



Foundation for Surgery

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A close-up photograph of several young children of South Asian descent. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. One child in the center foreground is pointing their index finger directly at the viewer. Another child to the left is also smiling broadly, showing their teeth. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and a warm, orange-toned wall.

the Thank you Report

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori Health

Facilitating long-term change by addressing some of the cultural, social and economic barriers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori people being over-represented in the poor determinants of health through supporting aspiring Indigenous surgeons in Australia and New Zealand.

Working to enhance recognition and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori health issues, promoting excellence in care and improving understanding of culturally-appropriate treatment through education and advocacy.

Research and Scholarships

Forging higher levels of excellence in surgical practice through supporting ground-breaking research to ensure the safety, effectiveness and appropriateness of surgical practice is based on the best evidence and all people have access to enhanced levels of early detection, surgical care and treatment when they need it.

Supporting advocacy for higher levels of patient care to ensure that surgeons and other health professionals have the most up-to-date knowledge to provide the highest quality patient care.

Global Health

Addressing needs in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region by providing essential medical and surgical services to disadvantaged communities that would otherwise be unable to access specialist care. Working with local partners, volunteer specialists address sight, hearing, and mobility as well as many other critical needs.

Investing in people. Volunteer specialists train local surgeons and health professionals in order to support increased healthcare capacity and meet the ongoing needs of low-income communities within the Asia-Pacific Region.

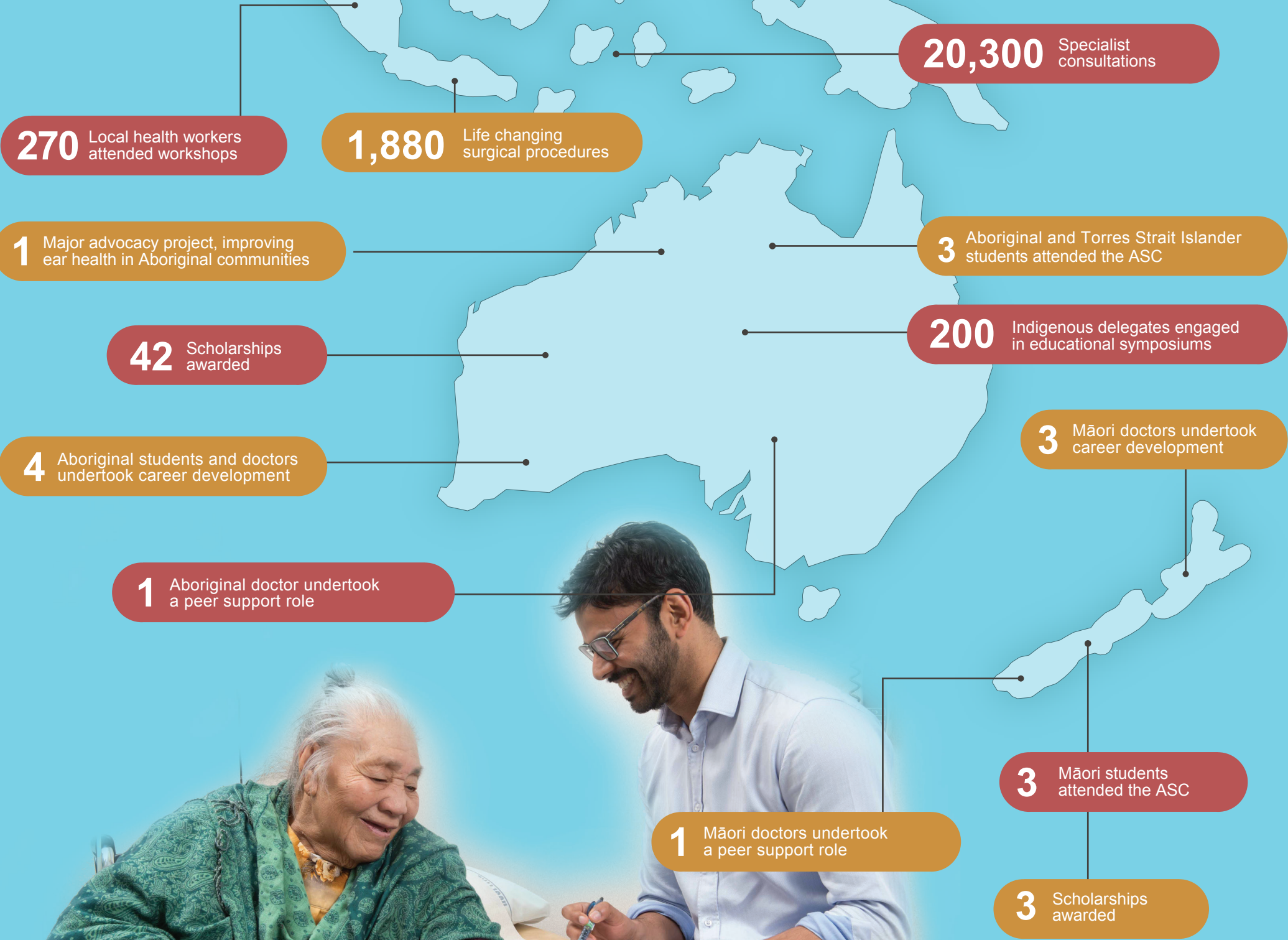
Providing specialist health services and/or training in Timor-Leste, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia.

The Foundation for Surgery relies on donations and bequests to continue to support children, families and communities to live their healthiest lives.

All costs for the Foundation for Surgery are provided for by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons so that 100% of your donation achieves its maximum impact in the community.

Your donations, your impact.

Thanks to your generous support this year, together we have achieved the following results...



* Map not to scale
Data as at 30 September 2019

Your donation, your difference.

Your extraordinary compassion and kindness makes a difference throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region, but don't just take our word for it...



The noble, selfless humanitarian mission you continue to undertake for the underprivileged across the Asia Pacific region, including in Timor-Leste, saving lives, giving colour, light and happiness to thousands, deeply touched our hearts ... [Your program] is one of the most successful health programs ever designed and implemented in Timor-Leste ... Do not underestimate your own personal contribution whether for Timor-Leste or any country in the region. Your contribution to Timor-Leste, your dedication, your generosity, are living marks in the personal lives of people who [have accessed] safe surgery ... This is your legacy.

President Jose Ramos Horta

President of Timor-Leste 2007-2012 and co-recipient of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize
— Foundation for Surgery Dinner, May 2019.

The Scholarship genuinely made a substantial impact on my life and training as a surgeon... I felt incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to present research at such a historic institution such as the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, particularly as an Aboriginal doctor... I'd love to think that if an Indigenous patient needed Upper GI surgery, for instance, there'd be an Indigenous surgeon available to provide it.

Dr Jaclyn Aramoana-Arlidge

Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award recipient

This is extremely exciting and unique work, not only because we are the first to target MYB, but because the vaccine was discovered, designed and made in an Australian laboratory. This is unique because usually this sort of science is driven by the major pharmaceutical companies working with research laboratories, but we did it ourselves even though it took us over six months to set up the laboratory, establish a clean space necessary for drug development and create the vaccine.

Dr Toan Pham

Colorectal Trainee and the current recipient of RACS' Paul Mackay Bolton Scholarship for Cancer Research (2019-2020), whose research on cancer vaccines has garnered widespread international recognition.

Sincere thanks to all our donors. Without your kindness, generosity and continued support, the important global health, Indigenous health and research work of the Foundation for Surgery would not be possible.

Please donate to the Foundation for Surgery today to help children, families and communities access safe and quality surgical care this year.



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