-country supporters have continued to strengthen. Their support must be acknowledged, as they often go well beyond the call of duty in laying the international ground work to accept our visiting teams. The assistance these organisations extend in also identifying appropriate Interplast scholarship recipients ensures our commitment to the transfer of knowledge.

The past year has been one of fundamental change and expansion for Interplast. In addition to delivering a record number of activities, we have continued to work towards ensuring our ongoing accreditation with AusAID, with the further development of our corporate governance, strategies, policies, evaluation and reporting methods, a paramount focus. The past year has also seen the appointment of new staff members to support our growth and progress. While bursting at the seams in our office, the addition of experienced staff to join and support our long-standing staff members has made this restructuring a very exciting time at Interplast. This year has also seen us farewell a few long-serving staff members. On behalf of the Board, I would like to personally acknowledge the wonderful contribution of Terese Karaan and Kirsty Robertson for their commitment to Interplast over the years. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours. An enormous thank you also needs to be

extended to Prue Ingram and the Interplast staff members, who work with passion and enthusiasm, with large workloads, to make things happen.

And finally, before moving on to the next chapters of this annual report, a few expressions of thanks need to be extended. To our highly skilled and dedicated volunteers, we, without a doubt, could not do what we do and succeed without you. To all our supporters and donors, thank you for believing in our cause and making it all happen. To Rotary, your long-lasting commitment and support is forever valued and appreciated. To my fellow Board members, thank you for your invaluable support, knowledge and expertise.

As we head into the next chapter of Interplast's story, our 30th year, we will continue to expand our surgical and development activities in line with our vision, and we hope you will join us in sharing our story.

I am proud to present to you the 29th Annual Report of Interplast Australia & New Zealand.



DAVID INGLIS

President - Interplast Australia & New Zealand

CEO'S REPORT.

In my first year at Interplast, I feel very privileged to be part of an organisation which has such a rich history and has come so far. The backbone of the organisation is our volunteers who are happy to give up their time and leave families behind to do this amazing work. Whether they're working with a surgical team of other volunteers and local health professionals to repair bodies and rebuild lives, mentoring and supporting local medical staff to deliver a workshop or training activity or hosting a study visit, they always do it with the utmost respect and goodwill.

I was very fortunate to be part of the surgical team that visited Vientiane in Laos in February 2012. It was truly a life-changing experience to see all of the above activities in practice. The opportunity to witness the

changes in people's lives from surgical interventions that are commonplace in Australia, as well as witnessing the relationships that have built over time and the amazing support from our local partners, which in this instance, included the Australian embassy staff, was very rewarding.

Of course, none of this can happen without funding, and it's been great to get to know and build links with many of Interplast's supporters. There are too many to mention here but they are certainly acknowledged and thanked in this report and throughout our other communications.

Interplast's staff members are all just as passionate as I am about the work that Interplast does and all work hard to make it happen, from organising the program activities, to seeking funding, to ensuring all our communications truly reflect the work of Interplast and our values as an organisation.

I am looking forward, with the team, to continuing to build on the great work of Interplast as we approach our 30th anniversary to ensure that the life-changing work can continue well into the future.



PRUE INGRAM

Chief Executive Officer - Interplast Australia & New Zealand



OUR PEOPLE.

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

– ChM, 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 (President)*

– BA LLB

Dr Michael McGlynn (Vice President)*

– OAM MBBS FRACS

The Hon Dr Kay Patterson (Vice President)*

– PhD, BA (Hons), Dip. Ed., MAPsS, GAID

Mr John Georgakis (Treasurer)*

– Chartered Accountant

PDG John Barnes (Secretary)*

– Retired Real Estate Agent

Mr Ian Carlisle (Director)

– DDSc MBBS FRACS

PDG Glenn Wran (Director)

– Consultant

Dr Ross Sutton (Director)

– PhD MSC FIAM FASM

Associate Professor Mark Ashton (Director)

– MBBS FRACS

Mr Michael Stillwell (Director)

– MBA (Melb) MAICD

PDG Brian Guest (Director)

– Company Director

Mr Keith Mutimer (Director)

– MBBS FRACS

Patron

Professor Donald R Marshall
– AM MBMS FRACS FACS

Executive Committee

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

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.

Associate Professor Mark Ashton (Chair)

Mr Ian Carlisle

Mrs Catherine Gorr OAM

Ms Jan Rice

Mr Chris Bennett

Ms Angela Doherty

Dr Brendan Butler

Mr Ian Holten

Mrs Leonie Simmons

Dr David Pescod

Mr Nicholas Houseman

Ms Jill Dickinson

Associate Professor Michael Leung

Dr Heather Cleland

Mr Damien Ireland

Mr Anand Ramakrishnan

Mr James Leong

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

The Planning and Evaluation Committee has been established to provide professional advice and assistance to the Board of Directors in the planning and evaluation of Interplast 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 Randall Sach

Mr Ian Holten

Ms Tanya Edmonds

Mrs Narelle Mahony

Dr David Pescod

Mrs Annette Silinzieds

Ms Naanki Pasricha

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.

OUR PEOPLE.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The objective of the Audit 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)
Mrs Mary Traversa
PDG Glenn Wran

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)	D 9465
PDG Ray Stewart	D 9820
PDG John Barnes	D 9810
PDG Glenn Wran	D 9750
PDG Ross Forgione	D 9630
PDG Alan Davies	D 9920
PP Mike McFarlane	D 9800
PDG Bernie Walshe	D 9800

STAFF.

Prue Ingram
Chief Executive Officer

Narelle Mahony
Program Development and Compliance Manager

Santisouk Phongsavan
Senior Program Activities Coordinator

Terese Karaan
Senior Program Activities Coordinator (resigned April 2012)

Jess Howell
Program Activities Coordinator

Kirsty Robertson
Program Activities Coordinator (resigned July 2012)

Anne-Marie Maher
Finance Manager

Christina Leslie
Finance Assistant

Amanda Whitty
Corporate Relations Coordinator

Kerry Loyson
Communications Officer

Glenda Sherwin-Lane
Rotarian Coordinator

Stephanie Thompson
Administration Coordinator

Leonie Simmons
Equipment and Supplies Coordinator

Phyllis Bell
Equipment and Supplies Assistant



**INTERPLAST'S INTENTIONS ARE
SIMPLE. WE EXIST TO REPAIR
BODIES AND REBUILD LIVES.**

**12 MONTHS. 48 ACTIVITIES.
17 COUNTRIES. 21 TRAINING ACTIVITIES.
1113 LIFE-CHANGING PROCEDURES.**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS.





PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

BANGLADESH.

23.8511° N, 89.9250° E

POPULATION: 150,493,658 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR RUSSELL CORLETT.

Since Interplast began activities in Bangladesh in 2004, the focus has been on the implementation of the Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) courses and the Partnership Harmonisation Project. Both are strongly linked with the overall goal of strengthening the capacity of the local health system to provide quality services. In addition, the Hand Therapy Project was initiated in 2007 to improve access to appropriate therapy for Bangladeshi patients. Technical assistance and training through this project have seen the successful introduction of hand therapy services at the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP). In April 2009, a designated hand therapy unit was officially opened at CRP.

Although the Partnership Harmonisation Project has officially concluded, this project has strengthened the relationship between the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB), the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) and the Burns Unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The strengthening of the network between these key organisations has led to continued development and capacity building activities throughout the year, specifically in the area of microsurgery, Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) and hand therapy.

The Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) course in Bangladesh continues to be a great success with the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB) taking on an increased leadership role as secretariat by providing local administrative support and coordination for courses that took place this year. The key to ensuring long-term sustainability of these courses has been the establishment of a nine member Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) committee that includes the country's leading plastic surgeons, pediatric surgeons and general surgeons. Since the courses began, there have been more than 400 medical practitioners participating under the leadership of 41 qualified instructors. This year has seen four Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) provider courses delivered in Dhaka, with 133 Bangladeshi medical professionals trained.

In May and June 2012, two activities in hand and burn therapy were implemented. Four Interplast occupational therapist volunteers conducted training and workshops at the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) and the Dhaka Hand Therapy department.

In February 2012, a team of Interplast volunteers conducted a Microsurgery Anastomosis Workshop at the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. This activity saw the training of 20 local plastic surgeons, including the top four most senior plastic surgeons in Dhaka. As part of the training, the team carried out some reviews of potential cases for surgery, while also performing one operation that was linked by audio-visual to the lecture room and observed by all trainees.

Interplast is committed to supporting the professional development of local medical staff and this year, through the Marshall International Scholarships, Dr Kishore Kumar from the Dhaka Medical College Hospital attended the Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Conference at the Gold Coast. Dr Farzana B Ibrahim, a surgical registrar at the BIRDEM Hospital, was also supported via this scholarship to attend the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in May 2012. Interplast also supported local Bangladeshi practitioner, Dr Abu Jamal, to attend the Australia and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA) Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane. Following this, Dr Jamal spent two weeks observing the work of the Burns Unit at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Dhaka February 2012	Russell Corlett Dean White	David Pescod	Leonie Simmons Annette Silinzieds	1	2

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Gold Coast July 2011	Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Conference	Kishore Kumar (participant)
Brisbane October 2011	Australia and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA) Annual Scientific Meeting	Abu Jamal
Melbourne October 2011	Training attachment at The Alfred Hospital	Abu Jamal
Dhaka November - December 2011	Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) course	Kishore Kumar Shahidul Bari Abu Jamal
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Farzana B Ibrahim (presenter)
Dhaka February 2012	Microsurgery Anastomosis Workshop	Russell Corlett Dean White David Pescod Leonie Simmons Annette Silinzieds
Dhaka March 2012	Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) course	Peter Maitz Karen Joughin Kelly Waddell Atom Rahman (observer)
Dhaka May 2012	Microsurgery training	Russell Corlett Professor G Ian Taylor
Dhaka May 2012	Hand therapy training	Lisa O'Brien Sharon Goldby
Dhaka May 2012	Hand therapy training	Yvonne Fellner Kylie Harrison

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

CAMBODIA.

12.4317° N, 104.5291° E
POPULATION: 14,305,183 (2011)

Acid attacks are a premeditated form of violence that leaves survivors physically, socially and emotionally scarred. The Cambodian Acid Survivors Charity (CASC) is a Cambodian non-government organisation working with survivors of acid attacks by providing appropriate support, including the manufacturing of pressure garments. Pressure garments are worn after a burn to control scarring, to help the scar mature and to improve the appearance of the injured skin. Since 2010, Interplast has supported the CASC pressure garment tailors to strengthen their knowledge in this area by providing skilled training to increase the quality and production of these garments on site. Interplast volunteer, Sr Marie Doolan, spent two weeks in August 2011 at the CASC and facilitated theoretical and practical training in the 'Doolan method' of pressure garment tailoring. From this training, the CASC was able to produce 50 pressure garments.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/ Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Phnom Penh August 2011	Pressure garment training	Sr Marie Doolan



PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

INDONESIA

3.2591° S, 109.7028° E
POPULATION: 242,325,638 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR IAN CARLISLE.

There has been significant progress towards sustainability in Indonesia since Interplast began implementing program activities in 1992. Interplast has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia to improve access to reconstructive plastic surgery for disadvantaged patients and to improve local medical capacity to deliver plastic and reconstructive surgery. Working in cooperation with the Indonesian Association of Plastic Surgeons (PERAPI) to increase the capacity of local plastic and reconstructive surgery, improvements are noticeable. There are now approximately 95 plastic surgeons in Indonesia, with the majority based in the larger centres of Jakarta, Surabaya, Jogjakarta, Bali and Medan. PERAPI has also established its own local social activity to provide treatment to patients in regional and remote areas. However, with 50 per cent of the population living in poverty and an estimated 6000 children born with cleft lip and palate each year, the capacity to treat the numerous cleft cases in the poorer provincial centres is still limited.

This year, Interplast, with a local team, implemented two surgical program activities in Balikpapan and Sumbawa in May to June, providing access to surgical services for 368 consulted patients, with 166 receiving life-changing surgery.

In March 2012, a microsurgery training course was conducted by James Leong in Bali for 40 people from Jakarta, Semarang, Surabaya and Bali. The training was conducted via a live video link to trainees of a microsurgical reconstruction of a patient. This was conducted at the Australian-donated Burn Centre Theatre at Sanglah General Hospital. Under the Marshall International Scholarships, Dr Benni Raymond attended the Cleft & Craniomaxillofacial Anomalies Conference in Melbourne in October 2011 and Dr Nyoman Riasa from the Department of Surgery at Udayana University School of Medicine at Sanglah Hospital, attended the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress in Kuala Lumpur in May 2012. Dr Parintosa Atmodiwirjo, from the Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital in Jakarta, was funded via the

Kevin Egan Scholarship, to attend the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Registrars Training Week in Brisbane in February to March 2012.

In supporting PERAPI with their training activity, Interplast volunteers continue to participate in the PERAPI Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) as guest lecturers. Ian Carlisle and Felix Beehan attended the PERAPI ASM in May 2012 and Ian delivered a keynote lecture titled '22 Years Experience PERAPI and Interplast Australia & New Zealand'. Ian also received the high honour of being acknowledged as an honorary member of PERAPI.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Observers	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Bali March 2012	James Leong	Ian Carlisle	0	1	1
Balikpapan May – June 2012	John de Waal Robert Boyle	John Oswald Rob Ray	Georgie Scott Tiarni Platt	72	95
Sumbawa May - June 2012	Ian Carlisle Anand Ramakrishnan Mansoor Mirkazemi	Scott Fortey Damien Boyd	Kim Willis Jill Dickinson	94	273

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Melbourne October 2011	Cleft & Craniomaxillofacial Anomalies Conference	Benni Raymond (participant)
Bali March 2012	Microsurgery training course	James Leong (presenter) Ian Carlisle (observer)
Brisbane February – March 2012	Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Registrars Training Week	Parintosa Atmodiwirjo
North Sumatra May 2012	PERAPI Annual Scientific Meeting	Ian Carlisle (presenter) Felix Beehan (presenter) Basoeki Koesasi (invitee)
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Nyoman Riasa

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

LAOS

18.2912° N, 103.6069° E
POPULATION: 6,288,037 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR CHRIS BENNETT.

Interplast volunteers began making annual visits to provincial hospitals in Laos with a local team from Mahosot General Hospital in 1996. The intention was to provide access to surgical treatment for patients with cleft lip and palate and training for local medical staff in the rural areas of the country. The result of this has been incredibly successful with the development of the Mahosot Hospital Cleft Team, which, since 2008, has been providing cleft lip and palate services independently of Interplast volunteers. Since then, Interplast has continued to support the team to deliver annual outreach activities to provincial areas and to train local hospital staff. In May 2012, the Mahosot Hospital Cleft Team conducted an outreach program activity to Luang Prabang, where 56 patients were consulted and 36 patients received life-changing procedures.

In addition to this support, Interplast continues to implement activities in the Lao capital, Vientiane. In September 2011 and February 2012, Interplast facilitated two separate volunteer surgical activities. Through this, Interplast was able to provide 224 consultations to individuals, with 133 receiving life-changing surgery. With support from Interplast, through the Marshall International Scholarships, Dr Sithimorada Chayphachanh was also able to attend the Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in May 2012, where he gave a presentation on Mahosot General Hospital's work with Interplast on burn injury management.

The success of Interplast's Laos program is largely as a result of the collaboration with Mahosot General Hospital and the strong support provided by the Australian high commission. Funding from the Women's International Group (WIG) in Laos to support patient funding costs has also been crucial to this program and close liaison with Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise (COPE) to ensure patients have access to appropriate rehabilitation following surgery, has also been important.

Interplast currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lao Ministry of Health and in 2012, a new source of funding support was sourced from Phu Bia Mining. In November 2011, Interplast conducted a scoping visit to Xieng Khouang province, located northeast of Vientiane. The aim of this assessment was to gather evidence for implementing a three-year activity to Xieng Khouang with the funding from Phu Bia Mining.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Planning Activity	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants
Xieng Khouang scoping visit November 2011	Chris Bennett, Kerrie Westwood, Terese Karaan

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Observers	Directors/ Staff	Procedures	Consultations
Vientiane September 2011	Philip Slattery James Savundra	Simon Reilly Stefan Sebato	Samantha Jervios Gillian Bathgate Angela Doherty			47	107
Vientiane February 2012	Philip Slattery James Savundra	Christopher Lowry Megan Gray	Samantha Jervios Gillian Bathgate Beth Sperring	Kimberley Holding (D9465)	Prue Ingram	86	117
Luang Prabang May 2012	Outreach activity conducted by the Laos Cleft Team					36	56

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Sithimorada Chayphachanh (presenter)

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

MONGOLIA.

47.7694° N, 100.1790° E
POPULATION: 2,800,114 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR DAVID PESCOD.

Through cooperation and collaboration between the Mongolian Society of Anaesthetists (MSA), the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA) and Interplast, the Anaesthetic Training Program has made significant progress towards the establishment of a safe anaesthetic training program in Mongolia. The goal is to increase the number and improve the quality of anaesthetists in Mongolia by improving the undergraduate and postgraduate training of anaesthetists. In 2011/2012, Interplast continued to support this initiative through MSA's delivery of the new training program. The year also saw the MSA extend its education role by delivering training in the provinces.

In June 2012, 16 Australian volunteer anaesthetists, three surgeons and five allied health professionals travelled to Ulaanbaatar to assist with the facilitation of the MSA's Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). It is evident improved professionalism, cohesiveness and structured training is already helping to lift the status of anaesthesia in Mongolia and as a result, attract more trainees.

Two Interplast volunteers also conducted an assessment activity in March 2012, accompanying the local cleft and pediatric surgery team on one of their regular outreach visits to Chiobalsan in the Dornod province in eastern Mongolia.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Planning Activity	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants
Dornod province scoping visit March 2012	Heather Cleland Elmo Mariampillai

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/ Presenters/Assessors/ Participants
Ulaanbaatar June 2012	Anaesthetic training	Manash Patel Maggie Wong Phil Popham Kim Fuller David Doolan Debra Devonshire Amanda Baric Ian Hogarth Michelle Chan Hella Deifuss Sam Kennedy Roni Krieser Sion Davies Phillipa Hore Richard Clarke Elmo Mariampillai Binh Nguyen Kim Jansen Emma Readman Rhonda Keenan Stephen Lee Roger Goucke Patricia Clarke Eleanor Teare

MYANMAR (BURMA).

19.8761° N, 96.0452° E
POPULATION: 48,336,763 (2011)

COORDINATOR: DR MICHAEL MCGLYNN OAM.

Since Interplast commenced working in Myanmar in 2001, its activities have focused on improving access to plastic and reconstructive surgery services. There is a high demand for services to treat patients with debilitating disabilities. In cooperation with the Myanmar Ministry of Health and with support from AusAID, Interplast initiated the development of plastic, maxillofacial and oral surgery training and service provision in Myanmar. Since 2003, four surgeons from the Department of Plastic, Maxillofacial and Oral (PMO) Surgery at Yangon General Hospital have been trained in the sub-specialities of pediatric reconstructive surgery, microsurgery, general plastic and reconstructive surgery and burns surgery.

However, Interplast's ability to continue to support the development and establishment of a postgraduate training program in Myanmar was hampered by the impact of Cyclone Nargis and ongoing social unrest and political instability. Interplast's activities recommenced in 2009 with the delivery of training at Yangon General Hospital. However, it was clear that plastic and reconstructive surgery in Myanmar had suffered a significant setback with the loss of key staff coupled with an increase in people requiring plastic and reconstructive surgical services.

With key partners echoing the need for the Interplast training program activity to be re-instated and re-invigorated, and with support from AusAID, Interplast conducted a design mission to Myanmar in June 2011, to meet with key stakeholders, assess the need for services, discuss feasible means of addressing these needs in a sustainable way and develop and cost a program of activities to address the needs. Based on this visit, a comprehensive project proposal was developed and submitted to AusAID for funding consideration. Interplast is actively seeking funding opportunities for this project.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Planning Activity	Health Educators/Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Yangon design visit June 2011	Michael Leung, Ross Sutton, Terese Karaan

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

NEPAL.

27.9389° N, 84.9408° E
POPULATION: 30,485,798 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR DAMIEN GRINSELL.

In 2007, Interplast commenced delivery of comprehensive microsurgery training modules at the PHECT Model Hospital in Kathmandu. While Interplast did not implement any surgical activities in Nepal this year, we did provide ongoing support to the hospital and continued to support local medical staff through training. The local medical staff conducted five independent microsurgery cases and in March 2012, five Nepalese doctors received Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training in Dhaka in Bangladesh. Dr Shankar Man Rai was also supported to attend the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress in Kuala Lumpur in May 2012 as part of the Marshall International Scholarships, where he presented on microsurgery in Nepal.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/ Presenters/Assessors/ Participants
Dhaka, Bangladesh March 2012	Early Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training	Five local Nepalese doctors (participants)
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Shankar Man Rai (presenter)



PHILIPPINES.

11.8728° N, 122.8613° E
POPULATION: 94,852,030 (2011)

COORDINATOR: DR MICHAEL MCGLYNN OAM.

The demand for plastic and reconstructive surgery treatment for patients in the Philippines continues to exceed the services available locally. While the country has a growing number of plastic and reconstructive surgeons, their reach does not extend to adequately meet the needs of the population. Interplast's established partnerships with local non-government organisations and supporting hospitals continue to identify patients who would otherwise go untreated.

This year, Interplast returned to Cagayan de Oro and Baguio City to work with the local teams at the German Doctors Hospital and the Benguet General Hospital. Each of these program activities had a strong focus on the training and mentoring of the local staff. This year, the training, particularly for the nursing personnel, involved practical teaching in theatre and focused on postoperative care.

During the activity to Cagayan de Oro, 91 life-changing surgical procedures were provided as well as 82 patient consultations. The Interplast team was able to visit this area as a result of support from the Rotary Club of Cagayan de Oro City and the Philippine Service of Mercy. In Baguio City, 80 life-changing surgical procedures were provided as well as 73 patient consultations. The team were provided with support from the Save Our School Children Foundation Inc. (SOSCFI) and the Cabrini Sisters of Mercy.

Cases treated by the teams were predominantly cleft lip and palate cases but also included some burn scar contracture releases and other conditions.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Directors/ Staff	Procedures	Consultations
Cagayan de Oro June - July 2011	Michael McGlynn Kevin Ho	John McCarty Anthony Kirkwood Joe McGuinness	Deirdre McGlynn		91	82
Baguio City November 2011	Peter Haertsch Peter Hayward	Lindsay McBride Janet Loughran	Sally Howard Christine Overend Pek Ngo Ong	Stephanie Thompson	80	73

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. ASIA.

SRI LANKA.

7.5653° N, 80.4303° E
POPULATION: 20,869,000 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR RANDALL SACH.

Over the past 11 years, Interplast has assisted with the establishment of plastic and reconstructive surgery training and education in Sri Lanka. We have supported the development of the Plastic Surgery Unit at the Colombo National Hospital (CNH).

In September 2011 and then again in April to May 2012, Interplast delivered two program activities in Colombo. The first activity focused on hand surgery while the second was a continuation of the training in the field of craniomaxillofacial surgery. To continue to build the capacity of local medical personnel, Interplast sponsored local Sri Lankan surgeon, Dr Gayan Ekanayake, to undertake a fellowship at The Royal Children's Hospital and The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. He is currently in Darwin continuing his professional development. During the April to May Interplast visit, Dr Gayan Ekanayake was able to join the team in Colombo where he trained other staff in the field of craniomaxillofacial surgery and took the role of lead surgeon. During Interplast's visits to Sri Lanka this year, 35 life-changing procedures were performed with 92 patients consulted.

In September 2011, a needs assessment to Batticaloa in Sri Lanka was also conducted by Interplast. The assessment, combined with 31 consultations, highlighted a need for plastic surgery services in this area and a recommendation for a program activity to Batticaloa in 2012 has been implemented.

With support from Interplast, through the Marshall International Scholarships, several Sri Lankan medical practitioners were funded to attend various training conferences this year. In July 2011, Dr Gayan Ekanayake attended the Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Conference at the Gold Coast and the Cleft & Craniomaxillofacial Anomalies Conference in Melbourne in October 2011. Dr Kolitha Mahapugge attended the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in May 2012 as well as the Cleft & Craniomaxillofacial Anomalies Conference in Melbourne in October 2011.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Planning Activity	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants	Consultations
Batticaloa scoping visit September 2011	Randall Sach, Greg Hoy, Dulip Perera	31

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Allied Health	Procedures	Consultations
Colombo September 2011	Randall Sach Greg Hoy	Timothy Trott	Marie Beard	Kathy Minchin	25	46
Colombo April-May 2012	Alan Breidahl Agadha Wickremesekera	Indu Kapoor	Lauren Rothwell Pam Weiner		10	46

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants
Gold Coast July 2011	Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Conference	Gayan Ekanayake
Melbourne October 2011	Cleft & Cranio-Maxillofacial Anomalies Conference	Gayan Ekanayake Kolitha Mahappuge (participants)
Melbourne 2011 - 2012	Fellowship at the Royal Children's Hospital and Alfred Hospital	Gayan Ekanayake
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Kolitha Mahapugge

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

FIJI.

18.1667° S, 178.4500° E
POPULATION: 868,406 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR SIMON THOMSON.

In 2010, Interplast celebrated its 100th program to Fiji. This year has seen considerable activity, including three surgical activities, one each to Suva, Lautoka and Labasa, and several training activities. This year, 106 patients in Fiji received life-changing surgical procedures and 251 patient consultations were provided. Training included an Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) course and supporting the attendance of Fijian surgeons and surgical trainees at the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Conference in Brisbane and the Auckland Plastic Surgery Trauma course.

Most notably, Interplast initiated its inaugural Pacific Island Training Project plastic and reconstructive surgery workshop. Funded through AusAID's Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and with the support of the 'Strengthening Specialised Clinical Services in the Pacific' (SSCSiP) program, 21 participants from five Pacific countries came together with six of Australia and New Zealand's leading plastic and reconstructive surgeons. Participants included Master and Diploma of Medicine students as well as surgical registrars and consultants

from around the Pacific, including from Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Samoa and also from Timor Leste.

This workshop was the result of the close and invaluable relationship that Interplast has with the Fiji National University and the Fiji School of Medicine, which hosts the main training avenue for surgeons in the Pacific region.

Over five days, lectures were given on eight major topics of plastic surgery. Practical sessions were facilitated to complement these topics, with participants completing practical exercises at skills stations and assessed on competency. Participants discussed relevant case studies which they presented from their home hospitals, with mentors facilitating discussion. Participants and trainers went on teaching ward rounds and patient consultations prior to the formal teaching program each day to demonstrate patient assessment and engage with trainees. The workshop was a huge success and a second phase is being planned for 2013, as well as an additional, advanced component for selected participants.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Planning Activity	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/Participants
Suva November 2011 Pacific Island Training Project planning visit	Mike Klaassen Simon Thomson Kirsty Robertson

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Observers	Directors/Staff	Procedures	Consultations
Labasa June - July 2011	Chris Bennett David Ying	Alan Wallace	Kerrie Westwood Annette Robson			50	101
Suva October 2011	Jaeme Zwart Daniel Rowe	Sean McManus	Louise Marks Kathleen Suter	Sharon Kinraid (D9550) Barbara Wall (D9690)	Glenda Sherwin-Lane	28	88
Lautoka May 2012	Murray Beagley Craig MacKinnon	Robert Buckland Lisa Ku	Julie Pocock Linda Upton	Peter Signal		28	62

Training Activity	Event	Health Educator/Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Brisbane July 2011	Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Conference	Eddie McCaig Semesa Matanaicake
Suva March 2012	Pacific Island Training Project workshop	Mike Klaassen, Simon Thomson, James Masson, Simon Donahoe, Craig MacKinnon, Richard Wong She (presenters), Eddie McCaig, Semesa Matanaicake Jr, Colin Brook, Dyxon Hansell, Ali Akhtar, Pauliasi Bauleka, Mark Rokobuli, Annette Chang, Savenaca Rusaqoli, Jasprit Singh, Rachna Ran, Alito Soares, Samuel Kemuel, Jone Hawea, Livai Baleivolivoli, Ravuama Raiqisa, Leone Vadei, Esala Vakamacawai, Joao Ximenes, Morath Maire, Josese Turagava, Su Hong (participants)
Suva March 2012	Pacific Island Training Project training attachment	Joao Ximenes (Timor Leste) Morath Maire (PNG)
Suva March 2012	Early Management of Severe Burns (EMBS) training	John Harvey Richard Wong She Peter Maitz Dianne Elfleet Christine Parker Debbie Maize Siobhan Connelly Alison Mustapha
Auckland June 2012	Auckland Plastic Surgery Trauma course	Ifereimi Waqainabete Vaigalo McCraig Sonal Nagra Basharat Munshi Deacon Teapa (Cook Islands) (participants)

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

KIRIBATI.

1.3333° N, 173.0000° E
POPULATION: 101,093 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR MIKLOS POHL.

To date, Interplast has delivered 21 program activities in Kiribati, with the first visit conducted in 1986. 1731 patients have been consulted and 1184 surgical procedures performed. Since 1995, funding for this program has been received primarily through the AusAID Pacific Islands Project (PIP). Programs have been delivered at Tungaru Central Hospital in Tarawa with patients coming in from the surrounding islands and remote areas.

With such a small population and ongoing health resource challenges, such as the emigration of medical staff, there is little likelihood of Kiribati obtaining self-sufficiency in the delivery of plastic and reconstructive surgery services in the medium to long term. The provision of training in basic reconstructive surgery procedures for local surgeons and trainees is a priority for all Interplast activities, however, sustainability in providing more complex treatment is more likely to be achieved at a regional level. Kiribati's

surgical trainee, Dr Kabiri Tuneti, is currently undertaking his Diploma of Surgery at Fiji School of Medicine. Interplast works with the Tungaru Central Hospital in close partnership with Dr Ben Oten and his team.

This year, Interplast delivered one surgical service program activity to Kiribati. During this visit in October 2011, 86 life-changing surgical procedures were provided as well as 112 patient consultations.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Tarawa October 2011	Miklos Pohl Alfred Lewis	Andrew Jowitt	Fiona Podbury	86	112

NAURU.

0.5273° S, 166.9367° E
POPULATION: 9,322 (2010)

In August 2011, Interplast was invited to send a team to visit the Republic of Nauru (RON) Hospital in Nauru to provide plastic and reconstructive surgery services and specifically treat a number of patients, primarily cleft lip and palate and hypospadias cases, who had been waiting for treatment for a long time. There are no surgeons trained to provide this type of specialist treatment in Nauru and Nauru does not receive many visiting medical teams. With financial support from a benefactor in Australia, Interplast was able to make its second visit to Nauru, having previously been in 1990. Interplast was delighted to be able to respond to the request for a return visit to provide treatment and training in 2011.

During the visit, 33 consultations were conducted and 15 surgical procedures took place. Dr Constantinos Kolivas and Dr Robert Stunden gave presentations on hypospadias and neo-natal resuscitation for local medical staff. Training was predominantly by way of practical teaching undertaken both in the clinic and in theatre. The Interplast surgeons were able to give clinical guidance and

education during each surgical procedure, and similarly, the anaesthetist and nurses were able to coach their local counterparts about procedures in theatre regarding various aspects of recovery and postoperative care.

With a very small population and an official birth rate of around 300 per year in Nauru, regular Interplast visits are not deemed necessary, however, local practitioners are keeping a register of birth defects to anticipate when future visits may be required.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Nauru July - August 2011	Kirstie Macgill Robert Stunden	Constantinos Kolivas	Bernice McInnes Keiren Box Suzan Barker Michelle Crosby	15	33

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

5.9054° S, 147.4080° E
POPULATION: 7,013,829 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR SIMON DONAHOE.

Papua New Guinea continues to be one of Interplast's bigger programs. With only two qualified plastic and reconstructive surgeons and one trainee to service a population of over seven million, Interplast plays a significant role in PNG in providing access to much needed services.

This year, Interplast has had great success in facilitating regular service visits, particularly in the Highlands of PNG. We have also focused our efforts on building capacity by including local surgical trainee, Dr Morath Maire, on all Interplast activities, as well as providing training and mentoring to the local nurses, anaesthetists and other medical staff. Service visits this year included two visits to Mt Hagen, one to Wewak and a specialist hand surgery activity to Madang. 488 consultations and 138 life-changing surgical procedures were undertaken in PNG this year.

Interplast has developed a new teaching model in response to a request from the Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH) to facilitate regular mentoring visits to Port Moresby and deliver specific training in plastic and reconstructive surgery topics to their Masters of Surgery trainees. Topics are specific to the needs of the local population – for example, hand surgery to treat machete wounds, head and neck surgery to treat the many tumours and cancers, burns surgery to treat the large volume of burns patients (particularly in the Highlands) and cleft surgery for the congenital anomalies, which continue to present on Interplast activities in PNG.

The relationships that have been built with the PMGH and the PNG School of Medicine and Health Sciences are crucial to the delivery of activities in PNG. PNG remains drastically under-resourced in the area of health services and therefore, it can be expected that both service and training visits will remain a priority in PNG in the foreseeable future.

Dr John Maihua, PNG's only practising plastic and reconstructive surgeon, was supported by Interplast to attend the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons

Conference in Brisbane, which proved to be an excellent networking and professional development opportunity. In partnership with the Australia and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA), Interplast also ran an Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training course for providers and trainers in Madang. This involved nine experts from Australia and New Zealand teaming up with local medical practitioners to develop and implement the course and supporting the local staff to run the course in the future.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Allied Health	Observers	Directors/ Staff	Procedures	Consultations
Mt Hagen & Wewak August 2011	Simon Donahoe Morath Maire	Christopher Lowry	Christine Hunter Catherine Gorr				58	218
Mt Hagen January 2012	Simon Donahoe Morath Maire John Maihua	Elmo Mariampillai	Christine Hunter		Patrice Robinson (D9630) Sarah Rhodes (Photographer)	Kerry Loyson	58	216
Madang February 2012	James Masson Peter Maloney Morath Maire	Andries Coetzer	Tegan Packer	Judith Morrin	Brett Popplewell (Avant)		22	54

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/ Assessors/Participants
Brisbane July 2011	Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Conference	John Maihua (participant)
Port Moresby February 2012	Hand surgery training	James Masson (presenter) Peter Maloney (presenter) Morath Maire (participant)
Madang May 2012	Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) training	David Milliss Nick Cheng Sally Langley Emile Tahtouh Simon Hendle Jill Claussen Alison Mustapha Anne Darton Siobhan Connelly (presenters)

PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

SAMOA.

13.7745° S, 172.0428° W
POPULATION: 183,874 (2011)

COORDINATOR: DR BENJAMIN NORRIS.

To date, Interplast has delivered 28 activities in Samoa, with the very first Interplast activity delivered in 1983. 2317 patients have been consulted and 1138 surgical procedures performed. Programs have been delivered at Tupua Tamasese Mea'ole (TTM) Hospital in Apia, with patients coming in from the surrounding islands and remote areas.

During 2011/2012, Interplast delivered one surgical service program activity to Samoa, partly funded through the AusAID Pacific Islands Project (PIP). Samoa remains one of the more service-oriented programs in the Pacific due to the limitation of available personnel qualified to train. Samoan surgical trainee, Dr Dyxon Hansell, is in his final year of his Master of Surgery at Fiji School of Medicine. Interplast works within the TTM Hospital in Samoa's capital, Apia, in close partnership with head of surgery, Dr Aleki Fuimaro and his team.

During Interplast's visit to Samoa in August 2011, 43 life-changing surgical procedures were provided as well

as 78 patient consultations. Dr Hansell also attended the Auckland Plastic Surgery Trauma course, supported by Interplast, and was a participant in the Pacific Island Training Project's plastic surgery workshop in Fiji. During Interplast's visit to Apia, local medical personnel, including nurses and anaesthetists, received training and mentoring from the Interplast team.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Apia August 2011	Benjamin Norris Damian Marucci	Alan Goodey	Simone Kairouz Mary-Jane Laing	43	78

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/ Participants
Auckland June 2012	Auckland Plastic Surgery Trauma course	Dyxon Hansell



PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

8.9389° S, 159.5305° E

POPULATION: 552,267 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR DARRELL NAM.

Interplast has been providing access to plastic and reconstructive surgery services and training in the Solomon Islands since 1984. During this time, 1092 patients have been consulted and 1710 surgical procedures performed. Interplast has concentrated its services at the National Referral Hospital (NRH) in Honiara which provides secondary care for Honiara, Guadalcanal and neighbouring provinces, as well as some tertiary care services for the nation. Attracting and maintaining skilled, experienced (local and ex-pat) medical, nursing and paramedical staff, limits the hospital's ability to provide specialist services in medicine, surgery, obstetrics and anaesthetics. While local capacity to deliver these services is slowly developing, there is still a heavy reliance on ex-pat staff and visiting medical teams to facilitate services.

At the NRH, Interplast teams work closely with consultant general surgeon, Dr Rooney Jagilly. Cases presenting to visiting Interplast teams generally comprise congenital hand deformities, cleft lip and palate, hand injuries and burn scar contractures. Dr Mickey Olangi and Dr Scott Siota are currently completing their surgical training at the University of Papua New Guinea and are due to sit their final exams at the end of 2012. Both of these trainees have an interest in plastic surgery and one will be selected to undertake training in plastic surgery in the future.

Interplast delivered two surgical service activities in the Solomon Islands in 2011/2012, one at each end of the financial year. In July 2011, the visit saw 71 patient consultations and 44 surgical procedures, and in June 2012, 60 consultations and 43 surgical procedures were performed. During the June 2012 activity, Interplast volunteers also visited the Gizo hospital to undertake a hospital assessment and found that the newly rebuilt hospital is in excellent condition to receive future Interplast visits.

In addition to the surgical service activities delivered in the Solomon Islands, Interplast has delivered specific training activities during 2011/2012. The Solomon Islands Nurse Training Program has grown from an Interplast

visit to Honiara in 2009, where it was observed that the surgical nursing staff felt unprepared to manage many of the Interplast patients, with general nursing standards and management of patients on the ward identified as very basic. In successive years since, Interplast has run a number of training visits, with nurse educators from Australia visiting Honiara to facilitate training and mentoring programs with nurses and nurse management. This year, the focus of this training was wound management, obstetric emergencies, ward routines, neo-natal resuscitation and diabetes-related wounds.



PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Observers	Directors / Staff	Procedures	Consultations
Honiara July 2011	Darrell Nam Anand Ramakrishnan	Vernon Moo	Jodie Ayton Jan Sloan			44	71
Honiara June 2012	Darrell Nam Mark Lee	Vernon Moo	Jan Sloan Fiona Webster	Colin McDonald (D9810) Keith Corbett (D9790)	John Barnes	43	60

Training Activity	Event	Health Educators/Presenters/Assessors/ Participants
Honiara February 2012	Solomon Islands Nurse Training Program	Jan Rice, Jennifer Noble



PROGRAM SUMMARIES. PACIFIC.

TONGA.

19.6964° S, 175.0270° W
POPULATION: 104,509 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR MARTIN REES.

To date, Interplast has delivered 32 activities in Tonga, with the first undertaken in 1983. 2345 patients have been consulted and 1404 surgical procedures performed. Since 1995, funding for the Tonga program has been received primarily through the AusAID Pacific Islands Project (PIP). There are four hospitals in Tonga, however, the activities are centred at Vaiola Central Hospital in Nuku'alofa, with patients coming in from surrounding islands and remote areas. Previously, activities have also been delivered at Prince Ngu Hospital on Vava'u. Options for the facilitation of future program activities at this location are currently being investigated.

During 2011/2012, Interplast delivered one surgical service program activity to Tonga. Although the program to Tonga is predominantly service-oriented, building the capacity of local personnel is still a major focus. Interplast teams work closely with local medical staff, overseen by Dr Saia Piulala, a general surgeon at Vaiola Central Hospital in

Nuku'alofa. Tongan surgical trainee, Dr Alamea Aholelei, is in her final year of her Master of Surgery at Fiji School of Medicine. Unfortunately, she was not able to join the Interplast team in 2011/2012 as she was undertaking exams in Fiji, but her participation will be encouraged for future activities to complement her formal training.

During Interplast's visit to Tonga in 2011, 68 life-changing surgical procedures were provided as well as 102 patient consultations. Burn scar contractures represented a considerable case load on the 2011 Interplast visit to Tonga, and early treatment of burns remains a priority to prevent deformities.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Observers	Procedures	Consultations
Nuku'alofa November 2011	James Leong William Blake	Alexandru Borsaru	Anne Sutherland Lynette Maclean	Eileen Doyle Bill Doyle	68	102

VANUATU.

17.7500° S, 168.3000° E
POPULATION: 245,619 (2011)

COORDINATOR: MR IAN HOLTEN.

To date, Interplast has delivered 25 program activities in Vanuatu, with the first conducted in 1985. 1232 patients have been consulted and 766 surgical procedures performed. Since the instigation of the AusAID Pacific Islands Project (PIP) in 1995, program funding has primarily been received via this project, with some activities funded through Rotary in recent years. In addition to activities delivered at Port Vila Central Hospital, teams have also travelled to the outer Islands of Santo and Tanna. While the need for access to services is great, these visits have been hampered by the travel distance and limited physical hospital resources which restrict the types of surgery that can be safely undertaken.

This year, Interplast delivered one surgical service program activity in Vanuatu. Vanuatu remains one of the more service-oriented programs in the Pacific due to the limitation of available personnel to undertake training. Surgeons are kept extremely busy with general surgery cases and cases requiring specialist treatment, including plastic and reconstructive cases, are often postponed until

a visiting team such as Interplast arrives. However, visiting Interplast teams to Vanuatu in recent years have noticed a significant improvement in the quality of staff and services at Port Vila Hospital.

During the 2012 Interplast program activity, 27 life-changing surgical procedures were undertaken and 37 patients were consulted by the Interplast team in Vila. Dr Samuel Kemuel, identified to become Vanuatu's general surgery trainee with a sub-speciality in plastic surgery, also participated in the Interplast Pacific Islands Training Project workshop in Suva in Fiji. During Interplast's visit to Vila, local medical personnel, including nurses and anaesthetists, received training and mentoring from the Interplast team.

PROGRAM PROFILE.

Surgical Activity	Surgeons	Anaesthetists	Nurses	Procedures	Consultations
Port Vila April 2012	Ian Holten Mark Duncan-Smith	John Oswald	Sue McMillan Tanya Karal Deanne O'Connor	27	37

OUR WORK TO DATE.

YEAR	NO. OF PROGRAMS	COUNTRIES	CONSULTATIONS	PROCEDURES
1983 - 1984	11	6	848	440
1984 - 1985	12	8	1041	489
1985 - 1986	17	8	1454	731
1986 -1987	17	7	1289	635
1987 - 1988	10	6	817	369
1988 - 1989	18	8	1600	865
1989 - 1990	17	8	1096	691
1990 - 1991	18	11	1337	735
1991 - 1992	13	9	1042	588
1992 - 1993	13	9	849	479
1993 - 1994	12	7	959	587
1994 - 1995	16	8	933	553
1995 - 1996	17	11	1265	699
1996 - 1997	14	9	1037	596
1997 - 1998	15	10	960	586
1998 - 1999	17	9	1196	781
1999 - 2000	20	12	1255	774
2000 - 2001	16	12	1076	729
2001 - 2002	15	11	988	693
2002 - 2003	20	12	1025	681
2003 - 2004	22	16	1525	983
2004 - 2005	22	15	1608	952
2005 - 2006	29	18	2301	1404
2006 - 2007	26	15	1681	967
2007 - 2008	31	14	926	680
2008 - 2009	29	13	727	546
2009 - 2010	41	15	1507	909
2010 - 2011	43	16	1511	937
2011 - 2012	48	17	2165	1113
TOTAL	599		36,018	21,192



SCHOLARSHIPS.

Interplast is committed to the future. Our mentoring focus and dedication to building local capacity by equipping in-country medical personnel with the skills to administer safe and appropriate treatment for their communities is high on our agenda. As part of this commitment, we administer a number of scholarships directed towards developing the next generation of medical leaders through training and cultural exchange.

MARSHALL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Established to acknowledge the contribution of our inaugural patron and past president of 16 years, Professor Donald R Marshall AM, the Marshall International Scholarships are intended to 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 retirement as President, the scholarships are open to residents of Australia, New Zealand and our neighbouring countries who have demonstrated significant commitment in the field of surgery and allied health services.

Marshall International Scholarships	Event	Recipients
Gold Coast July - August 2011	Australian Society of Plastic Surgery Conference	Eddie McCaig (Fiji) Semese Matanaicake (Fiji) Gayan Ekanayake (Sri Lanka) Kishore Kumar (Bangladesh) John Maihua (PNG)
Melbourne October 2011	Cleft & Craniomaxillofacial Anomalies Conference	Gayan Ekanayake (Sri Lanka) Kolitha Mahappuge (Sri Lanka) Benni Raymond (Indonesia)
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 2012	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Congress	Kolitha Mahapugge (Sri Lanka) Farzana B Ibrahim (Bangladesh) Shankar Man Rai (Nepal) Sithimorada Chayphachanh (Laos) Nyoman Riasa (Indonesia)

KEVIN EGAN SCHOLARSHIP.

This scholarship from Melbourne University was originally established by Melbourne University Private at the request of Mr Kevin Egan on his retirement. Each year, the scholarship facilitates the attendance of an overseas trainee at the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Registrars Training Week. The scholarship intends not only to empower the next generation of practitioners through training but also provide an opportunity for links to be developed between future plastic and reconstructive surgeons in several countries.

Kevin Egan Scholarship	Event	Recipients
Brisbane February – March 2012	Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons Registrars Training Week	Parintosa Atmodiwirjo (Indonesia)

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.

Harold McComb Scholarship	Event	Recipients
Mqanduli District, South Africa December 2011	Elective at Zithulele Hospital	Trent Little (Australia)

VALE.

HAROLD MCCOMB

The President, Board of Directors and the wider Interplast community extends our sincere condolences to the family of Harold McComb on his death. An integral part of the development of Interplast in its surgical and training activities, particularly in Laos, Harold was a valued volunteer plastic surgeon for many years and member of the Board of Directors from 1993 to 2001. He will be fondly remembered by all at Interplast.





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Thank you to our passionate and dedicated volunteers. The backbone of our organisation, they are, without a doubt, the bricks and mortar of Interplast. Their commitment to making a difference in our neighbouring communities, coupled with their enthusiasm to empower their international colleagues with the knowledge and skills to act independently, is admirable, to say the least. They give of their time and expertise and often stretch themselves far beyond the call of duty. Thanks to all our volunteer country coordinators and committee and working group members, too. And, our thanks are also extended to our volunteers' families and colleagues who willingly support them while they volunteer with Interplast.

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A giant thumbs up needs to be extended to all those who support in other ways. To those who attend our fundraising events – thank you for your support. Thank you to all the staff members at GFM Removals for staying up late and waking up early to deliver or collect our equipment from the airport. Thank you to Air Nuigini, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Virgin Australia who regularly waive our hefty excess baggage fees. Thanks to Ability Press and Colorpoint for assisting with our printing needs and to Patrick at Egg Creative for creating the materials to print. Our sincerest of thanks are extended to the Australian Government and its high commissions and embassies for their significant support of our work. We are also so grateful for our continued association with other organisations such as the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), who also assist with providing office accommodation and administrative support, Rotary, Australia and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA), Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA), the Australian Hand Surgery Society, the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the New Zealand Society of Plastic Surgeons, ROMAC and Children First Foundation.

Well, there you have it. To all our supporters, big or small, thank you.

ROTARIAN SUPPORT.

TO EACH AND EVERY ROTARY DISTRICT, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THIS YEAR ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS.

It's been a year of achievements. We've consulted 2165 patients and transformed 1113 lives through surgery. We've trained and mentored locals across the Asia Pacific region by committing to their future and developing the next generation of medical leaders. We've continued to leave a legacy. Our year has seen expansion into new areas and scoping assessments for our future footprints. It's also the first year, on record, that every Rotary District in Australia and most in New Zealand has donated to our cause!

Rotarians are a central thread throughout our organisation. Integrally involved in the establishment of Interplast in 1983 with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Rotary has been a constant throughout the decades and continues to play a key role in Interplast's bright future. This year, Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand have contributed directly to fulfilling Interplast's aims by flying our flag through their ongoing, generous support. You've contributed over half a million dollars to empowering our neighbours through enabling surgical treatment for patients and training for local medical staff. Thank you to all the Interplast District Chairs in particular, who committed themselves to making a difference in our neighbouring communities by keeping their fellow Rotarians informed about our work. Thank you for spreading our word. We couldn't repair bodies and rebuild lives without ambassadors like you sharing our secret. Appropriate acknowledgement needs to be extended to all the Rotary clubs and Rotarians who've gone above, beyond and have been creative in their fundraising initiatives. There's nothing like thinking outside the square, and we're so appreciative of the dedicated initiative taken in raising much-needed funds for our work. We also need

to acknowledge Interplast volunteers, Dr Michael Klaassen and RN Georgie Scott, who were recently recognised as Paul Harris Fellows for their humanitarian service through Interplast. Our gratitude is also extended to the army of knitters, from Tennant Creek to the Blue Mountains (and everywhere in between), who provide our patients with a comforting teddy bear. We certainly couldn't conclude without extending a very large thank you to the Rotarian Committee members who gave freely of their time to promote the work of Interplast, advising the Board on all matters pertaining to Rotary. Your knowledge and expertise are much appreciated.

Thank you for making it a huge success by supporting our cause. All of the Districts donated. And that's worth celebrating. Our 30th year will see us grow and expand and we do hope you'll join us with even more support and enthusiasm.

D9455 (49 CLUBS)

Belmont*
Kalamunda**
Karrinyup
Mundaring
Nedlands
Private / Business (1)

D9465 (53 CLUBS)

Ascot*
Fremantle
Rockingham
Rossmoyne
South Perth Burswood
Willetton
Kalgoorlie-Boulder*
Rotary Club of Kenwick
Direct Debit Project* (82 small businesses and individuals)
Private / Business (2)

D9500 (51 CLUBS)

Adelaide
Mawson Lakes

D9520 (53 CLUBS)

Brownhill Creek
Coromandel Valley
Flagstaff Hill
Marion
Mount Barker
Norwood
Red Cliffs

D9550 (49 CLUBS)

Ayr
Cairns Marlin Coast
Port Douglas
Tennant Creek

D9570 (47 CLUBS)

Kiama
Walkerston

D9600 (68 CLUBS)

- incl Nauru, PNG, Solomon Islands)
Private/Business (3)

D9630 (48 CLUBS)

Archerfield
Brisbane Centenary
Cleveland
Dalby
Ipswich City
Ipswich North
Mitchell
Redlands Bayside
Rocklea
Sunnybank Hills
Toowoomba North
Rotaract Club of South West
Brisbane
Private / Business (2)

D9640 (56 CLUBS)

Boonah
Mullumbimby
Private/Business (1)

D9650 (56 CLUBS)

Armidale
Coffs Harbour Daybreak
Coonamble
Gunnedah
Kempsey West
Port Macquarie West
Tamworth First Light
Tamworth-On-Peel
Taree

D9670 (49 CLUBS)

Belmont NSW
Cardiff
Denman
Dubbo South
Maitland Sunrise
Morisset
Mudgee Sunrise
Nelson Bay
Newcastle Sunrise
Paterson
Rylstone-Kandos
Salamander Bay
Wallsend-Maryland
Wellington NSW

D9680 (66 CLUBS)

Hornsby
Hunters Hill
North Sydney Sunrise
Northbridge
St Ives
Private/Business (2)

D9690 (34 CLUBS)

Blackheath
Blacktown City
Central Blue Mountains
Hawkesbury
Katoomba
Lower Blue Mountains
Padstow
Penrith Valley
Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise
Lithgow (the Satellite Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise)
Inner Wheel Club of Parramatta
Private/Business (42)

D9700 (42 CLUBS)

Boorowa
Griffith
Murrumburrah-Harden
Temora
Wagga Wagga
Young

D9710 (48 CLUBS)

Belconnen
Bowral Mittagong
Canberra-Weston Creek
Cooma
Gerrigong Sunrise
Pambula
Private/Business (1)

D9750 (52 CLUBS)

Campbelltown
Corrimal
Sydney CBD
Private/Business (1)

D9780 (59 CLUBS)

Ararat
Ballarat East
Ballarat South
Ballarat West
Geelong East
Geelong West
Grovedale
Hamilton North
Highton
Highton Kardinia
Horsham East
Kaniwa
Kerang
Millicent
Portland Bay
Queenscliffe
Terang
Torquay
Warrnambool
Warrnambool Central
Warrnambool Daybreak
Private/Business (2)

D9790 (62 CLUBS)

Albury
Alexandra
Belvoir-Wodonga
Lavington
Moreland
Preston
Sunbury
Tatura
Yea
Private/Business (1)

D9800 (70 CLUBS)

Boroondara
Canterbury
Carlton
Glen Eira
Keilor East
Melbourne
Point Gellibrand
Brimbank Central
Private/Business (9)

D9810 (49 CLUBS)

Bentleigh Moorabbin Central
Box Hill
Clayton
Dingley Village
Lilydale
Monbulk
Moorleigh Moorabbin
Mordialloc
Nunawading
Ringwood
Templestowe
Warrandyte Donvale
Waverley
Private/Business (7)

D9820 (47 CLUBS)

Bairnsdale Sunrise
Berwick
Dandenong
Drouin
Foster
Hazelwood
Inverloch
Koo-wee-rup
Korumburra
Leongatha
Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Moe
Mount Eliza
Mount Martha
Narre Warren**
Rosebud-Rye
Sorrento
Wonthaggi
Yarram
Private/Business (5)

D9830 (48 CLUBS)

Deloraine
Devonport North
Evandale
Hobart*
Sandy Bay
Ulverstone

NEW ZEALAND**DISTRICT 9930**

Hutt City (D9940)
Riccanton (D9970)
Alexandra (D9980)

* Clubs which donated \$20,000 or more

** Clubs which donated \$15,000 or more

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DIFFERENCE OF A LIFETIME. IN JUST A
FEW HOURS.**

FEEDBACK FROM THE FRONT LINE.



BRIAN'S STORY

VOLUNTEER BOARD DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF
THE ROTARIANS COMMITTEE



BRIAN IN FIJI WITH AMANDA WHITTY, INTERPLAST'S
CORPORATE RELATIONS COORDINATOR (LAUTOKA, 2011)

IT'S REALLY QUITE
WONDERFUL WHAT
WE DO

Like all Interplast Directors, Brian volunteers his time, knowledge and expertise as a member of the Board. A Rotarian for more than 20 years, his commitment to upholding the organisation's corporate governance responsibilities and his guidance on all things Rotary, has seen him captivated by the Interplast cause. For Brian, Interplast's "powerful" work is all about how we empower not only the patient, but also the families and communities to which they belong.

"If you throw a stone into the middle of a lake, there's not just the initial impact it makes, but you can watch the ripples go right across the lake - that's what Interplast does," says Brian. "I think as outsiders, when people look at it, you see a child getting a cleft lip or a cleft palate repaired or someone getting some burn scars repaired and you think of the impact that's going to have on that one person's life but it's only when you go and actually see the extended family who are there looking after that person, that you realise it's not just that person's life - it's affecting a huge amount of people. You're changing a whole family's life. And, it's not even just the family; it could be a whole village it's changing. I think the power of what we do sometimes goes unheeded. It's really quite wonderful what we do."

Proud to be associated, not only with Interplast, but also with Rotary, who were integrally involved in the establishment of Interplast, alongside the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1983, he acknowledges the importance of having had Rotary involved from the early days. "If Interplast had never had Rotary as part of it, I don't think it would be nearly as big and powerful as it is today," he says. "I think the Rotarians can stand back and look at what Interplast does and say, 'Wow, that is just one magnificent program.' I think Rotary's been very important for Interplast and will continue to be." While Brian admits it'd be an "absolute miracle" if he was able to do what the surgeons and nurses do, his contributions so far, through raising awareness and campaigning for the cause to as many as possible, is playing a very important part in piecing our puzzle together: "I just see what these people do, the nurses and the anaesthetists and the surgeons and I take my hat off to them! They're really special people and they're really making a difference in this world. The only way I can be part of it is by going out and promoting it and that's what I do."

POST CARD

JOHN'S STORY

PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ONLY PRACTISING PLASTIC SURGEON



JOHN WORKING ALONGSIDE THE INTERPLAST TEAM IN PNG (MT HAGEN, 2012)

**INTERPLAST HAS LITERALLY
AND SIGNIFICANTLY
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EDUCATION**

"Papua New Guinea has a very unique set of problems. It is a third world country, a developing country and the healthcare is a complex issue. More than half our population is illiterate and not well educated and they live out in the rural areas, so those factors make healthcare delivery extremely difficult. For instance, we have a population that's rurally based, about 80 per cent, and to get a person who's injured from a rural area is very difficult because the transportation system doesn't exist, or is totally unreliable, or the infrastructure that is needed, like roads and bridges, are absent and missing. Air strips are quite dangerous and not safe enough for aeroplanes. So, given that environment and those conditions, it is very difficult to manage reliable health services in the country. So that's where plastic surgery is affected – injuries, deformities and disabilities are left up until they are well advanced or children with disabilities grow into teenagers and adults before specialised services like plastic surgery can be used to help them. Over the years, Interplast has significantly contributed to my training. Initially in early 2001, when I started in training, I was attached to the visiting teams. Then I got into the program formally and Interplast arranged for my overseas attachment in Adelaide, without which I would have found it extremely difficult to secure my training overseas which is a University requirement on the plastics training program. Interplast has literally and significantly supported my training and continued medical education."

ELMO'S STORY

REGULAR VOLUNTEER ANAESTHETIST

**THE TRAINING AND TEACHING
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THE ACTUAL WORK**



ELMO ASSESSING A PATIENT IN FIJI (LAUTOKA, 2011)

Elmo always knew he'd become a volunteer. A starred feature on his bucket list, volunteering always sparked a strong interest. That interest became a reality in 2011 and since then, Elmo's become a dedicated, passionate and repeated volunteer for Interplast. His regular involvement has seen him journey from Mongolia to Papua New Guinea and it seems he may have caught this volunteering bug during his childhood.

"I think a lot of it is to do with how you're brought up," he explains of his volunteering fervour. "My dad's always had an affinity with this and was always involved with the community and doing work, not just in medicine, and I guess it's just a part of what I was exposed to when I was growing up. It's just something you want to continue to do when you can. I think in the medical profession and in the things that we do, we're very privileged to be able to be given the opportunity to go overseas and do this sort of work." Having left Sri Lanka at the age of six, Elmo's decision to enter into the field of anaesthesia, in order to pursue overseas volunteering opportunities, has provided him with unique experiences: "For people who are keen to volunteer, I think Interplast provides that service to be able to work overseas in a very safe environment. Each time you go away and come back, I always feel like I gain as much out of it as the work that you do and the work that you put out there. Obviously, it's very rewarding because a lot of the things that you do for the people in the community or the patients wouldn't have the ability to get done if you weren't there. But also, you meet some really interesting people, you hear their stories about their lives, what they've had to go through and you learn more about people and more about the cultures than you would if you just go there."

Also drawn to Interplast as a result of the administrative ease of volunteering, as well as the emphasis placed on empowerment and training, Elmo's level of reward is gained from the volunteers' ability to pass on knowledge. "I think that's possibly one of the main reasons why Interplast, as a group, are unique," he says of the constant focus on developmental activities. "The training and teaching part of it is probably nearly as rewarding, if not more rewarding, than the actual work because we are able to make a longer, sustainable change." This sustainable effect, not only for the medical system, but also for the extended communities, is evidenced through one of Elmo's most memorable patient stories: "We did a cleft lip patient in Papua New Guinea, I think it was a three-month-old and the mum was ostracized from the tribe because she had a child with a cleft lip. So she moved away from the community and was having marital problems with her husband as well and in just that simple operation, she was invited back to the community! We made a pretty big change because all of a sudden she was happy and everyone was playing with the child again. That's a pretty memorable story."

LEONIE'S STORY

INTERPLAST STAFF MEMBER
AND VOLUNTEER NURSE

Meet Interplast's equipment girl. Crowned with this title 10 years ago, Leonie's seen the organisation evolve from humble beginnings, where all the medical equipment used to fit in the back of her car, to an organisation with a proud history. 300 kilos of equipment per activity later, Leonie's time as an Interplast volunteer and staff member couldn't make her prouder.

"It makes you feel good doing both!" she explains of her joint Interplast titles. "It makes you quite proud because, especially when you're going with a new surgeon or a new anaesthetist and it's their first time, they're always blown away by Interplast. It makes you proud when they say, 'This is really good, isn't it?' It's really well organised!" Having volunteered on more than 20 activities, it was her first to Vanuatu, which really drew her in. "It was really great. It certainly sucks you in, doesn't it?" she says. "Once you see it all happening for real... that's what changes it. Once you've gone on your first program." And the impact on her, as a volunteer nurse, is undeniable: "I think it just changes you and it makes you appreciate your life and everything that you have so much more. I think the more you see of the world, the more you appreciate what you have at home. As wonderful as it is to go on these trips, it's even better to come home."

Acknowledging Interplast's evolution from the early days of "no interviews" to an organisation with "policies and position descriptions" the growth of the organisation has led to increased recognition and funding. "I think we were a well kept secret for too long and too many people didn't realise all the things that we do," she says. "I think that by expanding it's given us a lot more opportunity to get more funds and therefore, more programs." This growth has also extended into the countries Interplast visits, with Nepal proving to be a representation of significant change and improvement for Leonie: "We went there from not having any microsurgical services to them doing independent cases now and then training other people to do them. I think that's probably one of the biggest ones that has been really noticeable."

After all these years volunteering, Leonie still finds one element of the volunteering cycle particularly confronting. "The hardest part of any program is doing the clinic and turning people away," she explains. "You sometimes have to make yourself a little bit hard, too. Personally, the hardest part for me, and I think it's once you're a mother, it's seeing other



LEONIE HAPPY AT WORK ON ONE OF HER MANY
VOLUNTEERING TRIPS (KATHMANDU, 2007)

THE HARDEST PART OF ANY PROGRAM IS DOING THE CLINIC AND TURNING PEOPLE AWAY

parents with their kids. They turn up with all this hope at a clinic and there are some that you can help and then there are others that you can't. The most confronting part is telling the parents that there's nothing you can do for their kid. That's the hardest part – seeing the faces of parents. And it's really sad because you think, 'Wow, if they were born in Australia they would be treated, they would be cured,' but they're in the backlots of Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, the work is just insurmountable. They really are the poorest of the poor there. It's just full on. There are just seas and seas of people that need you there. But, you have to admire that they just don't give up. They're just trying to chip away at that huge pile of patients that they've got with limited resources."



KYLIE DEMONSTRATING A TECHNIQUE TO BANGLADESHI HAND THERAPIST, RUBEL (DHAKA, 2012)

**BEING INVOLVED IN
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IN A COUNTRY IS
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AND REWARDING.**

KYLIE'S STORY

HAND THERAPIST AND FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEER

"I absolutely loved my first experience! I've come in on the tail end of Interplast's Bangladesh hand therapy program, where the other hand therapists had been involved for about four or five years. Being involved in really establishing a profession in a country is extremely exciting and really humbling and rewarding. They've now got such a wealth of skills, knowledge and resources that they actually didn't have before. Hand therapy in Bangladesh has really only been going as long as hand therapy from Interplast has been going over there and providing it. They used to say, in the early days, that they used to wait for the next Interplast visit for really complex patients – that could have been six months away – so that poor patient would just sit there. But now, they've got the skills, they've got the knowledge. The success of it is astounding. They can independently see a patient. They're also just so motivated to learn! There is still going to be a massive gap because really, in essence, there's probably now only one full timer and a couple of part timers doing hands, so there are still a massive amount of patients who are left untreated. But, for such a poverty-stricken country, the warmth, the hospitality, the friendliness, the openness of both the therapists as well as the patients, was just absolutely overwhelming. They are just so appreciative. Everyone we spoke to at the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), when they knew we were from Interplast, couldn't speak highly enough of us and how appreciative they were for Interplast's support over the last five years. It's a very personal, humbling experience that people with so little can give so much. There was a little boy who came in as a patient and he brought us a mango each. That gesture was just incredible. He gave me a mango! I wouldn't get a mango here!"

MIKE'S STORY

LONG-SERVING NEW ZEALAND-BASED SURGEON

RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY CAN RENEW LIVES AND RESTORE HOPE



MIKE (LEFT) OPERATING AND TEACHING IN
VANUATU (PORT VILA, 2010)

"I began volunteering for Interplast because I believe in the concept of Dr Donald R Laub MD who had the original idea for Interplast back in the late 1960s - reconstructive surgery can renew lives and restore hope. Interplast is about a team effort. It's about doctors, nurses, administrators, sponsors and donors who all work together for one purpose - to provide plastic surgery to people who are suffering, who are poor and who need it most. Volunteering for Interplast defines me as a surgeon and a human being. Using my skills and the opportunities I have been lucky enough to receive, to restore hope, is sometimes life saving but mostly life giving. I receive more than I give tenfold, in many intangible ways. Along the way, I've learnt that plastic surgery is not only a surgical craft honed through years of dedicated training and practice, but it's a vehicle for social and economic change. A simple cleft lip or cleft palate repair will empower a child to become something special. They'll no longer be pitied nor feared and it will restore hope to parents who may have felt unfair guilt for producing a human with a facial deformity. I have also learnt that some of the most remote places in the world are the most beautiful and the people who live there are special. And my most memorable patient as an Interplast volunteer is a young boy, aged about seven, who had walked for three days to have his cleft lip repaired. As we approached the entrance to the hospital, his father had that expression of hope and the boy grabbed my hands and kissed them. Overwhelming response for me, but it captured the power of the Interplast organisation and the real hope that we bring to those less fortunate."



MORATH'S STORY

PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S TRAINEE PLASTIC SURGEON

**INTERPLAST IS DOING
GREAT WORK AS FAR
AS PLASTIC AND
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY
IN PNG IS CONCERNED**



MORATH WORKING ALONGSIDE THE INTERPLAST TEAM
IN PNG (MT HAGEN, 2012)

"I am a general surgeon and I'm a plastic surgeon trainee from Papua New Guinea. As a trainee, for me, Interplast has been a great help. The surgeons and also the nurses and anaesthetists who have been coming, have been great. They've been teaching me how to operate on patients where I could not have operated before and imparting their experience. Interplast has pioneered a service. They've trained John (PNG's only practising plastic surgeon) to be an Interplast surgeon - he's the only one at the moment - and the University and Interplast is combining to take me on board to be trained. See what they've started? It's doing a great thing by helping and participating in the training of local surgeons like myself and others... If you look at it in the long-run, Interplast is doing PNG a great deal of service. If Interplast continues to come and we have John and then me, when I become an Interplast surgeon, we will have two or three more surgeons, maybe one for each region in PNG. Look at five, 10, 15 years down the line - we'll have good number of Interplast surgeons in PNG who can even go out into the remote areas, spend two or three weeks and do cleft lips, palates and attend to those who cannot afford to come to the main hospitals like Mt Hagen, Port Moresby, Madang, Lae or Goroka. Interplast is doing great work as far as plastic and reconstructive surgery in PNG is concerned. That is what we need. As a general surgeon, I spend 80, 90 per cent of my time attending to infections and trauma. I don't have time for all these cleft lips and palates or burn contractures because they're regarded as elective and we have no time for elective. But training Interplast surgeons more with support from the PNG Government, the health department and others will make a big difference."



DELMARIE'S STORY

THE MOTHER OF AN INTERPLAST PATIENT

I KNOW THAT LIFE IS A STRUGGLE, BUT IT BECAME A WONDERFUL STRUGGLE THE DAY I MET YOUR TEAM HERE IN BAGUIO.

"I'm Delmarie, a proud and grateful mom of a cleft lip and palate child here in the Philippines. I just wanted to let you guys know how I really appreciate all the help that you've extended to us. I didn't really have an idea of what your organisation was all about until I gave birth to my second son named Alekz Yuriel. I know that life is a struggle, but it became a wonderful struggle the day I met your team here in Baguio. From the very first day that I saw my son Alekz, my heart was filled with pain, sadness and worries. I really felt I was helpless - I never expected that my son would have this very special case. There were a lot of fears and worries on how to make my son's life better. I was so afraid about his future due to the fact that I know I am not financially capable of paying for his surgery, not knowing that my son's very special case would serve as the bridge in meeting a wonderful team and being a part of your amazing and awesome secret.



DELMARIE (LEFT) WITH HER SON ALEKZ AND INTERPLAST STAFF MEMBER STEPHANIE THOMPSON AFTER HIS SURGERY IN PHILIPPINES (BAGUIO, 2011)

Alekz had his first operation in November last year and that was really a great Christmas present for our family. Thank you!!! He's really doing great right now. For this year, we're looking forward to his second operation here in Baguio.

On behalf of my family and of all the parents who you've helped throughout these years, I am so proud of your organisation and I don't know how to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you... I met your team here in Baguio last year and I assure you, you will always be a part of my son's wonderful world... Thanks to all the amazing surgeons who took care of my Alekz.

Thanks for sharing your secret with us!!
YOU ROCK!!!"

POST CARD

BARB'S STORY

ROTARIAN OBSERVER FROM DISTRICT 9690 (ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS SUNRISE)

Barb Wall is an Interplast champion. Proud and passionate, she flies our flag with gusto. A Rotarian for District 9690, her avid support of Interplast has seen her spread our word, shout our cause and share our secret. And that was all before she had seen it first-hand! In October 2011, Barb had an opportunity to join an Interplast team as a Rotary observer. She's now a fully-fledged member of the unofficial Interplast cheering squad.

"In many ways it was overwhelming and I don't think anything could prepare you for that!" says Barb of her Interplast experience. "Standing in the theatre, in scrubs, with a non-medical background and seeing the Interplast surgeons transform someone's life - it was really amazing." Describing it as powerful and unashamedly emotional, Barb's Interplast experience sparked her "light bulb" Rotarian moment, too. "There's always a moment for Rotarians when they know what it really means to be a Rotarian and I think that was one of the major things that hit me. It was overwhelming and I can remember thinking, when we were watching them transform a little boy's deformed hand into these five little pink fingers, that I now know what it's like to be a Rotarian. It was my Rotarian moment! When you realize just what we as Rotarians can achieve. I've always thought how wonderful it is, what Rotary does, but when you're actually there and you're seeing the tangible results of the fundraising that your Club has done, it was a fantastic moment." Interjecting before her next question, she adds a verbal footnote: "He wants to play rugby for Fiji, by the way. The little boy with the deformed hand. That was his dream. He wanted to be like all other boys and now he can! There's nothing to stop him from achieving that dream now, and that's because of Interplast."

Barb's observation of the simultaneous training conducted by the Interplast volunteers has also cemented her dedication to keep funding Interplast teams. "I was astonished at the amount of training that went on!" she recalls. "That really came home to me in a big way. It was from the first moment of the patient coming in to be triaged. From the young doctors right through to the anaesthetists and surgeons training in the theatre - it was just constant. I thought that was amazing." A true Interplastee, she's committed to making as much

of a difference as possible. Reinforcing that this activity was not just a "one-off" and that it's really important to come home, re-energise and maintain the passion for these programs, Barb's commitment to telling as many Rotarians as possible about the work of Interplast is admirable: "This is something where I can really make a difference, where I can actually try and spread the word of Interplast. It's such an important program that Rotary should be involved in, and more Rotarians should know about it. Within Rotary itself, there are a lot of organisations that are fighting for the funds and so the only chance that Interplast has of getting a share of that is to have some passionate people out there talking about it. And I'm one of many!"



BARB'S RECENT TRIP TO FIJI WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE (SUVA, 2011)

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION.



The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

This is an extract from the full audited financial accounts which, together with the Directors' Report, are available on the Interplast Australia & New Zealand website www.interplast.org.au, upon request to contactus@interplast.org.au or on 03 9249 1231.





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DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors of Interplast Australia & New Zealand submit herewith the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2012. In order to comply with the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Directors report as follows:

The names of Directors of the Company during or since the end of the Financial Year are:

Mr David Inglis (President)

Dr Michael McGlynn OAM

The Hon Dr Kay Patterson

Mr John Georgakis

Mr John Barnes

Mr Ian Carlisle

Mr Glenn Wran

Dr Ross Sutton

Associate Professor Mark Ashton

Mr Michael Stillwell

Mr Brian Guest

Mr Keith Mutimer (appointed 30 November 2011)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the entity in the course of the Financial Year were reconstructive surgery services and capacity building in developing countries within the Asia Pacific region.

The entity's short-term objectives are to:

- Improve access to treatment for vulnerable and marginalised groups that include people with a disability as a result of acquired or congenital medical conditions;
- Support increasing local health services' capacity to provide appropriate treatment to patients through the facilitation of training and professional development; and
- Support the delivery of surgical procedures and other medical and allied health services.

The entity's long-term objectives are to:

- Improve the quality of life of people with a disability and increase their access to local health systems; and
- Contribute to the development of sustainable health systems and capacity building of health professionals.

To achieve these objectives, the entity has adopted the following strategies:

- Attract and retain highly skilled and appropriately qualified volunteers and staff who are committed to Interplast's mission and values;
- Maintain and enhance relationships with, and contributions from our donor base;
- Work in partnership with a range of stakeholders, both domestically and internationally to implement activities consistent with local needs and contexts;
- Ensure country program activities are implemented; and
- Demonstrate accountability and transparency consistent with the Australian Council for International Development's (ACFID) Code of Conduct and AusAID requirements.

KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The entity measures its performance through the review of:

- The number of countries and geographical locations;
- Number of activities and type;
- Number of volunteers; and
- The number of people reached and receiving treatment at no cost.

These benchmarks are used to assess whether the entity's long and short-term objectives are being achieved.

The entity implemented activities in 31 locations across 17 countries and performed:

- 23 surgical activities which included practical teaching and training of surgical registrars and other medical staff;
- 21 training-mentoring-professional development activities with local country medical staff within the Asia Pacific region; and
- Four planning assessment activities to help strengthen future programming.

From these 48 activities, the entity reached at least 2165 people and performed 1113 operations. A total of 103 surgeons and anaesthetists and 53 nurses and allied health professionals volunteered 1068 and 594 days respectively.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS**MR DAVID INGLIS - PRESIDENT****Qualifications**

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws

Experience

Appointed to the Board 1984, appointed Vice President 1993, appointed President 2009

Special Responsibilities

Chair of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Executive Committee

DR MICHAEL MCGLYNN OAM - VICE PRESIDENT**Qualifications**

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Business & Medical Management Training, Harvard Business School

Experience

Appointed to the Board 1991, Appointed Vice President 2006

Special Responsibilities

Member of the Executive Committee, Country Coordinator for Myanmar/Burma & the Philippines

THE HON DR KAY PATTERSON - VICE PRESIDENT**Qualifications**

Bachelor of Arts (Hons 1), Diploma of Education, Doctor of Philosophy, Member of the Australian Psychological Society, Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2006, Appointed Vice President 2009

Special Responsibilities

Member of the Executive Committee

MR JOHN GEORGAKIS - TREASURER**Qualifications**

Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2010, Appointed Treasurer 2010

Special Responsibilities

Finance Portfolio, Member of the Executive Committee

MR JOHN BARNES - SECRETARY**Qualifications**

Retired Real Estate Agent

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2002, Appointed Secretary 2005

Special Responsibilities

Member of the Rotarians Committee, Member of the Executive Committee

MR IAN CARLISLE - DIRECTOR**Qualifications**

Bachelor of Dental Science, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2002

Special Responsibilities

Member of the Surgical Committee, Country Coordinator for Indonesia

DR ROSS SUTTON - DIRECTOR**Qualifications**

Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine), Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Management Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma Trop Med, Fellow Australian Institute of Management, Fellow Australian Society of Microbiology

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2007

Special Responsibilities

Chair of the Planning and Evaluation Committee

MR GLENN WRAN - DIRECTOR**Qualifications**

Master of Business Administration, Graduate Certificate in Commercial Law

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2006

Special Responsibilities

Member of the Audit Committee, Member of the Rotarians Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT. CONTINUED

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARK ASHTON - DIRECTOR

Qualifications

Doctorate of Medicine, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2009

Special Responsibilities

Chair of the Surgical Committee

MR MICHAEL STILLWELL - DIRECTOR

Qualifications

Master of Business Administration, Masters of Marketing, Diploma of Business, Fellow Australian Institute of Company Directors

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2010

Special Responsibilities

Fundraising and Marketing Portfolio

MR BRIAN GUEST - DIRECTOR

Qualifications

Company Management, Company Director

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2010

Special Responsibilities

Chair of the Rotarians Committee

MR KEITH MUTIMER - DIRECTOR

Qualifications

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Experience

Appointed to the Board 2011

Special Responsibilities

Chair of the Audit Committee

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

During the year, Interplast Australia & New Zealand held six meetings of the Board. The attendees of the Directors at meetings of the Board were:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	NUMBER ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	NUMBER ATTENDED
Mr David Inglis	6	6
Dr Michael McGlynn OAM	6	5
The Hon Dr Kay Patterson	6	5
Mr John Georgakis	6	6
Mr John Barnes	6	5
Mr Ian Carlisle	6	5
Mr Glenn Wran	6	4
Dr Ross Sutton	6	5
Associate Professor Mark Ashton	6	1
Mr Michael Stillwell	6	6
Mr Brian Guest	6	5
Mr Keith Mutimer	3	3

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2012, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$700 (2011: \$700).

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The net surplus amounted to \$85,064 (2011: \$725,546).

DIVIDENDS

Payment of dividends is prohibited under our current Constitution.

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

No fees were paid or are payable to the Directors (2011: \$0)

ACTUAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

It is recognised that the APS rates used by AusAID in note 12 to calculate volunteer services under-represent the true value of services provided by Interplast volunteers. A more appropriate calculation, while not included in the accounts, is represented below to acknowledge the significant contribution made by Interplast volunteers.

53 nurses and allied health specialists for a total of 594 days	\$253,440
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103 surgeons and anaesthetists for a total of 1068 days	\$2,365,264
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Actual Total Value of Volunteer Services	\$2,618,704
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CHANGE IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the Financial Year, there was no significant change in the state of affairs of the Company other than that referred to in the accounts or notes thereto.

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and Indemnity: During the Financial Year, the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the Directors of the Company (as named above) against a liability incurred as such a Director to the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Company has not otherwise given indemnities during or since the end of the Financial Year for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Company.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the entity or intervene in any proceedings to which the entity is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the entity for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in the Financial Statements or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the Financial Year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future years.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The Auditor's independence declaration is included on page 76.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to s.298 (2) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the Directors



David Gordon Inglis
Director



John Georgakis
Director

16 October 2012

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION.

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The Directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Directors declare that:

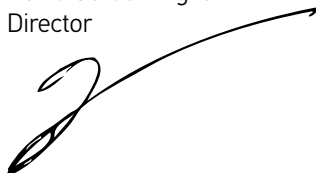
1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 10 to 28, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. Comply with Accounting Standards applicable to the Company; and
 - b. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of the performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.
2. In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Directors



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David Gordon Inglis
Director



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John Georgakis
Director

16 October 2012

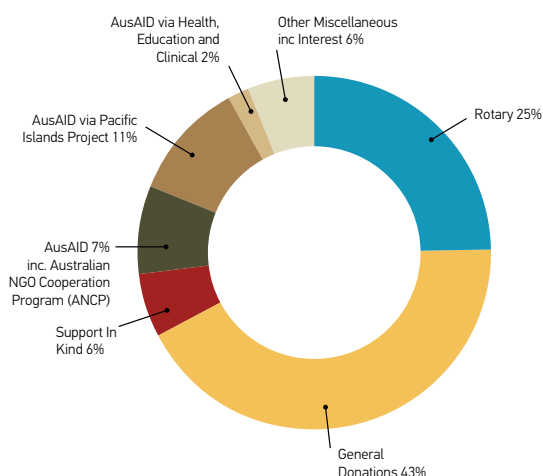
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 11/12.

WHERE OUR SUPPORT COMES FROM

INCOME

	TOTALS
Rotary	\$531,670
General Donations	\$943,146
Support In Kind	\$133,947
AusAID inc. Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP)	\$164,133
AusAID via Pacific Islands Project	\$234,546
AusAID via Health, Education and Clinical Services	\$34,884
Other Miscellaneous inc Interest	\$127,192

TOTAL SUPPORT	\$2,169,518
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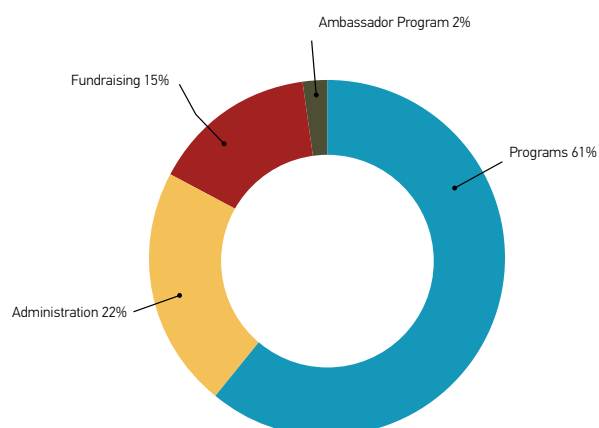


HOW THE FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED

EXPENSES

	TOTALS
Programs	\$1,265,295
Pacific & Papua New Guinea	\$591,330
Asia	\$526,319
Domestic Programs	\$35,205
General Program Expenses	\$112,441
Administration	\$463,926
Fundraising	\$320,519
Ambassador Program	\$34,714

TOTAL	\$2,084,454
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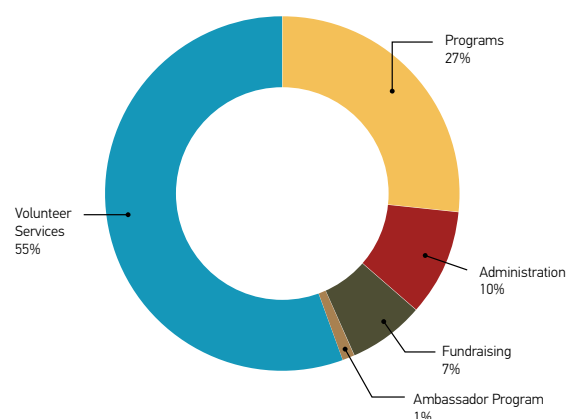


WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS, OUR COSTS WOULD BE

EXPENSES

	TOTALS
Volunteer Services*	\$2,618,704
Programs	\$1,265,295
Administration	\$463,926
Fundraising	\$320,519
Ambassador Program	\$34,714

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,703,158
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*It is recognised that the APS rates used by AusAID to calculate volunteer services under-represent the true value of services provided by Interplast volunteers. A more appropriate calculation, while not included in the accounts, is represented within our Directors' Report to acknowledge the significant contribution made by Interplast volunteers.

INCOME STATEMENT.

AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts – monetary	1,271,168	1,118,214
Donations and gifts - non-monetary	133,947	159,901
Legacies and bequests	-	530,784
Grants		
- AusAID	199,017	264,533
- Other Australian - RACS	234,546	278,471
- Other Australian	146,894	-
- Other overseas	56,754	-
Investment income	127,192	110,607
Other income	-	32,346
Revenue for international political or religious proselytisation program	-	-
Total Revenue	2,169,518	2,494,856
EXPENSES		
International aid and development programs expenditure		
International projects		
- Funds to international projects	941,813	850,379
- Program support costs	205,098	202,078
Community education	-	-
Inventory revaluation	14,212	(17,460)
Fundraising costs		
- Public	340,233	297,609
- Government, multilateral and private sector	15,000	13,900
Accountability and administration	547,406	383,680
Non-monetary expenditure	-	-
Expenses for international political or religious adherence promotion programs	-	-
Domestic program expenditure	20,692	39,124
Total Expenses	2,084,454	1,769,310
EXCESS (DEFICIT) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	85,064	725,546

BALANCE SHEET.

AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,438,740	2,368,321
Trade and other receivables	82,673	33,603
Inventories	135,875	177,902
Assets held for sale	-	-
Other financial assets	87,030	111,283
Total Current Assets	2,744,318	2,691,109
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	-	-
Other financial assets	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	234,838	188,516
Investment property	-	-
Intangibles	-	-
Other non current assets	-	-
Total Non Current Assets	234,838	188,516
TOTAL ASSETS	2,979,156	2,879,625
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	69,672	32,619
Borrowings	-	17,052
Current tax liabilities	-	-
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Provisions	713,365	719,201
Other	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	783,037	768,872
Non current liabilities		
Borrowings	-	-
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Provisions	8,544	8,242
Other	-	-
Total Non Current Liabilities	8,544	8,242
TOTAL LIABILITIES	791,581	777,114
NET ASSETS	2,187,575	2,102,511
EQUITY		
Reserves	500,000	500,000
Funds available for future use	1,687,575	1,602,511
TOTAL EQUITY	2,187,575	2,102,511

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN EQUITY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	INVESTMENT FUND \$	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	GENERAL RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2010	231,378	645,587	500,000	1,376,965
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-	725,546	-	725,546
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	(231,378)	231,378	-	-
Balance at 1 July 2011	-	1,602,511	500,000	2,102,511
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-	85,064	-	85,064
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	-	-	-	-
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2012	-	1,687,575	500,000	2,187,575

SUMMARY OF CASH MOVEMENTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	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	150,000	-
AusAID - RACS	-	234,546	234,546	-
Colonial Foundation				
Sri Lanka	278	-	278	-
Rotary	399,593	386,705	342,836	443,462
TOTAL FOR OTHER PURPOSES	1,951,398	1,341,405	1,297,525	1,995,278
TOTAL	2,351,269	2,112,656	2,025,185	2,438,740

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE ACFID CODE OF CONDUCT

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 2012

103 surgeons and anaesthetists for a total of 1068 days - Executive Level 2	\$479,489
53 nurses and allied health specialists for a total of 594 days - APS Level 4	\$142,661
Total Value of Volunteer Services	<u>\$622,150</u>

AUDITOR'S DECLARATION.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Report on the Summarised Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying summarised financial report of Interplast Australia & New Zealand, comprising the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012 and the income statement, table of cash movements for designated purposes and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and related notes, which was derived from the financial report of Interplast Australia & New Zealand for the year ended 30 June 2012. We expressed an unmodified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our auditor's report dated 16 October 2012.

The Responsibility of Directors for the summarised financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the summarised financial report in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Australia Accounting Standards. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the summarised financial report

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarised financial report based on our audit which was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the summarised financial report is consistent with the financial report from which it was derived.

Our audit procedures in respect of the summarised financial report included testing that the information in the summarised financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the information disclosed in the summarised financial report of Interplast Australia & New Zealand for the year ended 30 June 2012 is consistent, in all material respects, with the financial report from which it was derived.

For a better understanding of the entity's financial position and performance and of the scope of the audit performed, the summarised financial report should be read in conjunction with the financial report from which it was derived and the auditor's report thereon.

William Buck

William Buck Audit (VIC) Pty Ltd
ABN 59 116 151 136

J.C. Luckins
J.C. Luckins
Director

Dated this 16th day of October, 2012

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PRESIDENT: David Inglis

VICE PRESIDENTS: Dr Michael McGlynn OAM
The Hon Dr Kay Patterson

SECRETARY: John Barnes

TREASURER: John Georgakis

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Prue Ingram

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Founded in 1983 as a partnership of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Australian Rotary Clubs, Interplast Australia & New Zealand (a Company limited by guarantee) enables voluntary medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery and deliver training in developing countries. While not an official project of Rotary International, Interplast is actively supported by Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Interplast is proudly supported by the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) and New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons (NZAPS).

Interplast is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. If you wish to lodge a complaint against Interplast for a breach of this Code, please visit the ACFID website: www.acfid.asn.au.

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 address listed above.



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