



# AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

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ADVANCING AUSTRALIA'S ORAL HEALTH

## Chairman's Introduction



As I write this, Australia's fantastic athletes and swimmers are performing magnificently at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, reflecting glory on Australia. There are many Australians who we probably won't see on television who are just as deserving of a great deal of recognition, and they are the many volunteers who step into the breach to address the gaps that exist in our health delivery systems. In particular the volunteers and sponsors of the pro bono dental programmes of this Foundation deserve great credit for their efforts, often for patients with very challenging problems, as I am reminded every time I meet with one of the Foundation's State Committees.

This quarter and this last year have continued to be plagued by the COVID-19 pandemic. Western Australia has been a powerhouse of volunteering activity for ADHF despite the pandemic, but it too is now being impacted. Nevertheless, ADHF volunteers delivered more than \$255K of pro bono dental care this last quarter across Australia, ensuring that once again in excess of \$1,000,000 of pro bono dentistry was delivered during the financial year. Well done to our volunteers, our sponsors and our wonderful staff.

For the past 5 or more years our National Coordinator has been Ms Lesley Morgan. Lesley has been the driver of recruitment, training and coordination of our staff and of course managed the transition brought about by the merger of the National Dental Foundation and the Australian Dental Association Foundation to form the ADHF in 2017. She also prepares these reports and a great deal else. Lesley is leaving us, and I take this opportunity to sincerely thank her for her very substantial contribution to the development of the ADHF and to wish her every success in her future endeavours.

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 David Digges, NSW Coordinator Mrs Claire Rawlinson, Dr Min Sian, Dr Andrew Parsons, Dr Sarah Raphael ADA NSW and Dr Robert Aslan at the fortnightly volunteer clinic, ADA NSW.*

## 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.

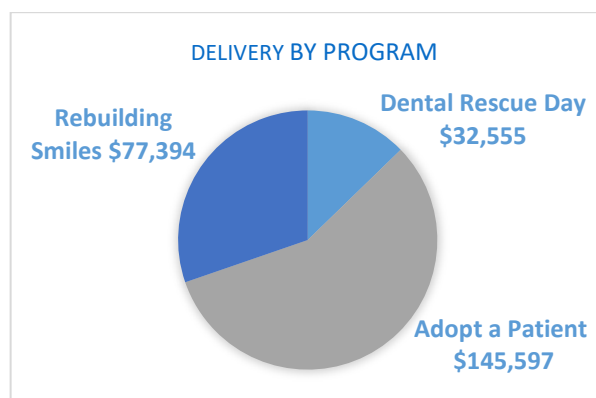
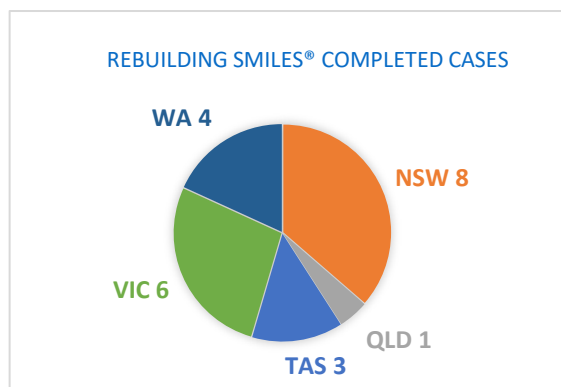
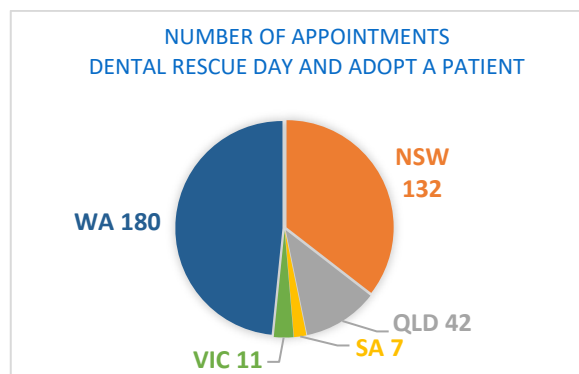
## Volunteer Program Outcomes

In this fourth quarter of financial year 2022 (April to June), the Foundation coordinated **8 Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing **65** 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.

**307** 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.

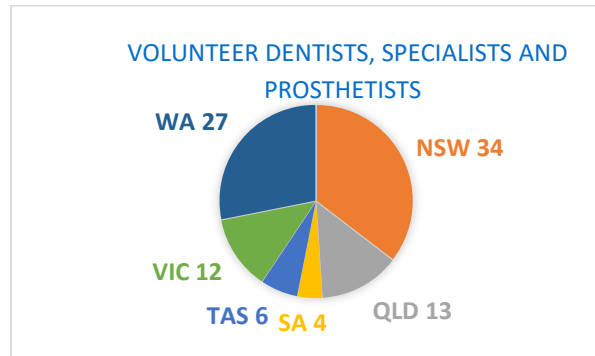
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, **22** cases were completed with **175** patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment.

Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$255,546** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.



## Volunteers

During the quarter, **96 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 Sara Chaim, Dentistry Plus, Leederville, Perth

Patient Tracey was referred to the Rebuilding Smiles program by The Beacon in Perth. The Beacon is the Salvation Army's major crisis service in Perth, providing accommodation, case management and a comprehensive range of services to adults who are experiencing homelessness. The patient required a full upper clearance, under IV sedation, and was fitted with full upper and lower dentures.

Dentistry Plus have recently made a commitment to provide pro bono treatment for ADHF patients in their 7 Perth dental clinics.





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