Australian Doctors for Africa (ADFA) plays a critical role in providing medical assistance and training in Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland and Madagascar through its humanitarian and volunteer medical operations.

The organisation operates in five major locations comprising:

- Hargeisa, Somaliland’s largest city
- Bosaso, Puntland’s main port city
- Hargeisa, Somaliland and Madagascar
- Tulear in the south west region of Madagascar
- Antananarivo in Madagascar

It has a commitment to effect significant change in health care and well-being in those countries through the provision of various medical teams, services and assistance.

Australian Doctors for Africa is helping Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland and Madagascar to a more stable future by assisting them with medical equipment, medical supplies, medical training, surgical operations and medical building projects.

Established in 2005, ADFA is a non-profit community based organisation with its headquarters located in Perth, Western Australia. It has no political or religious affiliations.

Sincerely, the goals of ADFA are to:

- Provide medical supplies and equipment
- Consult and undertake orthopaedic surgical procedures
- Train and teach nurses, medical students, doctors and medical specialists
- Provide other medical specialties to meet demand
- Disseminate best practice in health care
- Build capacity and skill with local medical staff and students
- Assess future training needs of local staff to build capacity
- Maintain sustainable projects, such as immunisation and cholera programmes to address high disease morbidity and mortality
- Improve hospitals through the provision of better equipment
- Undertake a mandate to effect significant change with the building of new hospital facilities

The cornerstone of ADFA is a medical team typically comprises orthopaedic surgeons, an anaesthetist and theatre nurses with additional specialised support incorporated into the team such as a physiotherapist, plaster technician and orthopaedic technician.

Other specialty team members include gastroenterology and urology.

We have now developed a business model which is sustainable and accountable and I am continually amazed by our achievements in a suite of projects and services for a small volunteer organisation.

Importantly, Australian Doctors for Africa had a very successful year in its core business of delivering five medical teams involving twenty-two (22) medical practitioners across three African countries encompassing twelve (12) different hospital locations. In five years, we have now despatched twenty-two (22) medical teams.

It has been another year with high quality outputs, outcomes and impacts with our medical teams seeing well over 2000 patients performing in excess of 100 medical procedures. We were also able to despatch our fifteenth (15) sea container comprising medical equipment, hospital equipment, supplies and medication.

Our three-year Strategic Plan continues to provide guidance and direction to ensure that ADFA is on track to continue its achievements.

It is pleasing to report that ADFA has expanded its operational services to the Military and University Hospitals in Antananarivo in Madagascar. This gastroenterology initiative has been well received and has established a permanent presence in the capital to better serve the community.

As in previous years, the politically unstable situation in Bosnia, Somalia has greatly restricted our involvement in that country. However, in spite of this setback, we have supported the General Hospital in Bosaso with medical equipment and supplies to equip the three new paediatric wards and provided funding for a Theatre Nurse. This new facility will significantly enhance the delivery of medical services and operations in Somalia.

Having created a solid foundation over the last five years, ADFA is now able to focus on growth initiatives over the next twelve months. Of particular importance will be the identification and development of building projects, a training program for orthopaedic practitioners and talipes in Madagascar and continuation and extension of the successful medical training program and relationship with the University Medical School in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

A significant direction for ADFA has been the accreditation process to AFIDF and AusAid and I would like to thank all volunteers involved in that long process. Once successful, ADFA has the potential to be in a stronger financial position to take on more projects.

While the above is a brief overview of ADFA’s achievements, very little could have been achieved without the involvement of our volunteer resources whose dedication, time and effort has greatly assisted ADFA in attaining our compelling vision and direction.

We are extremely grateful to all our corporate and medical partners, members and friends who have provided valuable financial and medical support for our successful operations.

I would also like to extend my warmest thanks and appreciation to ADFA’s Management Committee for their advice and support and for their hard work and dedication and our wonderful volunteers for their acumen and wisdom; the Fund Raising and Events Committee for their commitment towards funding raising activities; the many volunteers who have assisted ADFA with their administrative responsibilities and the volunteer members of medical teams who continually pass their knowledge and commitment to those in need.

ADFA has an exciting and ambitious agenda moving forward which will see us increase the training of medical practitioners, grow our capacity to reach communities in need and improve our already strong presence in four countries.

Dr Stephen Hammond
Founder and Principal
While the main focus of 2010-2011 was the hospitals in Tulear, Australian Doctors for Africa extended its operational services to include gastroenterology at the Military and University Hospitals in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. Dr Digby Cullen was very instrumental in expanding the program and providing gastroenterology equipment and training to doctors in Antananarivo.

Orthopaedic surgery and treatment

A medical team of seven visited Tulear in November 2010. The orthopaedic team of Drs. Geoff Rosenberg and Graham Forward consulted 150 patients and performed 17 operations during the two weeks. Again there was emphasis on the treatment of talipes with young children and the training of medical staff in the Ponsetti method. However, there is still much to do with teaching orthopaedic surgery and identifying key medical students. ADFA intends to face this challenge over the next twelve months to improve service delivery.

A small medical team of three also visited Tulear in April 2011. Due to an outbreak of severe food poisoning which resulted in fourteen (14) deaths and an overcrowding of the Generale Hospitale through 200 patients, the team operated at the Clinic St Luc but consulted at both hospitals. In spite of this setback, the team of three was extremely productive in that they saw 176 patients, performed over 200 consultations and carried out 20 operations over nine days.

Other medical specialities

Under the leadership of Dr Digby Cullen (gastroenterology) and Dr Sue Chapman (urology), ADFA has introduced another two specialities to our programme. These specialty areas have been requested by Madagascar doctors and are becoming the key specialities in ADFA’s visits.

In urology, Dr Sue Chapman reviewed 59 patients, identified 9 patients in retention with catheters and performed 17 operations during November 2010. At the same time, Dr Phil Smith, anaesthetist, gave 31 anaesthetics and assisted Dr Sue Chapman. Dr Digby Cullen expanded the gastroenterology program through reviewing 100 patients at the Generale Hospitale in Tulear and performing 25 endoscopies and colonoscopies.

The gastroenterology program was further expanded to the Military and University Hospitals in Antananarivo where 27 endoscopies and colonoscopies were performed.

Dispatching medical teams, equipment and supplies

$100,000 worth of gastroenterology equipment was installed by Dr Digby Cullen at the Military and University Hospitals in Antananarivo and in the Generale Hospitale in Tulear. This included the installation of three gastroscopes and three colonoscopes together with video endoscopy equipment.

It is pleasing to report that endoscopy equipment donated in early 2010 to the Clinic St Luc was still in good working order and condition.

Constructing new medical buildings and facilities

Since the completion of a sanitation and hygiene project, ADFA has been liaising with the Generale Hospitale to identify another building project. Progress has been made with the identification of renovating and equipping the hospital laundry and sewing room.

Funding for the project was secured from Coopers Investors and work on the project commenced in June 2011. Tayebbi Contractors has been appointed with the project being overseen by Mr Robert Forward in Perth and Mr. Marcellin Jean Desire in Tulear.

Teaching

The ADFA medical teams are continually involved in the teaching and training of local doctors and nurses. While some of this involves ward rounds to provide information on post operative treatment, opportunities are also sourced to teach more specialist practitioners.

During the expansion of the gastroenterology program at the Military and University Hospitals, four endoscopists were trained in the use of specialist equipment which has now resulted in the screening of many more patients.

Progress on better implementation of talipes screening and treatment has been achieved through the efforts of Helen Burgan. Despite treating many children on each visit and teaching local doctors, the team have been frustrated by the lack of progress.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

In the past twelve months, our operations and services in Madagascar have vastly improved. This improvement is, in part, due to local representatives who have embraced the ADFA vision and mission. Particular thanks go to:

- Dr Gregorie in gastroenterology at the CHRR hospital
- Tiana Andrianarajaoasina – ADFA representative in Tulear
- Marcellin Jean Desire – Project Manager for building projects
- Dr Christini Monja – Director of CHRR (General Hospital)
- Australian Government Direct Aid Program (Mauritius)
- Mr. Jule Le Clezio (Madagascar Resources)
- Malagasy Minerals Ltd
- Coopers Investor
The Black Lion Hospital is the major teaching and referral hospital for the entire population of 80 million people who reside in Ethiopia. As you can imagine the workload and needs are overwhelming.

Orthopaedic medical expertise has been carried out in four main areas:
1. Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinics involving complex fractures, non unions, mal unions, bone and joint deformity and bone tumours.
2. Ward rounds conducted with junior staff to assist with prioritising cases for operations in particular.
3. Operating theatres both as primary surgeries and assisting the Ethiopian doctors.
4. Saturday and Sunday operating times has greatly increased the number of orthopaedic operations. Extra operating times have been funded by ADFA.

Orthopaedic surgery and treatment
A medical team of four specialists and two observers was dispatched to Addis Ababa in October 2010. Drs Tim and Evelyn Fletcher and Dr Tony Jeffries provided orthopaedic surgery, attended clinics, reviewed trauma cases, lectured on recent topics and provided teaching to new orthopaedic registrars.

In April, Dr Graham Forward and Tim Keenan continued their work in orthopaedics, performing several operations, overseeing 200 patients and numerous teaching opportunities with medical staff and students. The two medical teams between them saw over 600 patients and either directly operated on or assisted with approximately 80 operations.

ADFA has continued to financially support weekend orthopaedic medical procedures during 2010 – 2011. This has resulted in additional orthopaedic surgery procedures being implemented during a period when the hospital would not normally be functioning. Short cases have been the main focus to increase the number of procedures.

In April 2011, the Black Lion Hospital Department of Orthopaedic Surgery opened two new operating theatres dedicated to orthopaedic surgery. These facilities were completely equipped by ADFA. Dr Graham Forward carried out the inaugural operations in these theatres which will greatly improve the treatment of orthopaedic trauma for a larger number of patients.

Other medical specialities
ADFA has started to identify other areas of speciality that can contribute to improving the delivery of services. In particular, theatre nurses and theatre sterile remain a priority. Areas for specialist consideration in the future are paediatrics, cleft palate, plastic surgery.

Despatching medical teams, equipment and supplies
A container of medical equipment and supplies to the approximate value of $1.2m was shipped to Addis Ababa in October 2010. This was the 14th container that Australian Doctors for Africa has shipped overseas since the organisation’s inception in 2005.

Operating equipment, beds and mattresses were the major items distributed.

Orthopaedic plates, screws and equipment were purchased from an overseas manufacturer by ADFA and dispatched directly to the three Addis Ababa hospitals for the benefit of poor patients.

Constructing new medical buildings and facilities
In April 2011, two important project management concepts were initiated. One involved the modifying and conversion of a large unused space into two operating theatres at the Black Lion Hospital.

The second one involved a scoping study for the construction of an Australian-Ethiopian orthopaedic and paediatric hospital – a vision of Graham Forward.

Funding is currently being sourced for the operating theatres which will be the largest funding raising project undertaken by ADFA.

New operating theatre equipment donated by ADFA has already been installed in two small operating theatres for exclusive orthopaedic surgery. Like the impact of the equipment and surgery has already resulted in increasing the number of orthopaedic operations.

Teaching
Paul Makoney (Orthopaedic Technician) has worked extensively in cataloging, storing, improving and maintaining the orthopaedic equipment. Victoria Gibson has spent considerable time teaching and improving the skill base of the operating theatre nurses with an emphasis on improving the sterility and sterile techniques within the theatres.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
Over the past twelve months orthopaedic teaching, screening and treatment has greatly been extended, refined and progressed. In particular, our thanks are extended to staff at the Black Lion Hospital:
• Dr Aster Tesgay, CEO
• Dr Zewde Wombahun – Manager, Orthopaedics

Dr Bahrie Bezaibih, Medical Director
Dr Biruk Limbasso, Senior Orthopaedic surgeon
Dr Desie Guililat, Dean of University of Addis Ababa Medical School
The local orthopaedic doctors who have been rotated on weekends to increase the number of operations.

Dr Tim Keenan and Dr Graham Forward have provided input into daily case and treatment meetings and implemented special training clinics and in-service courses for the use of new equipment.

Other
During the April trip, meetings were also arranged with the Australian Ambassador and AusAid to discuss opportunities to improve the delivery of medical services and treatment to Addis Ababa through funding opportunities and clarified ADFA’s role in the region. These meetings were extremely productive.

By chance, an Australian Joint Parliamentary Committee was also in Addis Ababa at the same time as the April medical team and this provided an opportunity to discuss the importance of medical assistance for Ethiopia with Australian Joint Parliamentary Committee delegates, in particular Hon Joel Fitzgibbon and Philip Ruddick.


PHOTO CAPTIONS
1. Dr Forward instructing surgeons in use of new orthopaedic drills
2. Dr Graham Forward makes a point in discussion with Senator Claire Moore and Hon. Philip Ruddick
3. Theatre nurse Victoria Gibson checks donated equipment at the Black Lion Hospital
4. Operating equipment donated by ADFA has had a large impact and resulted in two new fully operational operating theatres
5. Orthopaedic surgery remains the cornerstone of ADFA’s activities
6. Newly arrived equipment ready for distribution
7. Australian Ambassador Lisa Filipetto meets with Dr Graham Forward and Paul Tye
8. Dr Tony Jeffries and Dr Tim Fletcher discuss treatment during ward rounds
As in 2009-10, the political instability of Bosaso in Somalia has meant that ADFA’s presence in that region has continued to be suspended. However, whilst medical teams have not accessed Bosaso, ADFA has continued its relationship through dialogue with Dr Abdullahi Saaid, the Head of Bosaso General Hospital and the equipping of the three new wards.

In addition, through funding from Stryker Medical and the St John of God Hospital Foundation, ADFA has ensured that the head operating theatre nurse’s salary has been paid. This initiative has resulted in improved running of the operating theatre and increased training for theatre nurses.

During the last twelve months, ADFA’s activities have, in the main, been restricted to Hargeisa in Somaliland, primarily at the General Hospital, the Kaah Community Hospital and Edna Adan Maternity Hospital. This latter hospital is now nine years old.

Orthopaedic surgery and treatment

Once again, the political situation in Somalia has hindered our organisation’s progress. The region around Bosaso was seen as too dangerous for a foreign medical team. However, orthopaedic operations at the General Hospital in Bosaso have been significantly improved through funding.

Australian Doctors for Africa was able to continue its operations in Hargeisa in April through Dr Forward and Dr Chelva. Other medical specialties

In April, ADFA was able to incorporate urologist Dr David Chelva into its medical team to Hargeisa in Somaliland. David conducted many operations, supervised operations and provided professional and teaching expertise to doctors, nurses and medical students.

Despatching medical teams, equipment and supplies

Although only one small medical team was despatched to Somaliland, ADFA’s presence continues to be respected and welcomed. ADFA’s achievements continue to be recognized by the community. Container No. 13 was received in Bosaso in December 2010. This container contained medical equipment, beds and mattresses in the main.

Earlier, ADFA had made a commitment to furnish the construction of three new wards with medical furniture, medical equipment, operating tables and office furniture. Administrative offices and general medical supplies were collected and shipped. Meanwhile, sea container No. 15 was received in Hargeisa with medical equipment and supplies distributed to the Group, Kaah and Edna Adan Hospitals. This contribution has greatly added to improving the quality of services available in the three locations.

Constructing new medical buildings and facilities

The construction of three new paediatric wards at the General Hospital in Bosaso is soon to be completed. ADFA has been instrumental in providing equipment to furnish the three new wards and some funding for construction.

At the request of the Edna Adan Hospital in Hargeisa to resolve the water shortage at the hospital, ADFA undertook to supply new tyres for a water truck which the hospital had purchased.

The water truck has been very successful in carting water twice daily from a local source 30km away to the hospital. The hospital also distributes the water free of charge to the local poor community.

Through funding from the Direct Aid Program at the Australian High Commission in Nairobi, ADFA was able to identify and progress the renovation of an operating theatre at the Group Hospital in Hargeisa.

In conjunction with the Hospital Director, Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Abdi and Omer Farah from Taakulo Somaliland Community, the project supervisor, the infrastructure works were identified and work commenced on the project in May.

The project will be completed within three months with the operating theatres becoming fully functional and significantly adding to the increased number of operations fulfilled by the hospital.

At the same time, infrastructure work on renovating the laundry is nearing completion. This project will significantly add to the provision and improvement of sterile materials for beds and operations and will replace linen washing by hand.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
Significant progress has been made in Somaliland and Somalia through the efforts of:

• Dr Mohamed Ahmed Abdi, Director, Group Hospital
• Dr Deria Ereg – Dean of Hargeisa Medical School
• Omer Farah – ADFA’s main contact for project supervision through the Taakulo Somaliland Community
• Edna Adan at the Edna Adan Maternity Hospital
• Maytag for donation of industrial washing machines
• St John of God Hospital foundation
• Stryker Medical

Maintaining the teaching program at Hargeisa, Somalia

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Australia and Australian Doctors for Africa have been working together on a medical curriculum in conjunction with the Hargeisa Hospital Medical School. As in previous years, the program for general surgery, paediatrics, GP and general medicine is well underway and voluntary Australian doctors have continued to provide input into this project.

In April 2011, Dr Forward accompanied a medical teaching team from the University of Western Australia Medical School, comprising Professor Allbrook, Dr Chelebanyagam and Dr Fred Faigenbaum to the University of Hargeisa Medical School.

While the visit in April afforded the opportunity for the University to cement its relationship besides teaching medical students for fourteen (14) days, there is still much to do with coordinating an improved and better structured medical program.

Photo captions:
1. Dr Chelebanyagam watches installation of the new industrial washing machine
2. Dr Fred Faigenbaum teaching medical students
3. The old operating theatre No. 1 is due for renovation
Governance & Integrity

WE HAVE FOSTERED A CULTURE THAT VALUES ETHICAL BEHAVIOR, INTEGRITY AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS

To be a leading and responsive humanitarian medical organisation in Western Australia is underpinned by strong and effective corporate governance. We have a solid framework of policies, processes, procedures and risk management practices governing what we do. We have fostered a culture that values ethical behavior, integrity and respect for others.

Australian Doctors for Africa has established a fund into which donations are made to enable ADFA to reach its goals. The fund has been granted deductible gift recipient status by the Australian Taxation Office and is managed by a Management Committee.

The Management Committee adopts corporate good governance practices with a view to ensuring that regulatory and compliance requirements are met and ethical standards are maintained.

We have developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Taakulo Somailand Community for project management; have a Letter of Understanding with the Takir Anbessa Hospital in Addis Ababa for project work and have assisted the University of Western Australia Medical School in developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hargeisa Medical School.

Through the Management Committee, a strategic plan has been implemented to ensure that a vision, mission and strategic goals have been identified; monitored their execution through an operational plan; approved budget requirements; arranged for the collection and distribution of medical equipment and medical supplies; determined policy, procedures and processes for ethical behavior, integrity and respect for others; outlined roles and responsibilities for internal and external personnel and monitored the performance of the medical teams.

The Management Committee consists of the founder and principal, Dr Graham Forward together with Robert Forward, Ms Jeanne Bell, Ms Christine Tasker, Ian Pawley, David Martino and Paul Tye. Each brings business acumen and experience to the organisation through their legal, financial, logistic, marketing, administrative and organisational skill sets.

The Management Committee meets monthly and appointed David Martino and Ian Pawley in June 2011. The Events Committee was established to assist with the streamlining and implementation of fund raising activities. Two members of the Management Committee have overseen the activities of the Events Committee.

In conducting its governance activities, the Management Committee would like to acknowledge the contribution of Ian Pawley for his input into compliance matters, David Martino for his help in guiding ADFA through legal complexities, Pat Owens for coordinating the database and Jenny Owen for her contribution towards structuring the medical student program.
Medical Team Visits

August 2010
Black Lion Hospital, Ethiopia
Dr Tony Jeffries
Victoria Gibson
Paul Mahoney
Dr Tim Fletcher
Rhonda Milner (observer)
Dr Evelyn Fletcher (observer)

November 2010
Tulear, Madagascar
Dr Graham Forward
Dr Digby Cullen
Dr Sue Chapman
Helen Burgan
Clare Rixon
Dr Phillip Smith
Dr Geoff Rosenberg

April 2011
Black Lion Hospital, Ethiopia
Dr Graham Forward
Dr Tim Keenan
Paul Tye
(Logistics/Project Management)

April 2011
Hargeisa, Somaliland
Dr Graham Forward
Paul Tye
(Logistics/Project Management)
Prof. David Allbrook
(UWA Medical School)

Areas Of Expertise

Orthopaedics
Dr Tim Fletcher
Dr Graham Forward
Dr Tim Keenan
Dr Geoff Rosenberg
Dr Tony Jeffries
Dr Li-On Lam

Urology
Dr Sue Chapman
Dr Dharmanesan Chelvanayagam

Gastroenterology
Dr Digby Cullen

Anaesthetics
Dr Phillip Smith

Orthopaedic Technician
Paul Mahoney

Physiotherapist/Talipes
Helen Burgan

Teaching
Prof David Allbrook
(University of Western Australia)
Dr Fred Faigenbaum
(University of Western Australia)

Other
Paul Tye
(Logistics/Project Management)

GP
Dr Evelyn Fletcher

Registered/Theatre Nurses
Victoria Gibson
Rhonda Milner
Clare Rixon
Cherrie Genat

Dr Fred Faigenbaum (UWA Medical School)
Dr Dharmanesan Chelvanayagam

April/May 2011
Tulear, Madagascar
Dr Rob Genat
Cherrie Genat
Dr Li-On Lam
Australian Doctors for Africa has been fortunate to maintain all our fully funded programs and services during 2010-11 partly due to contributions from volunteers and the fact that ADFA has no administrative overheads.

Our financial support has come from many fronts, including the unfaltering generosity of our individual corporates, donors and members, Government grant through the AusAid Direct Aid Program in Nairobi, donation of goods in kind and two major fund raising events.

Our hard work in developing relationships over recent years has proved instrumental in helping us weather the global financial crisis.

Australian Doctors for Africa recognises a significant contribution from an anonymous donor.

Events

During the last twelve months, there have been three significant events of which two concentrated on fund raising.

In October 2010, Australian Doctors for Africa were privileged to host a Garden Party which raised $14,500. The garden provided areas for quiet thought and reflection among the marvellous array of flowering plants and trees. Approximately 300 ADFA supporters attended the event and 30 volunteers assisted on the day.

In February 2011, ADFA held an event at Wesley College to thank all the volunteers for their valuable contribution to the organisation. Sixty supporters, including medical team members, were acknowledged by Dr Graham Forward for their continued voluntary and financial contributions towards the organisation and its vision. The major ADFA fund raising event was held in May 2011 on the foreshore at South Perth. Known as ‘The Little Feet Walk’ this event has grown in stature since its inception four years ago.

The event attracted over 100 walkers who completed the 8km walk and raised $15,000. Although the amount raised was less than in previous years, the timing of the event in Easter and School holidays had an impact on the participation numbers. Each year, the event has been further refined and supported to the stage where it will remain an iconic event on the ADFA calendar and its fund raising activities.

ADFA are particularly appreciative of those who continually support our work. ADFA would like to recognise the contribution by the Events Committee in organising the events and the number of volunteers who assisted with their implementation.

During the year, efforts were made to improve the funding base. In particular, the significant financial contributions individuals and corporates enabled the funds to be directed towards projects in Madagascar, Somaliland and Ethiopia.

Throughout the year, the Fund Raising and Events Committee have been well supported by product donations and we would like to acknowledge and thank our myriad of partners, including: Perth Zoo, Salmark, Howard Park & Madfish Wines, Lamonts, Swings and Roundabout Wines, Blue Cow Cheese and Wesley College in particular.

This year, we introduced a volunteering model to better attribute the value of the hours that ADFA volunteers provide. Based on the hourly rate of $21 per hour for volunteers used by Volunteering Australia, we have been able to calculate volunteer value based time. Based on this model, the total value of volunteer support over the past year was estimated at just under $300,000 – a significant contribution from our small volunteer base.

Jeanne Bell

Distribution of Revenue

Financial Note:

The 2010-11 financial reports for Australian Doctors for Africa have been fully audited by Somes & Cook Chartered Accountants. The account received an unqualified audit opinion which complies with legislative and financial requirements and reporting standards. A full copy of the audited accounts is held at the Australian Doctors for Africa office and principal place of business at 20 Colin Street, West Perth, Western Australia.
Management Committee

Dr Graham Forward
Has been the driving force behind Australian Doctors for Africa since the first official medical team went to Somalia in February 2005. Bringing a wealth and mix of business and medical acumen to the organisation, Graham standing with the orthopaedic community both in Western Australia and Australia has enabled the growth of medical teams to continue. Recognised as the Australian of the Year in the 2010 Shire of Peppermint Grove Awards, Graham has numerous other recognition awards for his humanitarian endeavours. He has held various medical positions within the Australian Orthopaedic Association (WA).

Robert Forward
Has had a distinguished career in marketing through managerial positions. Associated with a steel fabrication company based in Victoria, Robert was responsible for the entire Australian marketing operations. As an avid member of Rotary for over twenty years, Robert brings a strong corporate and rotary network to the organisation. Robert also held many financial and presidential positions with local community sporting organisations. Now retired, Robert’s skills complement the vision and direction of Australian Doctors for Africa. Robert decided to step down from the Management Committee in April but still maintains an active role with project work and fund raising.

Jeanne Bell
Provides financial and organisational skills and as Chair of the Events Committee provides direction, experience, expertise and acumen for fund raising events and activities. Appointed in 2005, Jeanne has a background in the commercial building construction industry having held the position of financial controller for a private building construction company for over 12 years. A background in Applied Science Jeanne has been associated with several community service organisations.

Christine Tasker
Is Practice Manager and Personal Assistant to Dr Graham Forward and has held this position for 17 years. Christine is an inaugural member of the Management Committee of Australian Doctors for Africa. She brings strong administration skills to the organisation and is prominent in the logistics of liaising with and co-ordinating the volunteer medical teams. Christine is a proactive member in fund raising activities and functions. Prior to her current position, Christine nursed at SJOGH Subiaco, Hollywood Hospital, King Edward Hospital, Morawa District Hospital and the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

Paul Tye
Joined Australian Doctors for Africa in August 2009 and is a Director of TeamWorks Australasia Pty Ltd and is Chair of Neerigen Brook Primary School Board. He has completed a Master of Education and a Master of Science (Utah) and has received numerous business and marketing awards and nominations. Paul has extensive experience in project management, business development, social marketing and community – business – government partnerships, research, evaluation and sponsorship. Paul brings to Australian Doctors for Africa expertise in administration, logistics, organisational skills, marketing and concept facilitation.
Ian Pawley
Ian started working with Australian Doctors for Africa in 2009, and was invited to join the Management Committee in 2011. He has been primarily assisting ADFA in its quest for accreditation with the Australian Government. Ian has an Honours degree in Economics from London University and has had a distinguished career in high schools and senior colleges. He has also lectured at Curtin University, for the Securities Institute of Australia, University of W.A. Extension courses and The Stock Exchange. For the past 17 years he has been Director of a Building company.

Ian brings a varied business background to ADFA and is looking forward to the challenges of sustaining ADFA’s unique position as a high quality charity and its wonderful record of assisting people in Africa.

David Martino
Was appointed in June 2011 and brings a strong legal background to the organisation. He is a partner in Gilbert + Tobin, one of Australia’s leading law firms and has practiced law for more than 30 years. He has been a member of a number of company boards, including a listed public company, and is experienced in the areas of corporate governance and regulatory compliance.

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Sponsors and Corporate Donations

As a volunteer organisation, ADFA relies heavily on the financial donations of its members, fund raising activities, sponsors and the corporate sector. It is pleasing to report that the overheads of ADFA are zero so that every dollar raised is ensured of finding its way to Ethiopia, Somaliland and Somalia or Madagascar through supporting medical specialists, medical teams, medical equipment, medical supplies, medications or building projects.

Australian Doctors for Africa is very grateful for everyone’s support and financial contribution and commitment as all have been vital to maintain ADFA’s sustainable operations.

The Alcock, Brown Neaves Foundation has been a sponsor of ADFA for the several years. They continue to donate financial support to ADFA which has been used for medical aid and our sea container program. The sea container program has provided a huge amount of medical aid and hospital equipment to our four countries. This equipment allows our doctors and nurses to operate on patients who would not normally be able to have surgery due to the lack of equipment.

Peter Connor from Snap Printing West Perth continues to provide ADFA with printed stationary in the form of brochures, newsletters, flyers, posters, enlarging and laminating. They have supported ADFA since its conception and over the last twelve months have made a significant in-kind donation.

Air Mauritius for their continued support in providing excess baggage for the medical team visits to Madagascar.

Donated bandages for the screening and treatment of talipes.

3M has provided bandages and plaster.

Donation of Orthopaedic drills.

Ansell Asia Pacific has donated surgical, examination and general purpose gloves.

Rotary Clubs in Perth have donated funds for the building of three new wards for paediatrics in Bosaso, Somalia.

The Perth Apex Club has been involved in the sea container project from inception and has continued to provide assistance with the packing of the sea containers.

Air Mauritius for their continued support in providing excess baggage for the medical team visits to Madagascar.

Donated bandages for the screening and treatment of talipes.

We are extremely grateful to the Emirates Airlines Foundation who has supported ADFA through complimentary air travel to transport our medical teams to Ethiopia. In addition they have provided excess baggage weight so that the medical teams can carry vital medical supplies and medicines.

We also have strong advocacy, financial, in-kind or product donation support from many other organisations that are recognised below.

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