



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st July 2021 – 30th September 2021



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Chairman's Introduction



The lockdowns in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria, imposed to defend against the COVID-19 Delta pandemic outbreaks, have made it very difficult for the ADHF volunteers in those States during the past quarter. However, this impediment has been made up for by outstanding volunteering efforts in other jurisdictions and particularly in Western Australia! I am delighted to report no diminution of impact overall with \$266K of pro bono dental services delivered by a total of 111 volunteer dentists, specialist dentists, dental prosthetists and their staff. This represents a 10% increase in impact over the same period last year.

There are other important contributors to this outcome as well as the volunteers. ADHF National Coordinator, Ms Lesley Morgan and her team of State Coordinators do a marvellous job of connecting patients referred by a considerable number of agencies to the volunteering professionals. ADHF now has State Coordinators in every State, including Tasmania. These staff are generously accommodated and supported by the ADA Branches in each of the areas. ADHF is only able to employ these staff because of the generous support of the sponsors who contribute to our budget. I am delighted to announce that dental equipment icon A-Dec has recently come on Board as a 3-year sponsor. I am equally pleased to welcome the 3-year sponsorship committed by Drs Alex Abrahams and Alison Hughes, founders of the Pacific Smiles Group.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I again commend and sincerely thank everyone who contributed to a surprisingly successful quarter.

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: The young men from BackTrack attended a Dental Rescue Day at Happy Smiles Dental Care, Tamworth, August 2021.

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.

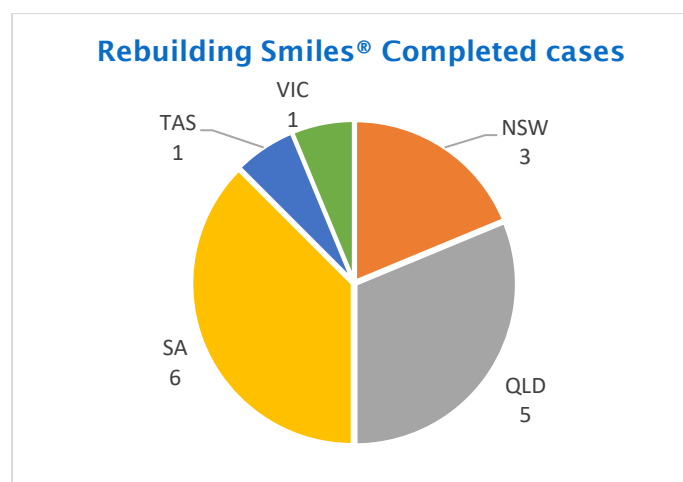
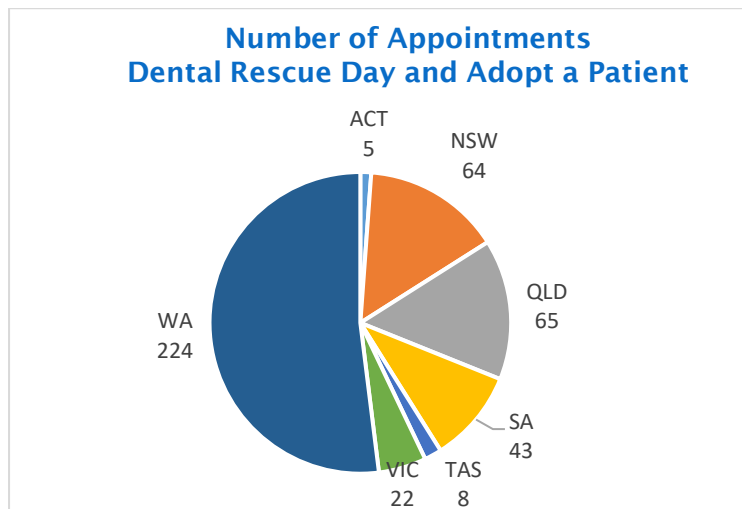
Volunteer Program Outcomes

In the first quarter of financial year 2022 (July to September), the Foundation coordinated **12 Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing **155** 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.

276 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.

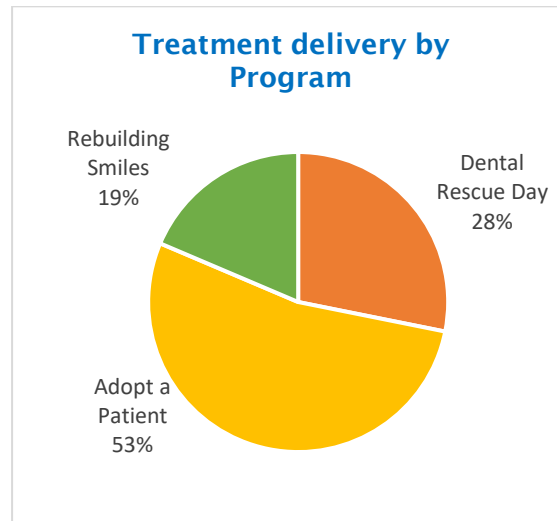
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, **16** cases were completed with over 90 patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment.

Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$266,164** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.



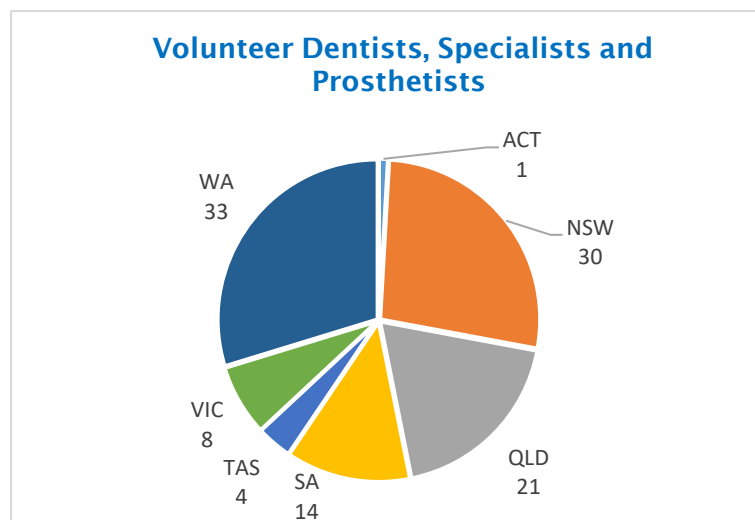
Delivery of treatment under each of the three volunteer programs during Q4 is shown below:

- Dental Rescue Days **\$74,942**
- Adopt a Patient **\$141,704**
- Rebuilding Smiles® **\$49,518**



Volunteers

During the quarter, **111 general dentists, prosthetists and specialists** around the country 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.



News

The ADHF is delighted to announce two new important sponsorship agreements.



Dental manufacturing company, A-dec, one of the most respected names in the dental industry, has committed to a 3-year sponsorship agreement, providing funding to support the activities of the Foundation.

"We are very proud to have been invited to support the ADHF programs to provide pro-bono dentistry to disadvantaged members of the Australian community. We look forward to working closely with the ADHF team to assist wherever possible."



Dr Alex Abrahams and Dr Alison Hughes, volunteers for the ADHF and founders of Pacific Smiles Group, have pledged their support over three years. Their pledge of \$120,000 will be directed towards supporting our State and Program Coordinators.

"We are thrilled to contribute so the ADHF can continue to help Australians in need to improve their oral care."

We also welcome DentaLife Australia.

DentaLife, a Melbourne based company, is involved in research, development and manufacturing of specialist dental and infection control materials. DentaLife has committed to provide donations of their products to volunteer dental practices around Australia.

"The DentaLife team is really excited to be partnering with ADHF and supporting your volunteer dental practices doing great work."



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



The volunteer dental programs are delivered in WA with the support of ADA WA

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