



## **LIFE CHANGING SURGERY FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS CHILD**

Children First Foundation (CFF), together with Western Private Hospital (WPH), has recently enabled life-changing surgery to be performed on a 6 year old child from the Solomon Islands.

Madeleine from the Popsheo Province arrived in Australia on 11<sup>th</sup> August accompanied by her mother Joy. Madeleine was admitted to the WPH in Footscray undergoing major surgery on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August by paediatric surgeon Professor Paddy Dewan. Madeleine was born with a bowel objection. An attempt at repair in the Solomons had been complicated by a perforation between her bowel and virgina by which she require a re-establishment of the colostomy. It had been identified that the perforation needed urgent attention and therefore Madeleine was evacuated immediately to Australia. During the course of the operation the perforation was able to be repaired and colostomy reversed enabling her to go back home a normal little girl. After five days in hospital Madeleine was discharged and is recuperating at the Foundation's Rehabilitation Farm in Kilmore. Madeleine, who has a beautiful toothless smile and bubbly personality has experienced a very speedy recovery, and will be returning to the Solomon Islands next week.

This life changing surgery which is not currently available in the Solomon Islands was made possible by Children First Foundation, Western Private Hospital, Professor Paddy Dewan (Paediatric Urologist and General Surgeon) and Dr Rooney Jagilly, (Paediatric Surgeon, Solomon Islands – currently training here in Australia).

Press conference: Western Private Hospital  
1-9 Marion Street, Footscray  
**11.00 am Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2007**

Available for interview: Madeleine, mother,  
Moira Kelly AO and Professor Dewan

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