

# E NEWS D9650

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## THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

As I have now begun to reschedule my DG visits, it's been fantastic to see how our Rotary clubs have adapted over the last few years during these difficult times. I congratulate all of you for continuing to meet in whatever form you can. I have had several clubs almost apologetically say to me that they are sorry but they have not been able to fundraise or maintain their usual programs or projects. Please don't apologize. The world has been 'treading water' and I'm very happy that the Rotary clubs in our District have held together and prospered in what fellowship and activities they can.

As we start to come out of limiting 'lockdowns' and other legislative boundaries, we can start planning and implementing some of our programs, projects and fundraising activities. Gradually we will be able to get back to some normality however, I foresee occasional 'hiccups' on the way, so be prepared.

Rotarians have not failed in their role of "Service above self". Rotarians have continued to strengthen and plan for a brighter future. Again, I congratulate each and every one of you and I can't wait to see you in person very soon.

DG David

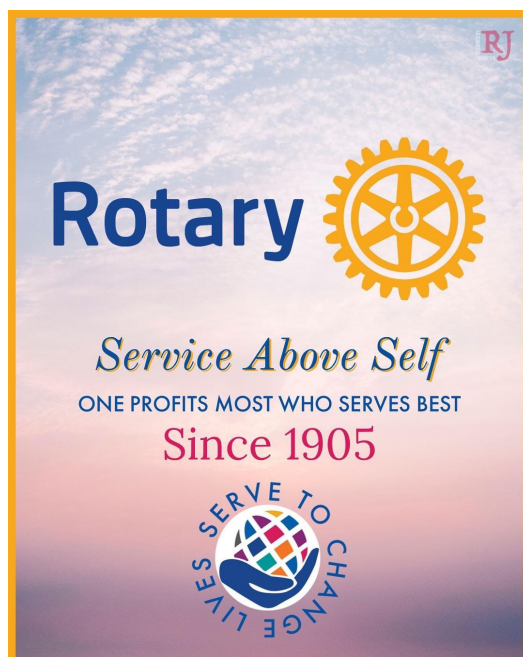
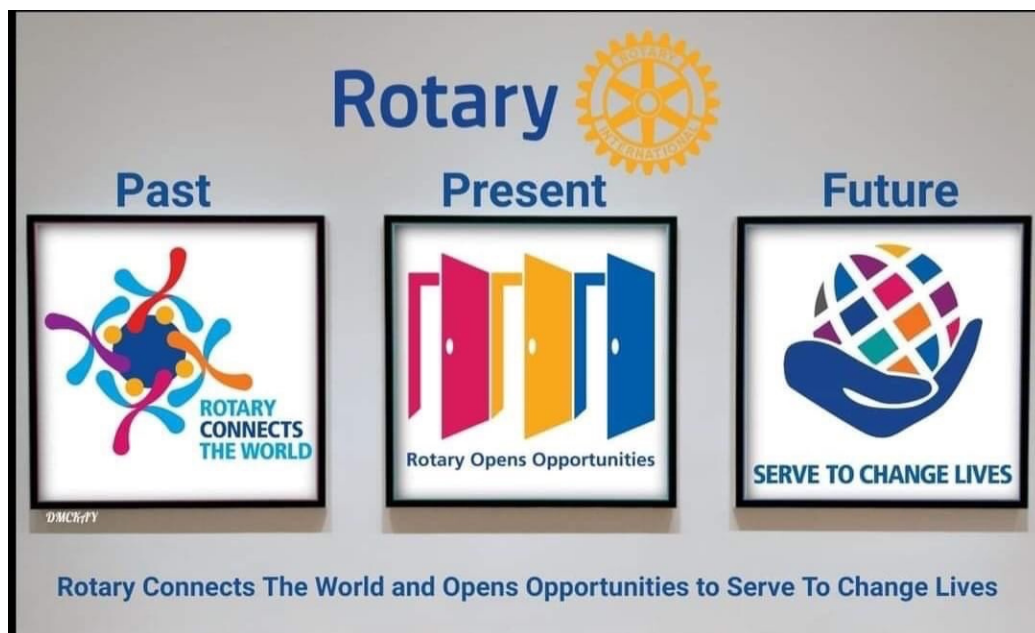
# SHOWCASE 2021

Last weekend our District held its annual 'Showcase' weekend. A very enjoyable and informative time was had by all attendees.

This is a time when our District programs and projects are presented and celebrated by those present.

At the Saturday night Showcase Dinner the Foundation committee announced all the successful DDF grants. All 27 grant applications were successful thanks to a 'once off' top up from District funds. This ensured that the record number of applications were all granted funds.

Our special guests for the weekend were RI Sydney's Trudy Grice and the leadership team of 9670.



**Quiet Achiever ... 2021 RYLArian Jess Lloyd**  
Sponsored by RC Port Macquarie Sunrise

Hi, my name is Jess Lloyd and I am a member of Hastings Rotaract and am the Secretary of the Young Leaders Rotary Club. Over the past few years, I have been fortunate enough to be able to participate and complete many different leadership awards including RYLA, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Queen Scout Award.

This year I attended RYLA where I was able to strengthen and gain new leadership skills that have allowed me to excel in my career in Early Childhood Education. Throughout the week, I was able to look at my life and find my purpose, as well as create new goals for myself. RYLA was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am so grateful to have had the chance to experience it.

I completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award over 2 years from 2018 whilst I was at school. There were many components which included learning how to drive, organise and complete many hikes, participate in physical exercise and undertake more than a hundred hours of service as a youth helper at my local Cub Scout group. The highlight of this award was my Residential/Service Trip to Cambodia where my school group and I assisted a small rural school with building a basketball court for a week.

The Queen Scout Award has been the biggest achievement that I have accomplished. It took me almost 3 years to complete this award where I had to dedicate hundreds of hours in researching, training, community service, writing reports, leading my Venturer Scout Unit and participating in so many different outdoor experiences. I learnt how to maintain a garden, researched and understood the political parties, presenting these findings to an audience and learnt how to run and participate in debates. These were only just a few of the many different aspects that were a part of this achievement.

Since achieving all of these wonderful experiences, I have been able to do more for the community and continued my passion for volunteering and working with children. The awards allowed me to become the more confident and independent person that I am today and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of all these amazing programs.

**Nominations now open 29<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre  
[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLEA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLEA)



# GOLF DAY

The annual Tamworth First Light Rotary clubs golf day was held last Friday at the Tamworth golf club and what a windy day on a very wet course. Even with the elements against us it proved to be a great day with the overall winner and winner of the women's trophy being Vicky Cooper. Malcolm Turnbull was the winner of the men's event. District 9650 District Governor David Mayne joined us with a team from Port Macquarie and is pictured awarding the winning prizes. Thank you to all that contributed and played.

By Bruce Hemmett



# CLUB ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT EVENTS

District presents very few events each year. These include Conference, Showcase, PETS and Assemblies. These are always well promoted online, through the E News and the Directory and information on upcoming programs always sent to members through emails weeks and sometimes months before. There is a lot of preparation that goes into these scheduled activities by a many Rotary members. The programs are not 'talk fests' of the 'same old, same old'. These are important times for not only joining with other Rotarians in a time of fellowship but a tremendous opportunity for old and new members to not only gain important Rotary updates but also see what other clubs are doing and for a time of education and inspiration. Please don't miss out on these important opportunities.

If I could simply ask one thing of all Clubs. Please schedule the District program into your club programs so that there are no overlaps or double bookings. There were a couple of prominent clubs that sadly missed out on a wonderful weekend due to holding events at the same time.

# ADVICE TO ALL CLUBS

At your AGM, it would be advantageous for every club to appoint two positions in addition to the usual executive and board positions. These two positions should be included on your club board.

1. **Executive Secretary** is responsible for maintaining the club database, learning the DacDb platform and generally keeping your records up to date electronically. This person should have or be able to learn some computer skills. There is plenty of training available.

1. **The Club Youth Protection Officer** is responsible for:

- maintaining the currency of all members WWCC, completing the **Employer** verification and recording the verification and member details as mandated by NSW legislation;
- completing RYVID screening (for one-on-one activities) when required; and
- ensuring the club completes Youth Protection training each year and to maintain appropriate records.
- **All information can be recorded on existing templates available on the [rotary9650.org.au](https://rotary9650.org.au)**

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Both of these positions need to be recorded on the District Database as members of your club board.

## Technology Workshop

We will open a workshop on **Sunday 5 December 2021 for Secretaries, Presidents, Executive Secretaries and President- elect** at 7 pm

The agenda will be:

1. Entering your new board members onto Dacdb after your AGM.
2. How to do a weekly bulletin on DacDb

Topic: Technology workshop

Time: Dec 5, 2021 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576821942>



-Di Hall

# DG PARTNER PROJECT - YOUTH INSEARCH

This week post Showcase, David and I had the pleasure of scooting up the road to visit with Sawtell Rotary club. Thank you to the members and partners for their very warm welcome and fellowship, also their interest in learning more about Youth Insearch and how it helps young people to triumph over adversity. Thank you to President Peter and partner Sue Paff for the stunning bouquet of home-grown flowers too. They smell awesome!



The showcase was an excellent opportunity to bring in two incredible Rotary advocates for Youth Insearch (YI); Tamworth West Rotarian Mal Macpherson and YI's Regional Coordinator and RYLarian Meg Hanlon, to share with Rotarians just what a difference the program makes for young people. Who better to hear from than a man who has been an advocate and support adult for YI camps since 2003 and who, through his work as a magistrate, has seen first hand the break in the cycle of abuse and trauma that can result from sending a troubled young person to experience this program.

Meg has also been a volunteer support adult for Youth Insearch for several years but this year stepped into a paid position as Regional Coordinator based at Inverell. She had some incredible statistics from the program that left many of us gob-smacked and also somewhat determined to find a way to lend Rotary's support to advocate for this program.

If your club wants to hear more or invite representatives from various youth services in your area to a meeting to hear from these two wonderful humans about Youth Insearch, then please reach out and get in touch with me.

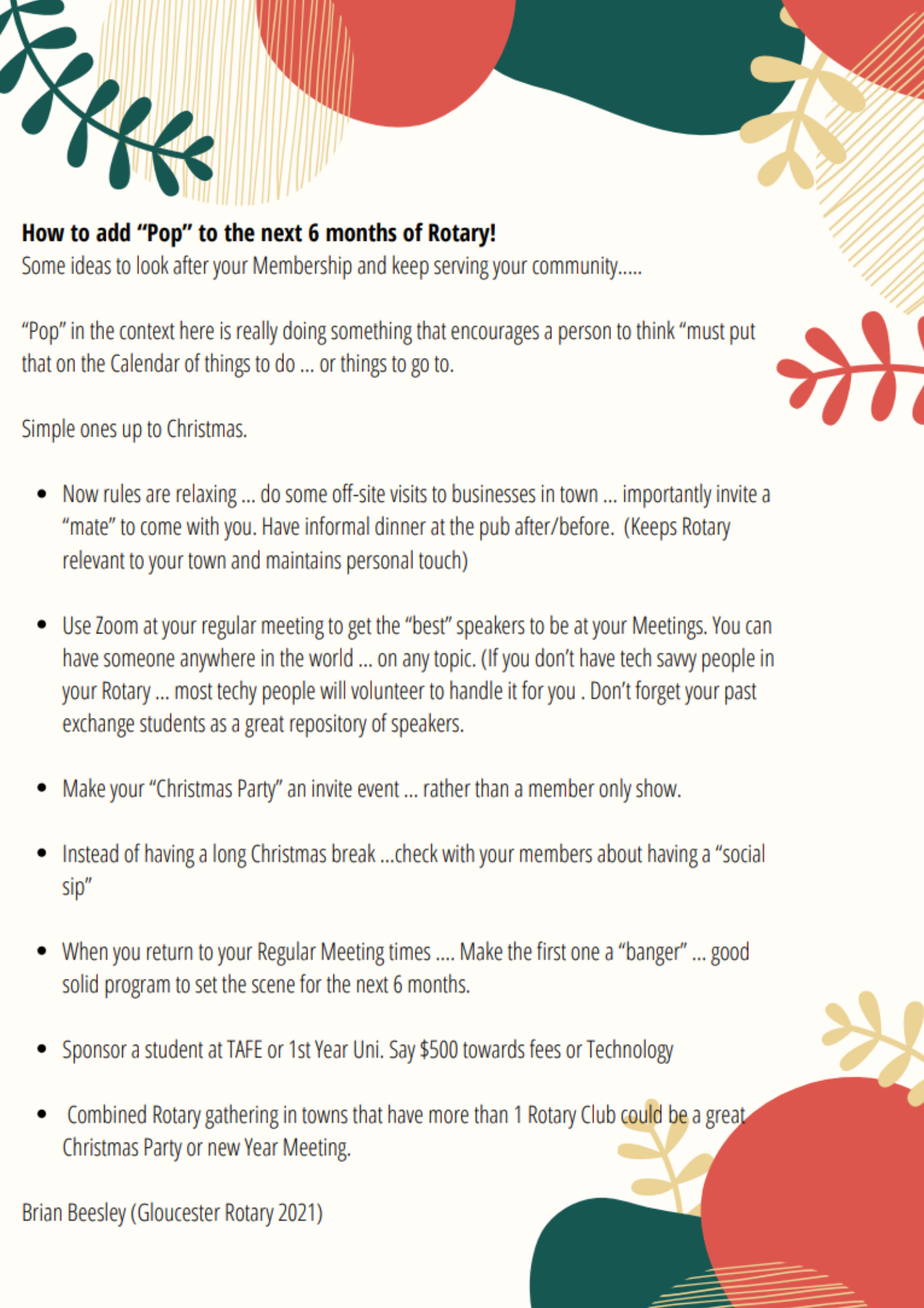
[Hmayne74@gmail.com](mailto:Hmayne74@gmail.com) I will assist you to arrange a presentation.



## D9650 YOUNG LEADERS ROTARY CLUB

The rotary club of D9650 Young Leaders, NSW, Australia officially invites you to attend their charter night on January 22, 2022. Please see the invitation below for more details





## How to add “Pop” to the next 6 months of Rotary!

Some ideas to look after your Membership and keep serving your community.....

“Pop” in the context here is really doing something that encourages a person to think “must put that on the Calendar of things to do ... or things to go to.

Simple ones up to Christmas.

- Now rules are relaxing ... do some off-site visits to businesses in town ... importantly invite a “mate” to come with you. Have informal dinner at the pub after/before. (Keeps Rotary relevant to your town and maintains personal touch)
- Use Zoom at your regular meeting to get the “best” speakers to be at your Meetings. You can have someone anywhere in the world ... on any topic. (If you don’t have tech savvy people in your Rotary ... most techy people will volunteer to handle it for you . Don’t forget your past exchange students as a great repository of speakers.
- Make your “Christmas Party” an invite event ... rather than a member only show.
- Instead of having a long Christmas break ...check with your members about having a “social sip”
- When you return to your Regular Meeting times .... Make the first one a “banger” ... good solid program to set the scene for the next 6 months.
- Sponsor a student at TAFE or 1st Year Uni. Say \$500 towards fees or Technology
- Combined Rotary gathering in towns that have more than 1 Rotary Club could be a great Christmas Party or new Year Meeting.

Brian Beesley (Gloucester Rotary 2021)

# ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

**Narangerel's story is one of hopelessness turning to hope.**

**Despite living in pain every day for 25 years, 27-year-old Narangerel\* has chosen to dedicate her life to helping others, training as a nurse in Khuvsgul aimag, the northernmost province in Mongolia.**

Badly burnt as a two-year-old when her synthetic clothing melted to her skin following exposure to a hot oven, Narangerel experienced pain every day for the next two decades.

Suffering from burns reaching from her abdomen down to her thighs, the young woman's severe scarring and injuries also left her unable to have children, restricted her day-to-day movement, and meant she was unable to lift heavy objects.

But Narangerel would not let her challenges impede her. She trained as a nurse wanting to provide care to others.

Thanks to her experience in the local hospital, Narangerel was aware of Interplast and in 2018, her role reversed when the healthcare worker became the patient, as she underwent her life-changing surgery.



Narangerel\* after her successful surgery  
\*Not the patient's real name

Following a four-month recovery from the surgery and an even longer wait for the skin on her thighs to fully heal, Narangerel no longer suffers from her childhood injuries.

In an interview in October 2021, Narangerel had tears in her eyes as she described her life before the Interplast team performed her surgery, and her new life afterwards.



I am so grateful to the Interplast.

Narangerel in October 2021

*"Everyone said I was hopeless. When I was in school, I didn't go to physical education classes at all."*

*"The Interplast doctors have given me a new life and hope in my life. My abdomen is now healed and (I am) without any problems with childbirth. I tell people with burns about this program," she said. "The people at the Interplast program were really great doctors and nurses. They explained the whole process to me. That's why I've come from such a far, remote soum to give this interview."*

*I'm so grateful to the Interplast."*

In addition to providing surgeries like Narangerel's, Interplast is working with partners in Mongolia to reduce the incidence of preventable injuries like the burns Narangerel suffered as a two year old.

Rotary and Interplast - working together to do good in the world since 1983.

For more information please contact your Interplast District Chair or Interplast Rotary Coordinator Janette on [janette.etherington@interplast.org.au](mailto:janette.etherington@interplast.org.au)



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