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Graduation celebrates Myanmar's first doctorate-level plastic surgeon



In early Semptember Dr Myitzu Win officially graduated as the first person to complete the new Doctorate Degree in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Myanmar.

This is a fantastic achievement for Dr Win, and will have a huge impact for the people of Myanmar who will benefit from her skills.



The latest edition of **Inside Interplast** is now available on our website.

Stories in this edition include:

- Turia Pitt's visit to our partner hospital in Nepal.
- A report about our Everest Base Camp trek in May.
- How surgery helped young Finau from Fiji overcome a tough start to life.
- Plastic surgery trainees from Sri Lanka supported by Interplast.

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Dr Win has been a focus of our training and mentoring visits for the past three years, led by our Myanmar Country Coordinator, Associate Professor Michael Leung.

She will be the first of an increasing number of plastic surgery trainees to graduate, and ongoing Interplast visits will continue to contribute to their growing skills.

Interplast was represented at the graduation ceremony in Yangon by our Vice-President Dr Michael McGlynn OAM, who is a former Interplast Country Coordinator for Myanmar.

Less than two weeks until our Changing Futures concert!



There's less than two weeks to go until our Changing Futures concert at Melbourne's Athenaeum Theatre.

Join Daryl Braithwaite, Russell Morris, Chris Wilson, and host Richard Stubbs for a fantastic night that will support Interplast to repair bodies and rebuild lives across the Asia Pacific.

Book your tickets on the Ticketek website. Group bookings of 10 or more will be charged at the concession price. To make a group booking call the Athenaeum on (03) 9650 1500.

If you're in Australia, you can get a preview by watching Daryl Braithwaite performing on tonight's Grand Final edition of the AFL Footy Show.

Find out more about the Changing Futures concert on the Interplast website.

Share our Facebook post about the concert.

Partnership brings free surgery to people from PNG's remote communities



This week, patients from remote areas of western PNG have received life-changing surgery thanks to a special Interplast program.

Our partner PanAust brought patients from remote communities to Vanimo on PNG's north coast, where an Interplast team provided surgery while also mentoring the country's only plastics trainee, Dr Danlop Akule. These patients live in communities so remote that without support from PanAust to bring them to our surgeons, it is likely their conditions would never have been treated.

The team of Interplast volunteers was led by Professor Mark Ashton, current President of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons, who is pictured with a recovering patient. The program was documented by volunteer professional photographer Woodrow Wilson of Clinical Imaging.

Follow one patient's story [here](#) and [here](#).

Trek Fiji for Interplast in 2018



Join us in July 2018 to trek the undiscovered interior of Fiji while raising vital funds for our life-changing work.

Interplast has been visiting Fiji since 1983. To start the trek, you'll learn about this work on a visit to our partner hospital in Suva, where you will see firsthand how your funds make it possible for us to repair bodies and rebuild lives across the Asia Pacific.

Over the week-long adventure you will experience rainforests, rivers, mountains and culture. You will sleep in traditional villages, enjoying meals and sharing stories with the locals – a truly unforgettable experience.

Find out more and book your spot on the Interplast Fiji Trek now.

Counting down to the big climb



There's less than eight weeks to go until the Eureka Climb. That's still plenty of time to prepare yourself to climb to the highest observation deck in the Southern Hemisphere for spectacular views of Melbourne. And, of course, raise vital funds for Interplast and our charity partner, Whitelion.

Register to climb today. You can run or walk, or support someone who is taking on the challenge.

Find out more at the Eureka Climb website.

For the next five weeks you can also win a \$150 2XU voucher each week. **Find out how to win!**

Working together to change lives across September



September started with one-week allied health mentoring visit to Port Vila in Vanuatu, with Interplast volunteer physiotherapist Linda Fredheim spending a week with her ni-Van colleagues at Port Vila Central Hospital's physiotherapy department.

We delivered two general plastic and reconstructive surgical programs, one in Samoa and one in Vanimo, PNG (featured in a separate item above). A team of five delivered the one-week Samoa program that included surgery, training, and hand therapy. Volunteer surgeons Dr Ben Norris and Dr Damian Marucci are pictured with local surgeon Dr Petu Eli.

In Fiji, an Interplast team ran a three-day nurse education workshop in conjunction with Fiji National University and CWM Hospital.

Keep changing futures across the Asia Pacific

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