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Repairing bodies. Rebuilding lives.
In the Asia Pacific region.

Dear President

Re: INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Interplast Australia & New Zealand has been part of Rotary in both countries since its inception in 1983. For 36 years and counting, the work of Interplast's professional volunteers has resulted in over 25,000 life changing plastic and reconstructive surgeries being performed, as well as the training of countless medical staff in 17 countries across the Asia-Pacific region. Rotary continues to be vital in both governance and advocacy.

Birth defects, burns injuries and trauma injuries are all treated by Interplast's volunteer teams. The 'twin track' approach of delivering surgical services while providing training/mentoring programmes contributes to the strengthening of the capacity building of our neighbouring countries health systems.

D9920 funded the successful Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical Program to Tonga in May 2019. The team departed on 15 May 2019 and concluded on 23rd May 2019. It comprised of two surgeons, two anaesthetists, two nurses and one physiotherapist. A total of 64 patients were screened, 41 were selected for surgery, and 41 procedures were performed. The age of the patients ranged between 1-45 years old. The main types of surgery were cleft lip and palate, burns, skin lesions and soft tissue deformities. The program ran parallel to complementary allied health mentoring program which complemented each other. The team also worked closely alongside local general surgeon Dr Alamea Fulivai.

In the new Rotary year 2019-20 we will participate in another program, and we kindly ask that you consider supporting Interplast as one of Rotary's long-standing successful partnerships across Australia and New Zealand. Interplast's vision is embedded in Rotary's areas of focus; and therefore is an alliance most worthy of your Club's support.

I will be delighted to share more about Interplast's work as a guest speaker in your club.

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