

# AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

## Chairman's Introduction



Calendar year 2020 was the COVID-19 Pandemic year. It was also the year that the ADHF volunteers proved their resilience. In the December Quarter 2020, they provided \$315K worth of pro-bono dentistry through our Dental Rescue Day, Adopt a Patient and Rebuilding Smiles® programs. This is very close to the most impact in dollars value of pro-bono dentistry provided in any quarter in the history of these programs. This is a most commendable effort in these trying times.

One of the notable firsts in this last quarter is the record impact through the Rebuilding Smiles® program. The cases completed by our volunteers were spread across all the States. The other outstanding performance to note is the excellent contribution once again of volunteers in NSW and WA in the Dental Rescue Day and Adopt a Patient programs.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I extend a huge thank you to the volunteers, the ADHF staff, the ADA Federal Office and the Branches who support our efforts and of course our sponsors and donors, without whom none of this is possible.

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

*Cover Image: Volunteer Dr Laurie Kobler, patient Eva and DA Melanie McKenna at the ADANSW Clinic, October 2020.*

## 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 and reduce the inequality of access to education through our Community Service Grants, Indigenous Study Grants and Oral Health Education Projects.

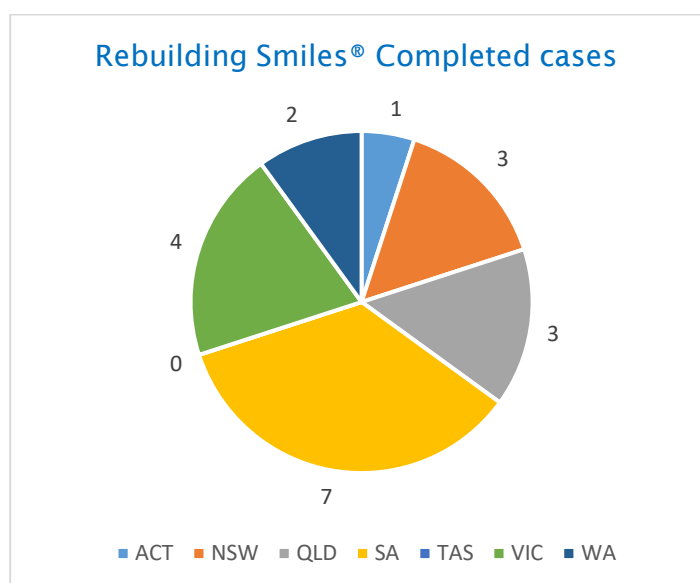
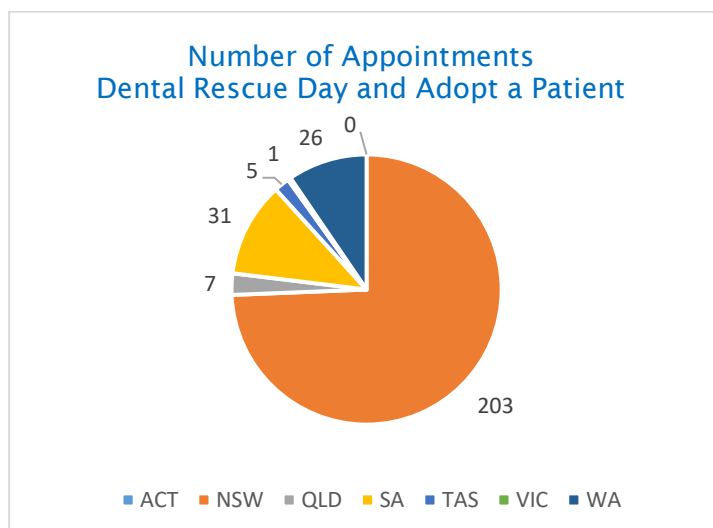
To date, we've created change for thousands of community members by enabling the pro bono delivery of more than \$6,000,000 of professional oral health services.

## Program Outcomes

In the final quarter of 2020, the Foundation coordinated 17 **Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing 122 pro bono appointments to disadvantaged patients. The Dental Rescue 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.

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

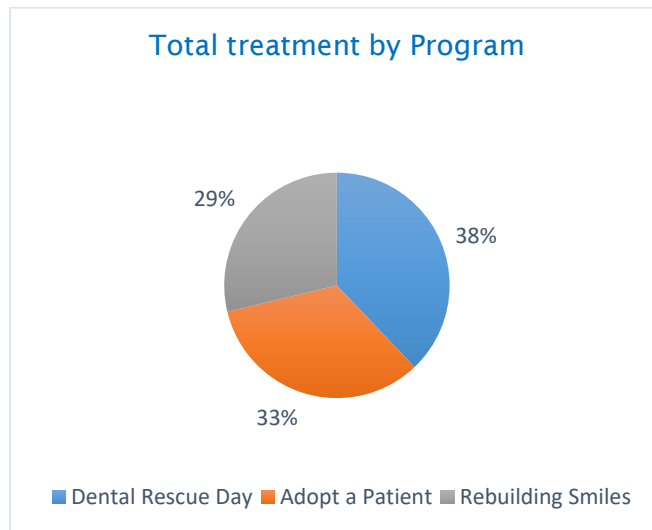
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, 20 cases were completed with another 75 patients currently connected to a practice and receiving treatment.



Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment to the value of **\$315,318** has been provided by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists.

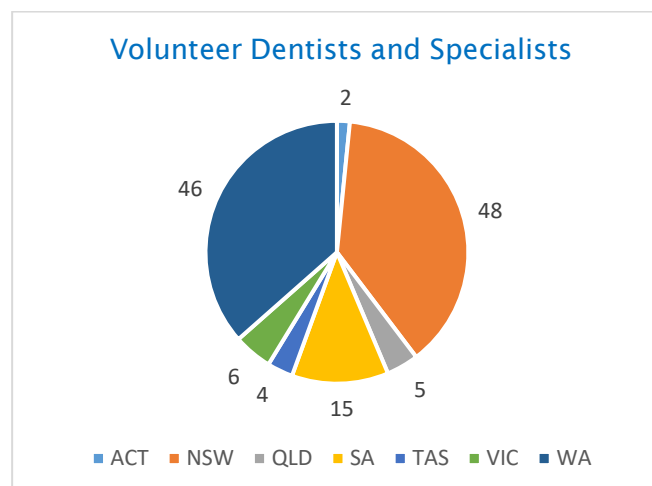
The treatment delivered under each of the programs is as follows:

- Dental Rescue Days **\$119,516**
- Adopt a Patient **\$105,092**
- Rebuilding Smiles® **\$90,710**



## Volunteers

During the quarter, **126 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.



## Sponsors and Supporters

We thank the following organisations for their generous support of the Foundation's volunteer programs.



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.