

[View this email in your browser](#)



Interplast

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

INTERPLAST MARCH UPDATE

INTERPLAST'S VISIT TO TONGA PROCEEDS IN THE WAKE OF CYCLONE GITA



While Interplast doesn't provide emergency relief, there are often situations where our teams visit partner countries **following a natural disaster**. Nine days before our surgical and training team were due to arrive in Tonga, Tropical Cyclone Gita swept across the Pacific, causing significant damage in the capital, Nuku'alofa.

While it was initially unclear if the program would go ahead, we worked with our local partner hospital and the volunteer team to assess the situation. **Our team was still very much needed**. Assured that there were no safety issues, they decided to go ahead. They were able to successfully assess and treat a number of patients who were injured during the cyclone, as well as treat those who had been scheduled to see them prior to the disaster. **Local medical personnel** were also able to receive important training.

This program received funding from the Australian Government through the Australia NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and the RACS Pacific Islands Program, as well as Rotary

FUNDRAISE FOR INTERPLAST



In Celebration...

Consider donating to Interplast, in lieu of gifts for your birthday, wedding, anniversary or a milestone celebration to help change lives across Asia Pacific region. [Get registered](#) today, we will provide you with all the fundraising tips and tools to help you.

In Memory...

You can also donate in memory of a loved one, it makes for a wonderful way to honour their life and legacy. You can request for donations in lieu of flowers at a funeral or request for donations in memory. [Register here](#) for more information.

SUCCESSFUL TRAINING PROGRAM IN MYANMAR



Our CEO, Prue Ingram, recently accompanied a **surgical training and nurse education**

our programs. During this visit, Prue met with all of our key stakeholders and partners in Myanmar, including the University of Medicine 1, various departments within the Yangon General Hospital and the Australian Embassy.

The review was able to capture the successes of Interplast's programs in Myanmar, to identify challenges, and to plan for future activities. A report on this review **will be made available on Interplast's website in coming months.**

This review, and the surgical and nurse training visit is part of Interplast's Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), supported by the Australian Government's Aid program.



Pictured at the Rotary Club of Seaford-Carrum Downs Fundraising Dinner. From left to right: Club president Charles Medwin, DG Don Ripper, Interplast CEO Prue Ingram, Interplast President Keith Mutimer, IDC John Paterson.

Inspiring Rotary Support

Women in Rotary again hosted a very successful **International Women's Day breakfast**, with close to 1000 enthusiastic women and men in attendance. The MC was Steve Quartermain and Ali Moore moderated a fascinating panel discussion. Interplast was fortunate to once again be one of the beneficiaries of this event.

On the 20th March the Seaford – Carrum Downs Rotary Club hosted a special fundraising dinner for Interplast. Keith Mutimer, our Chairman, and Prue Ingram, our CEO, gave a presentation on our work to a receptive audience made up of Rotarians from a number of different clubs in the district. We would like to **thank Rotary clubs for their continued support** of Interplast's life changing work.



Goodbye Eureka Climb: After 10 successful years we regretfully advise that we are no longer a charity partner for the Eureka Climb. We wish to thank Whitelion, the Eureka Tower residents, staff and all our supporters for their efforts - together, over the years, we have raised significant funds that have changed the futures of thousands of people.

HELLO STADIUM STOMP!

This year we have a fresh challenge that will be just as much fun. Take on the steps of the Melbourne Cricket Ground in [Stadium Stomp](#) in Melbourne, on Sunday 22 July. This experience will give you a chance to see the home of sports the 'G', and take on a course that suits you: full course (7,300 steps), short course (1,900 steps) and for those who want to stomp until they drop – Stomp Unlimited is for you.

There's even a junior stomp (1,900 steps) for kids! Register and choose Interplast as your [nominated charity](#) to make every step count.

NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

NEW YORK, USA | 04 NOVEMBER 2018

#INTERPLASTNYM2018



With limited spots to take on the New York Marathon in November 2018, you still have time to be a part of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Keep changing futures across the Asia Pacific

Your donation today will enable us to continue sending surgical and medical teams to countries throughout our region, along with training local medical professionals.

[SUPPORT INTERPLAST BY DONATING TODAY](#)

[NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTERS: MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION HERE](#)

Let us know what you think of our new design!
Email contactus@interplast.org.au with your feedback



Subscribe

Past Issues

Copyright © 2018 Interplast, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

MailChimp.