



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

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Chairman's Introduction



I am sure everyone in dentistry and the wider community has given a big sigh of relief as the last of the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. The pandemic has created significant challenges for the whole community and has provided considerable headwinds for the volunteering efforts of the dental practitioners who provide the much needed and valued pro bono dental services the patients referred to the ADHF need. I hope the impressive level of impact achieved across Australia in the past quarter exceeding \$313K of dental services is a sign that volunteering is increasing again and we can start to reduce our waiting lists which have grown considerably over the past 2 and a half years.

This level of impact is the third highest for a quarter since the merger of the ADAF and the NDF to form the ADHF. This is achieved by the generous efforts of a considerable number of dentists, specialist dentists and dental prosthetists and their staff. I believe it is important to recognise exceptional contributions. In particular, I mention Dr Robert Aslan, a new volunteer who contributed more than \$50K of pro bono dental services this quarter and Drs Andrew Parsons and Min Sian who regularly contribute through the ADANSW/Filling the Gap Clinics.

On behalf of the Advisory Board of the Foundation I welcome Mrs Claire Rawlinson as the new ADHF National Manager. Claire has been a strong contributor as the NSW Coordinator for some years and has very recently been selected for the National role.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Rick Olive'.

Dr. Rick Olive AM RFD

Chairman,
Australian Dental Health Foundation

Cover: Dr Robert Aslan at his practice in Five Dock, Sydney with one of the many patients he has assisted through our programs.

Creating impact with the Australian Dental Health Foundation

Our mission is to address the inequality between those Australians who can access the dental care they need, and those who can't.

Our vision is an Australia where no disadvantaged member of our community falls through the cracks and needlessly suffers from a lack of access to dignified professional oral health care.

Through the work that we do, we deliver better access to quality oral health care for all Australians regardless of their financial, geographical or social situation.

From men and women who have overcome addiction, who are enduring long-term economic hardship or suffering from mental and physical health challenges; to those establishing their independence after domestic violence has stolen their freedom, and the homeless whose needless dental suffering no longer compounds their more basic struggles; we're there to provide life changing oral health treatment wherever we can help.

Through our Dental Rescue Days, Adopt a Patient and Rebuilding Smiles® programs, our national team connects eligible individuals with specialist oral health volunteers who provide their time, expertise and practice facilities at no cost to patients.

We also fund programs that facilitate better long-term oral health outcomes through our Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants and Oral Health Education Projects and reduce the inequality of access to education through our Indigenous Study Grants.

To date, we've created change for thousands of community members by enabling the pro bono delivery of more than \$6,000,000 of professional oral health services.

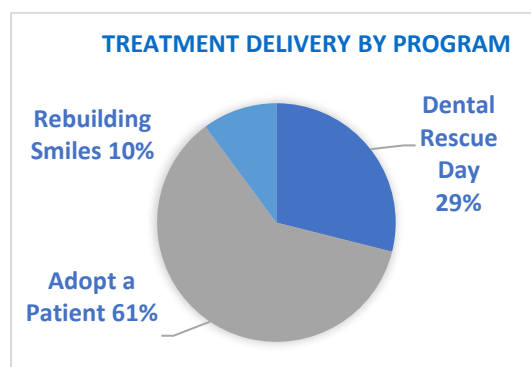
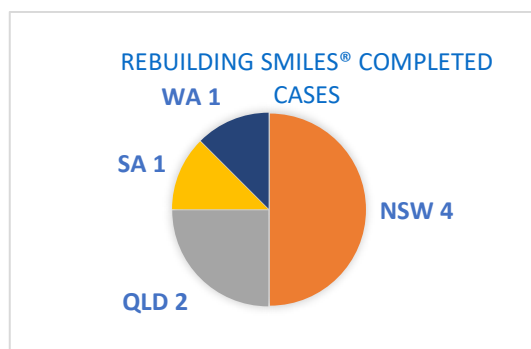
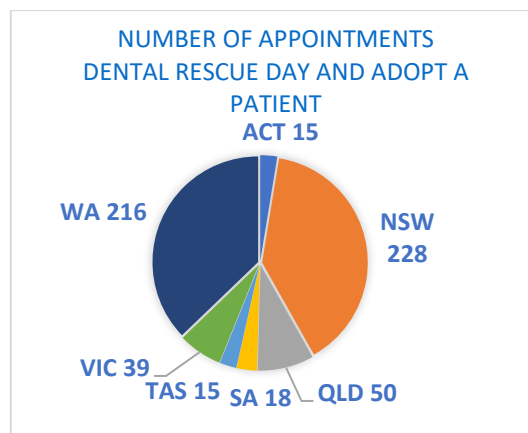
Volunteer Program Outcomes

In this first quarter of financial year 2023(July to September), the Foundation coordinated **18 Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing **186** appointments to disadvantaged patients. The Dental Rescue Day program coordinates access to local private practices and clinics for eligible patients, whereby a group of patients will receive a comprehensive general oral check-up in a single day.

395 appointments were attended by patients under the **Adopt a Patient** program. Under this program, an individual patient attends a local private practice or clinic to receive dental treatment and will usually require several appointments to address their often more complex oral health issues.

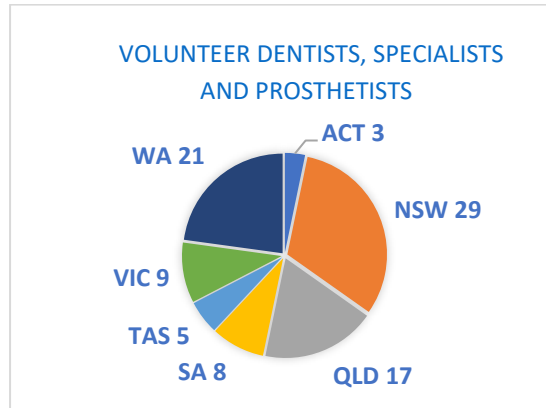
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, **8** cases were completed with **175** patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment.

Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$313,479** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.



Volunteers

During the quarter, **92 general dentists, prosthetists and specialists** around Australia provided pro bono services to patients. Additionally, many of their staff were involved with coordinating appointments, assisting in surgery and providing oral hygiene and education to patients.



Volunteer Spotlight

Dr Robert Aslan, St Anthony Dental, Five Dock, Sydney.

Patient Mohammed was referred to the Adopt a Patient program by WHO's Gunyah, Sydney. WHO's Gunyah is a men's residential program providing therapeutic programs aimed at achieving recovery from alcohol and other drug dependence. The patient required several restorations and oral health therapy and a full upper denture which was supplied by Southern Cross Dental.

Dr Robert Aslan recently came on board with ADHF after we met him at ADX Sydney and has been incredibly generous over all ADHF programs as well as FTG programs.



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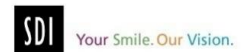
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