



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023



Chairman's Introduction



It is very pleasing to report another spectacular quarter of impact delivered by the volunteers who support the ADHF programmes and the patients we help. Total impact of \$341K make this last quarter the new second best for volunteering impact in the history of the Foundation. Our volunteer dentists, specialist dentists and dental prosthetists have provided more than \$1.414M worth of pro bono oral health care over the past 12 months. That is a 40% increase on the previous year. What a great outcome!

This turnaround follows normalisation of dental practice around Australia following the COVID-19 pandemic and we are all pleased about that. It also reflects a year of consolidation within the Foundation. We have had a new National Manager in Ms Claire Rawlinson and new State Co-ordinators in Queensland and South Australia. There is no doubt our team is hugely responsible for our level of activity and impact and I thank them all.

The term in office of our Advisory Board expired recently. Regrettably, several Board members have indicated they are moving on. The Foundation is indebted to former Vice Chairman Mike Covey, to members Ms Julie Toma, Ms Grace Liang and Drs Sue Cartwright and Neil Hewson and I thank them for their service to the Advisory Board and its Consultative Committees.

As I have indicated regularly, the Foundation is limited by its Budget and therefore by the quantum of sponsorship and donations of its supporters. The ADA Queensland Branch recently included a voluntary donation to ADHF option on their subscription notice to members. I am informed that the response from ADAQ members was generous and on behalf of the Foundation, I sincerely thank the ADAQ members who donated and also the Branch Council for supporting the initiative. Of course, I again express my thanks to all our supporters and donors and I draw attention to the list of logos and names of supporters and donors at the end of this report. I commend them all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Olive', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Rick Olive AM RFD

Chairman,
Australian Dental Health Foundation

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.

We would like to thank all of our volunteer dental practices who make our programs possible.

Volunteer Program Outcomes

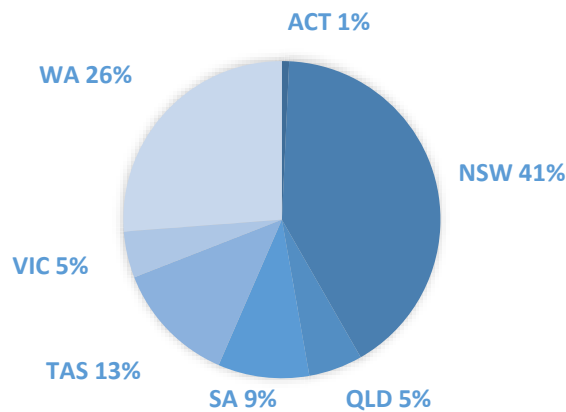
In this final quarter of financial year 2023(April-June), the Foundation coordinated **7 Dental Rescue Days®** around Australia, providing **72** appointments to disadvantaged patients. The Dental Rescue Day® program coordinates access to local private practices and clinics for eligible patients, whereby a group of patients will receive a comprehensive general oral check-up in a single day as well as treatment for acute concerns.

366 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.

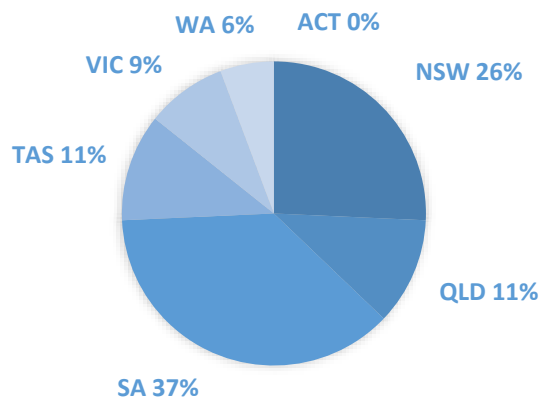
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, **35** cases were completed with **59** patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment.

Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$341,300** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.

Treatment provided by state



Rebuilding smiles completed cases



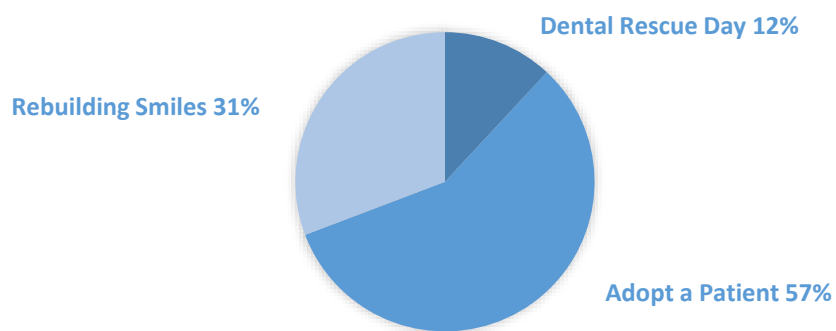
Volunteers

During the quarter, **72 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.

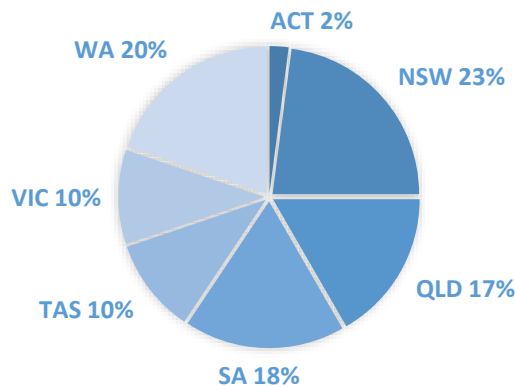
Our Volunteer lists are steadily growing and there is still interest and engagement in assisting our programs.

Our Coordinators continually strive to offer the best support to the clients on our lists and the dental practitioners who participate in our programs.

Program engagement by percentage



Volunteer dentists, specialists and prosthetists



I would like to acknowledge and thank the following clinics for their continued support and offer of their facilities without which we would struggle to treat so many patients.

- St Pats Oral Health Clinic WA
- OHCWA/UWA Dental School Clinic WA
- Filling the Gap Clinic ADANSW
- Pacific Smiles Parramatta Student Clinic NSW

Annual Impact

This year we have had an incredibly successful year, we have had the following highlights:

Patients treated : 1301

Appointments offered: 1785 +

Rebuilding Smiles cases Completed: 156

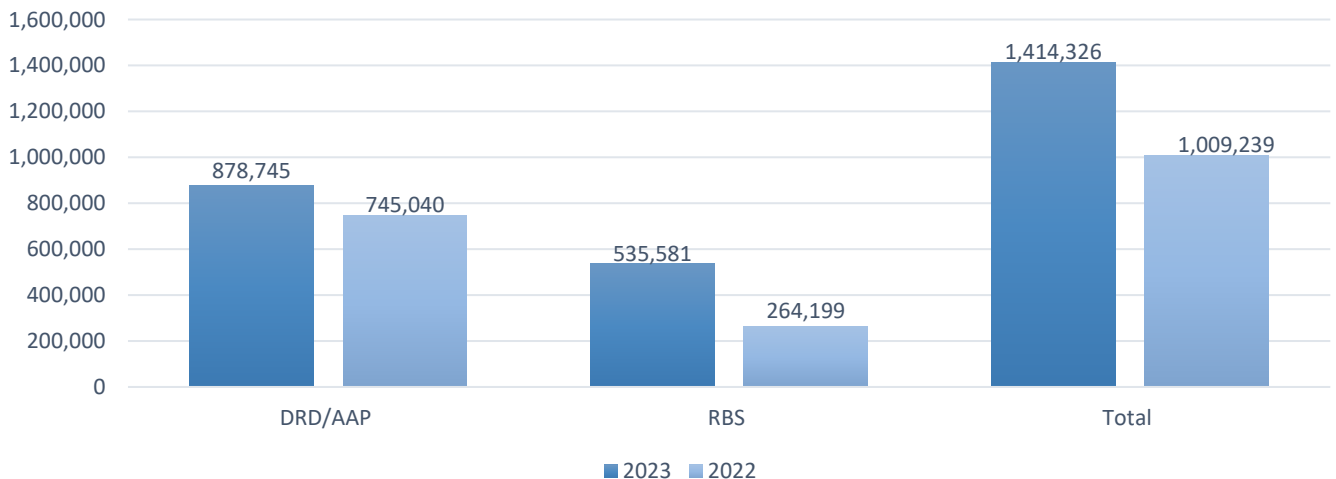
Charities assisted: 80+

Total of treatment provided: \$1,414,326

Our Rebuilding Smiles® program has had wonderful growth and this year we have reported \$535,581 of treatment compared to \$264,199 last year which is a 103% increase on last year. The charities that we assist are incredibly grateful of this service for their clients.

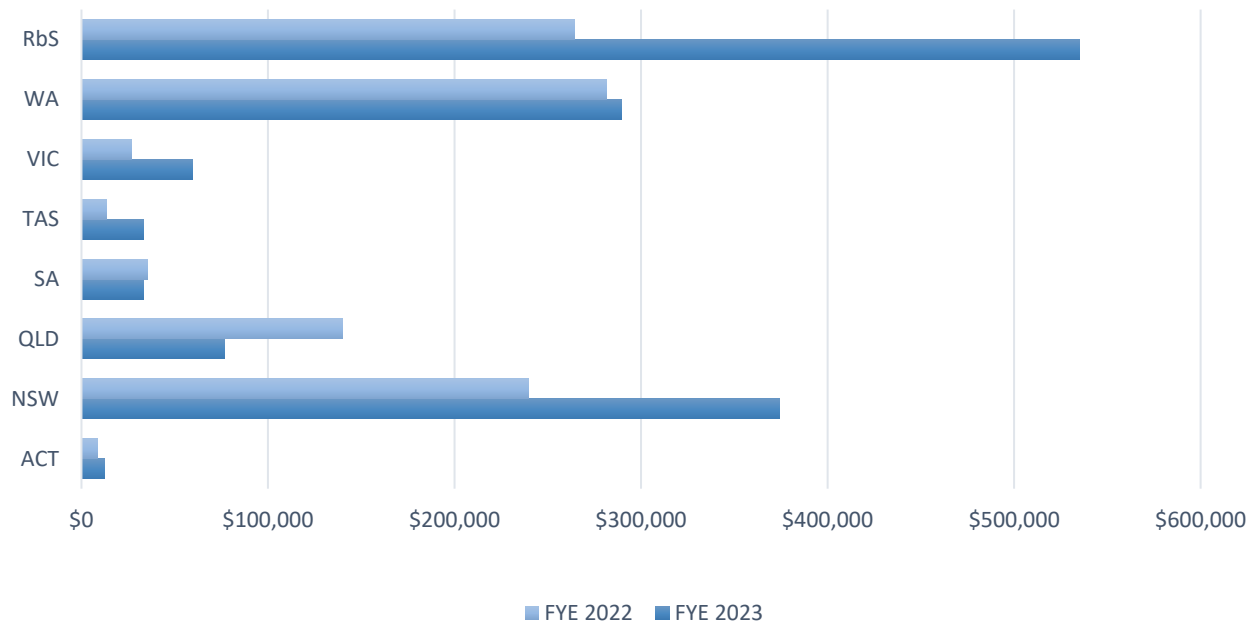
Adopt a Patient and Dental Rescue Day programs continued to grow and this year provided \$878,745 compared to \$745,040 last year. This all adds up to a 40% increase on last years figures.

Comparison of 23/22



Although our numbers have increased and our percentages show great improvement, the Rebuilding Smiles program is the program holding up those numbers. The below chart demonstrates that most states have had a steady increase in connection to the AAP programs. We shall be making retaining and engaging our volunteer practitioners a priority.

Annual Comparison by State 22/23



State Spotlight

ADHF Tasmania Coordinator - Nida Sbat

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to Nida Sbat who will be leaving us at the end of July.

Nida's position in the Australian Dental Health Foundation family was funded by a grant that we won through the Tasmanian Community Fund. We were incredibly grateful to receive this grant and it has made such a difference to the disadvantaged population of Tasmania in gaining access to much needed dental care and treatment through the Australian Dental Health Foundation programs.

Prior to Nida starting in the role there was much less engagement in Tasmania but having a coordinator on the ground has made a great deal of difference.

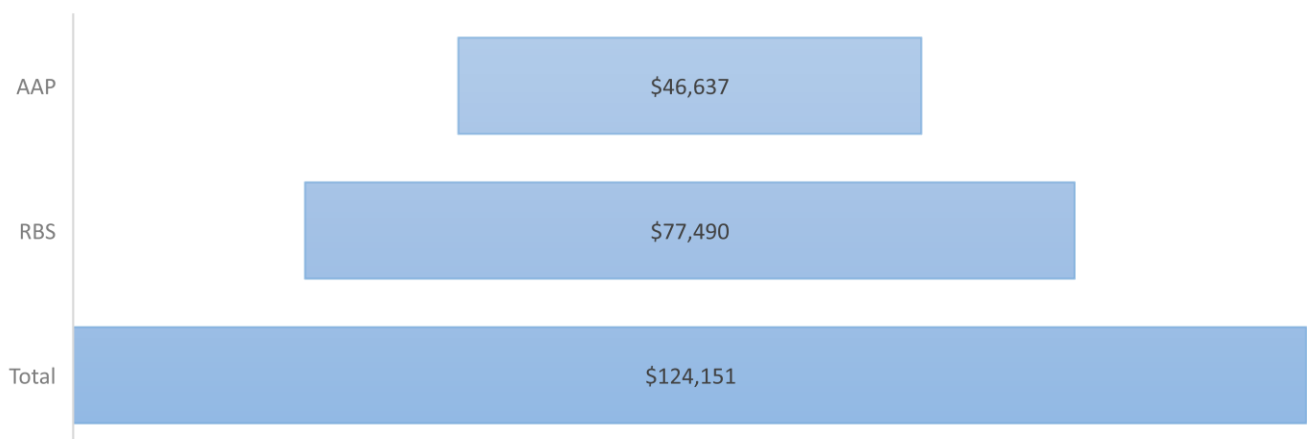
We now have 15 practices on our volunteer database and in the time that Nida has been our coordinator in Tasmania there has been great efforts made to engage with both charities and practices.

See below chart for the impact during the two years that we have had a State coordinator for Tasmania.

Dr Jim Rushton - Tasmania State Chair

We would also like to thank and acknowledge Dr Jim Rushton who has been the Chair of Tasmania's State committee for the past six years.

Jim has been a great support to Nida since her time in the position of ADHF Tasmania State Coordinator and also is assisting to engage other practitioners to support our programs. Jim is leaving the position as State Chair and will be succeeded by Dr Martin Viviers who we welcome and look forward to working alongside to continue the efforts in Tasmania.



Other News

First Nation Study grants



Congratulations to the four recipients who were awarded our First Nations Study Grants. Four students who are studying Oral Hygiene Therapy or Dental Hygiene and are of a Torres Strait Island or Indigenous Australian background were successful and all four students received \$5,000 each which will help towards their studies.

The students were studying at a variety of universities, one in Victoria, one in NSW and two in Queensland. All were very excited to receive the news of their win.

Healthier Smiles Community service Grants



Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants applications have now closed and the recipients will be notified at the end of July.

We look forward to seeing the winners of this years grant recipients which will be published in the August Dental Bulletin.

Return and Earn Continues in NSW



If you are a practice in NSW please keep in mind our return and earn project to raise funds for Rebuilding Smiles®.

All plastic bottles and tins can be returned and for every container that is 10c to Rebuilding Smiles® just select Rebuilding Smiles® when you deposit your containers at selected drop off points.

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