

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st April 2020 – 30th June 2020

Introduction



It is an honour and a challenge to take over the Chair of the Advisory Board from Mr David Owen, who has steered the Australian Dental Health Foundation for the past 6 years. That has been a period of substantial change and growth for the Foundation, including incorporating facets of the original Filling the Gap organisation and then merging with the National Dental Foundation. These changes have substantially increased the roles of the ADHF and justified the vision of the ADA Council that established it some 10 years ago. Well done David!

Never in living memory has the dental profession faced such challenges as the COVID 19 pandemic. With dental practices essentially closed for weeks and months, it might be expected that the pro bono services would all but disappear for a period. That has not been the case and I pay tribute to the ADHF volunteers who have continued to provide their services at a time when the need is increasing, not reducing. I am pleased to report that \$118,357 of dental care was provided to victims of domestic violence and other disadvantaged Australians. Yes, the total value of services provided by ADHF volunteers has reduced on previous and corresponding periods in recent years but the value of services provided is admirable considering the amount of time dentists were working under restrictions.

In this report we list the sponsors and donors to the Foundation to acknowledge and thank them for their support. That our volunteer dentists were restricted in the quantity of services they could provide did not reduce our overheads, so we are all pleased that our sponsors and donations have remained committed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Olive'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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 women 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 eligible patients.

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

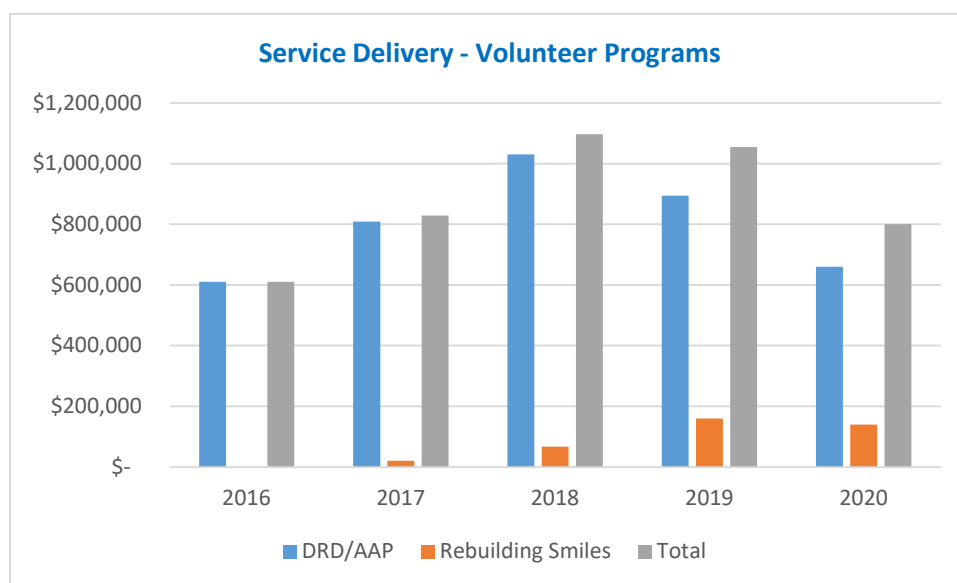
To date, we've created change for thousands of community members by enabling the pro bono delivery of more than \$6,000,000 of professional oral health services.

How are we Tracking?

Over the last five years, the Foundation has enabled the delivery of over \$4,300,000 of oral health care to disadvantaged Australians who cannot easily access or afford dental treatment.

In that time, the well-established Dental Rescue Day and Adopt a Patient programs have delivered in excess of \$4,000,000 of treatment across the country.

In 2016, the Foundation recognised the need to provide a targeted program to assist individuals and families who have experience domestic and family violence. The Rebuilding Smiles® program has grown steadily since inception as our volunteers have stepped up to generously support the initiative.

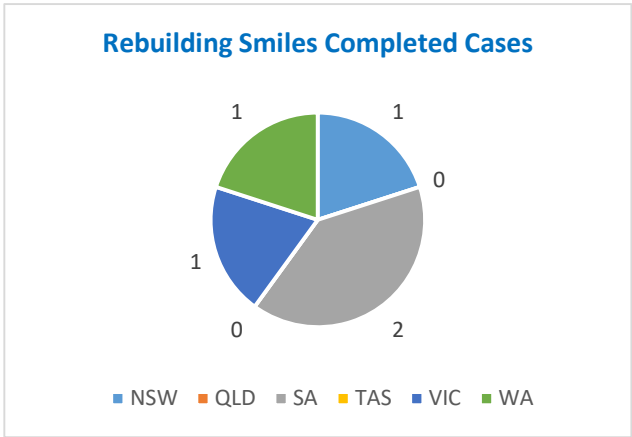
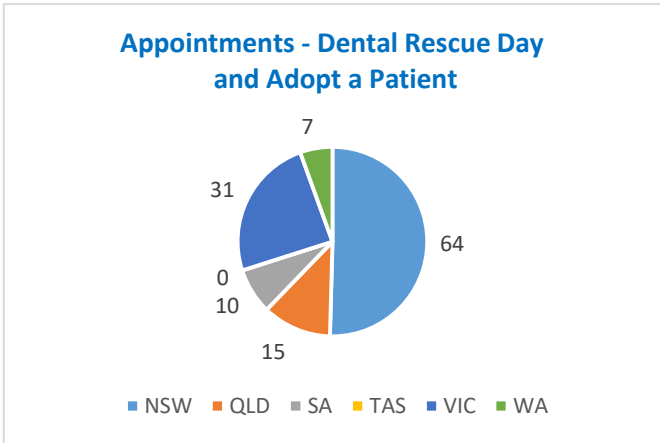


Program Outcomes – Q4 2020

In this final quarter of the 2020 financial year, the Foundation coordinated 5 **Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing 26 pro bono appointments. Under the Dental Rescue Program, volunteer practices treat four or more patients in a single day, with a number of these patients returning for further ongoing treatment.

101 appointments were attended by patients under the **Adopt a Patient** program. Under this program, individual patients attend a practice to receive a comprehensive general oral check-up and usually require a number of appointments to address their often more complex oral health issues.

Under the **Rebuilding Smiles®** program, 5 cases were completed during the quarter. Another 69 patients have been allocated to a volunteer practice. This program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence.

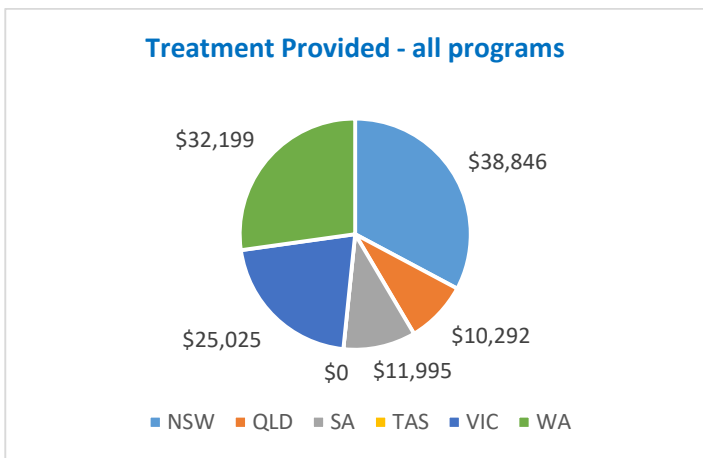


Across all three programs, pro bono treatment to the value of **\$118,357** has been provided by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists.

Of the total, pro bono treatment to the value of **\$87,374** was provided under the Dental Rescue Days and Adopt a Patient programs, representing 76% of the services delivered.

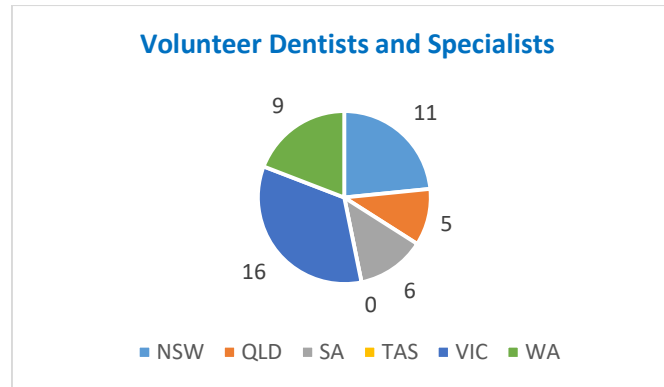
Under the Rebuilding Smiles® program, **\$30,983** of pro bono treatment was provided to patients, being 24% of the services delivered.

The impact of COVID-19 on dental practice nationwide has resulted in significantly reduced activity across all programs. Many of our regular volunteers have suspended activity until further notice and others have scaled back their availability. We are grateful to all our volunteers for their contribution throughout the year and in the difficult times ahead.



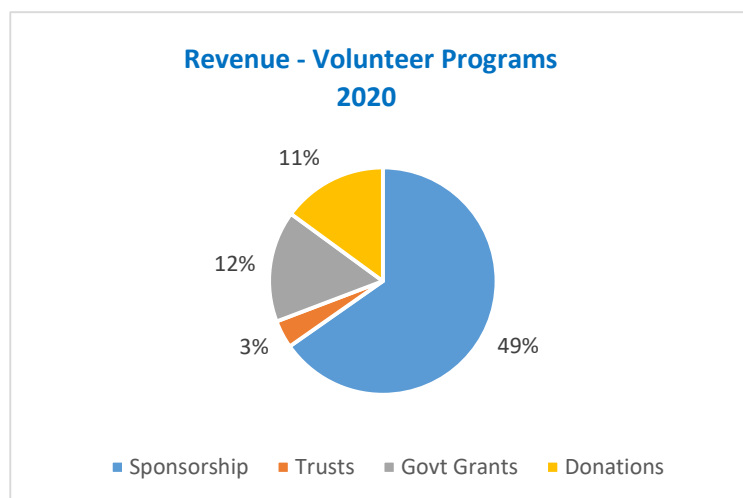
Volunteers

During the quarter, 47 general dentists and specialists 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.



Revenue

In the 2019/20 financial year, financial support for the volunteer programs was primarily from corporate sponsorship of the programs. The Foundation received a grant from the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney General to promote the Rebuilding Smiles® program in the state. Donations from two WA-based family trusts will be directed towards the operation of the St Patrick's Community Support Centre dental clinic, assisting homeless members of the Fremantle community.



Donations

We thank the following individuals and organisations for their generous donations during the year:

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Dr S. Liew

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Dr N. Kashyap

Dr R. Olive

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Anonymous

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Thank you to the following organisations for their generous support of the Foundation's volunteer programs.



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We acknowledge and thank ADA branches around Australia for their continued support of the Foundation's Coordinators.

The Dental Rescue Day and Adopt a Patient programs are delivered in NSW with the support of the NSW Department of Health, ADA NSW and Filling the Gap.