

Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in District 9820 in Victoria have long been dedicated supporters of Interplast's work, with donations since 2005 exceeding \$557,000.

Most recently, two D9820 clubs, the Rotary Club of Inverloch, and the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo, have partnered to provide further support for Interplast.

A donated microscope in Auckland, New Zealand, was ready to ship to its new home at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva, Fiji, where it will be welcomed by Dr Semesa Matanaicake. Dr Semesa has worked with Interplast for many years, as did his father before him. All that was needed for the microscope to be on its way was funding for the packing and shipping costs.

The specialist Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) microscope is not your average microscope. Weighing over 170 kg, it requires careful packing and freighting to ensure that it arrives at its destination in full working order.

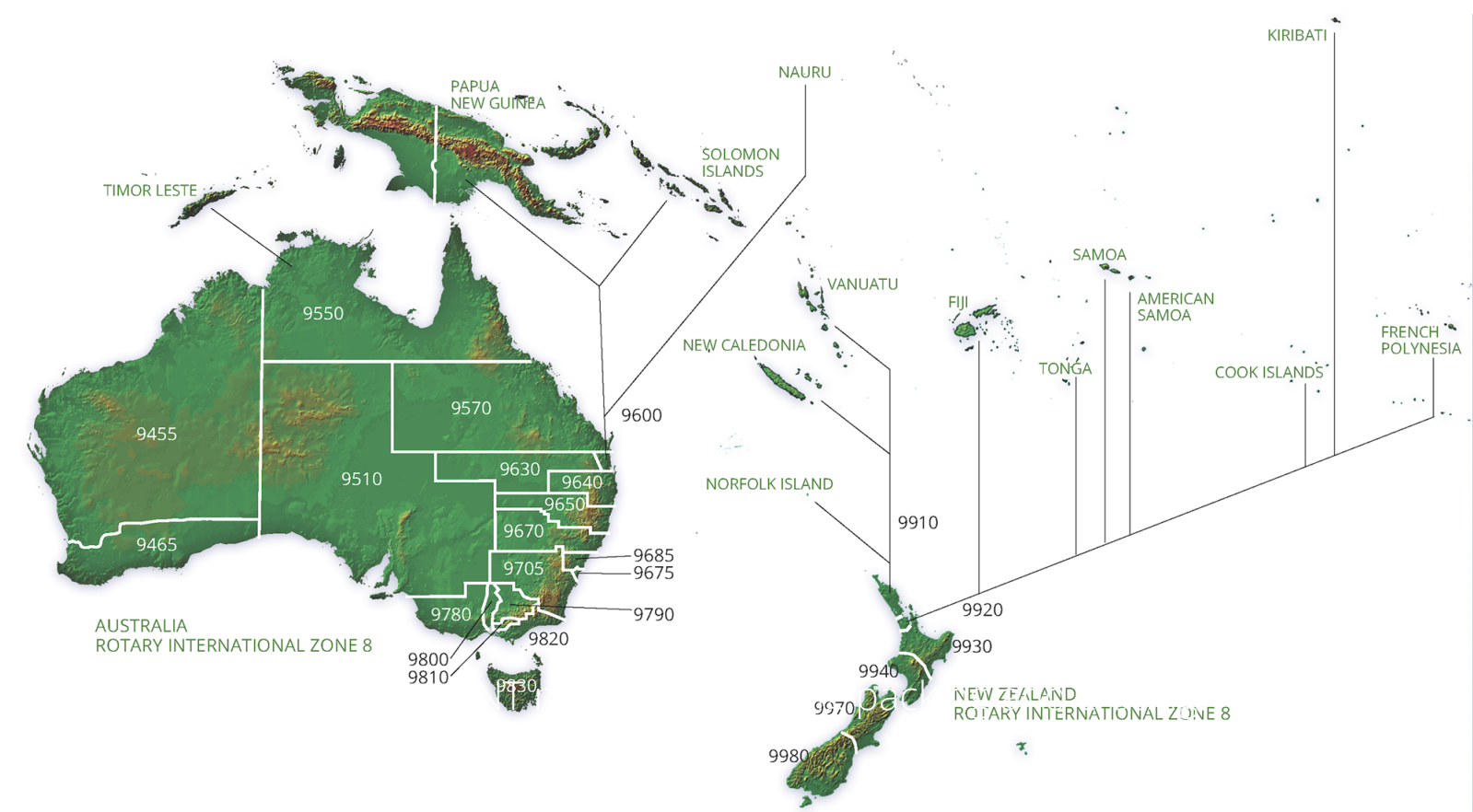
This is where the 2 sponsoring Rotary clubs enter the story. The clubs have donated the necessary funds to enable the microscope to be safely shipped from Auckland to Suva.

Access to the microscope will make a significant contribution to successful surgeries in the CWM Hospital, and improve the outcomes for patients facing ENT surgery.

Thanks to 2 Rotary Clubs in D9820 in Australia, a donated microscope in New Zealand in D9920 can travel across the Pacific Ocean to its new home which is also in D9920.



The ENT microscope being packed and made safe for shipping in Auckland



The wonderful donation of the microscope by St Marks Rd Surgical Centre in Remuera, Auckland, and the support from Carl Zeiss New Zealand Ltd, has been matched by Rotary generosity to send it on its way to Fiji.

All donations, big and small, make a difference to the work that Interplast does across developing nations in the Asia-Pacific region. If you would like more information about how you or your club can support Interplast, either individually or by working with another club or district, please contact your District Interplast Chair, or Rotarian Engagement Coordinator Janette at janette.etherington@interplast.org.au