



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st January 2021 – 31st March 2021



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Chairman's Introduction



Four years ago, Dr David Digges, the Chair of the Board of the National Dental Federation (NDF), in the final quarterly report of the NDF concluded with the hope that the pending merger between NDF and ADHF would “enhance the success of our programs around Australia.” Since then, the success measured by the value of dental care delivered by ADHF volunteers has certainly been enhanced. The third quarter of each financial year has traditionally been a quiet period for volunteering in dentistry in Australia. However, the \$311K of pro bono dentistry delivered in the past three months is nearly double the value of that delivered in the third quarter of 2016/17.

Credit for creating this impact goes firstly to the volunteer dentists, other oral health practitioners and their dental staff who deliver the services. Equally important are the sponsors, supporters and ADHF staff who ensure the professional delivery of the volunteer programs. Over the past six years, Pacific Smiles Group has been the major industry sponsor of NDF and after the merger, of the ADHF. This sponsorship has been very important to the progress made. ADA Branches in general, but ADANSW and ADAWA in particular, have been focused and generous in their support of the ADHF staff and programs.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I commend and sincerely thank everyone who contributed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Olive', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Dr. Rick Olive AM RFD

Chairman,
Australian Dental Health Foundation

Cover: Dr Diane Dawes and the team from Simply Dental, Noosaville, at their Dental Rescue Day in February 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 and reduce the inequality of access to education through our Community Service Grants, Indigenous Study Grants and Oral Health Education Projects.

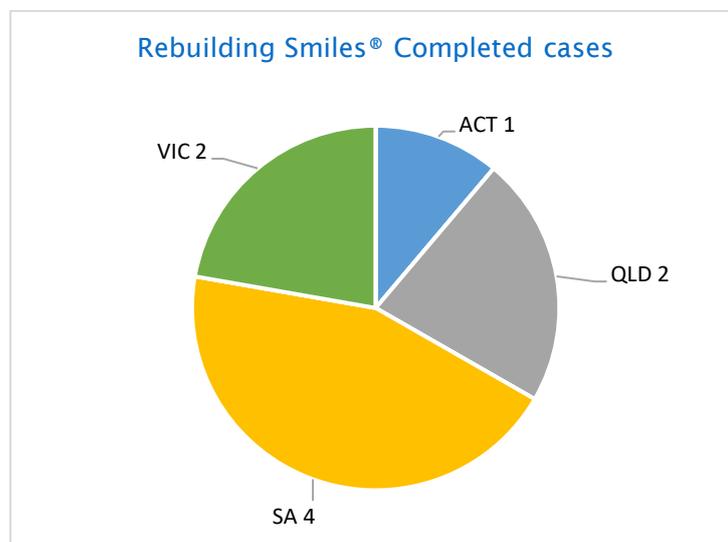
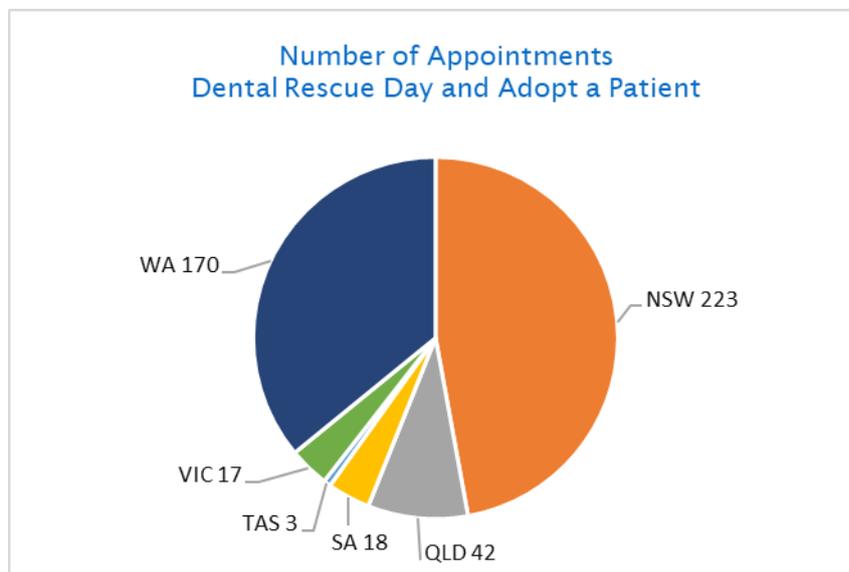
To date, we've created change for thousands of community members by enabling the pro bono delivery of more than \$6,000,000 of professional oral health services.

Volunteer Program Outcomes

In the first quarter of 2021, the Foundation coordinated 13 **Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing 150 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.

323 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.

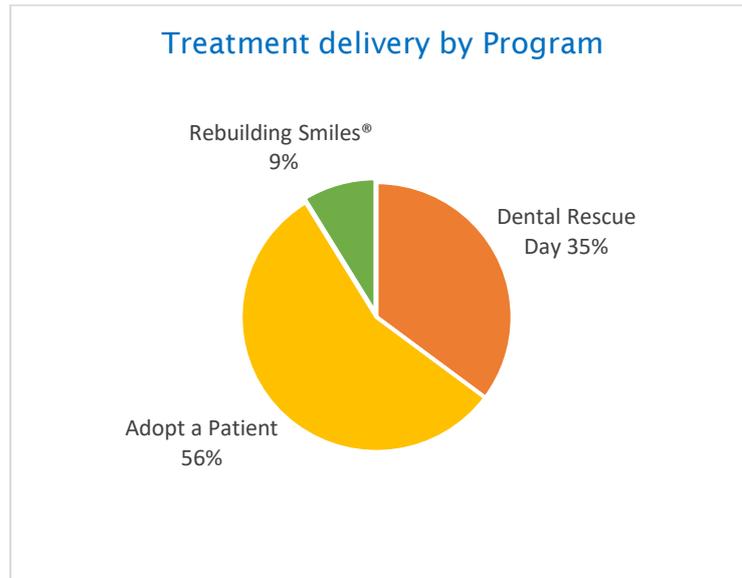
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, 9 cases were completed with another 91 patients currently connected to a practice and receiving treatment.



Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment to the value of **\$311,195** has been provided by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists.

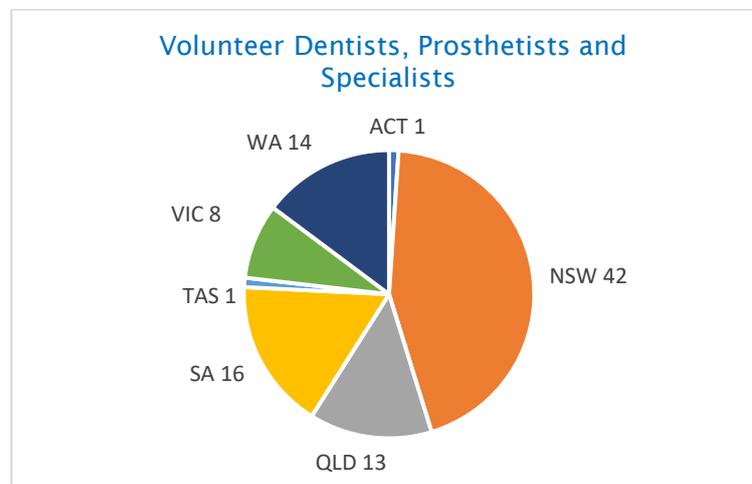
The treatment delivered under each of the programs is as follows:

- Dental Rescue Days **\$109,589**
- Adopt a Patient **\$174,346**
- Rebuilding Smiles® **\$27,263**



Volunteers

During the quarter, **95 general dentists, prosthetists 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.