



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st October 2022 – 31st December 2022

Chairman's Introduction



It is a very pleasant duty to report a new record quarterly amount of pro bono dental care delivered by ADHF volunteers: \$421,854. This surpasses the previous record for a quarter by more than \$100K. Wow!

Our National Manager, Ms Claire Rawlinson, has been doing some housekeeping checking unreported, completed Rebuilding Smiles cases. This has inflated the impact for the quarter but it would still have been a record. This review has also identified the opportunity to place additional patients from our growing waiting lists and this is great news for those patients.

As we have come to expect, NSW and WA volunteers have topped the totals for impact. It is pleasing that Qld has performed strongly for the second quarter in a row. On behalf of the Advisory Board, I congratulate everyone involved in generating this outcome: our generous volunteers, some of whom are featured in the following pages, our sponsors and supporters, also recognised later, and our terrific coordinators in each State.

I take this opportunity to recognise the valuable contribution of one of the members of the Advisory Board who has resigned. Ms Julie Toma served nearly 2 years on the Board and contributed to several projects of the Oral Health Education Consultative Committee. Thanks for your service Julie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Olive', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Rick Olive AM RFD

Chairperson,
Australian Dental Health Foundation

16 January 2023

Cover: ADX Brisbane :L-R Lynda Cunningham-VIC State Coordinator, Jane Miller- Director Medical Dental Solutions Amelia Hogan, QLD State Coordinator and ADHF Chair Dr Rick Olive.

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 cannot.

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 socio-economical or geographical situation.

From people 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 are 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 philanthropic 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 First Nations Study Grants.

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

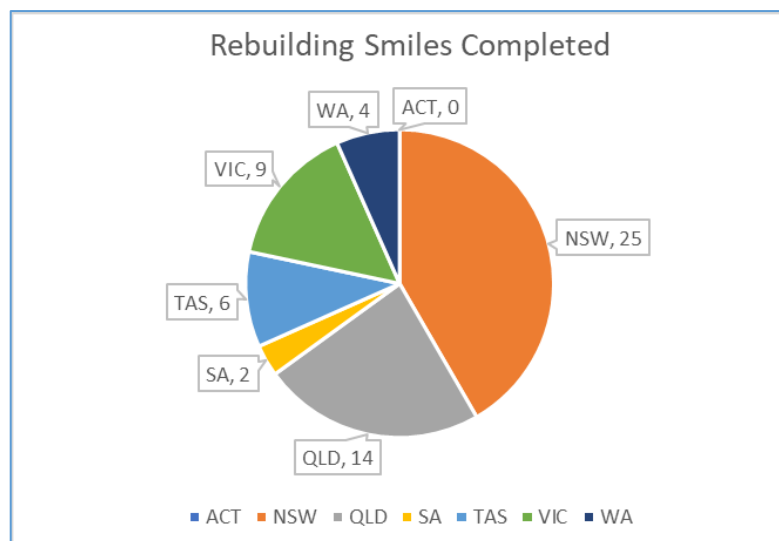
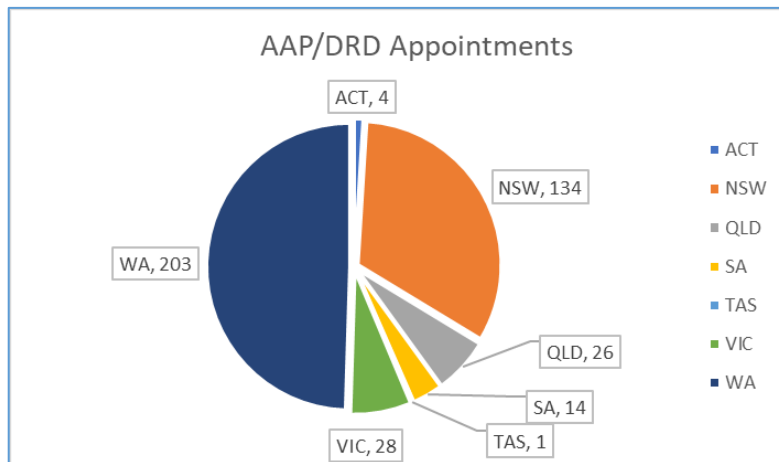
Volunteer Program Outcomes

In the second quarter of fiscal year 2023, October to December, the Foundation coordinated **7 Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing **81** 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.

329 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, **60** cases were completed with **105** patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment. We are currently working to finish up historical cases enabling those on the waiting list the opportunity to be matched with a practice.

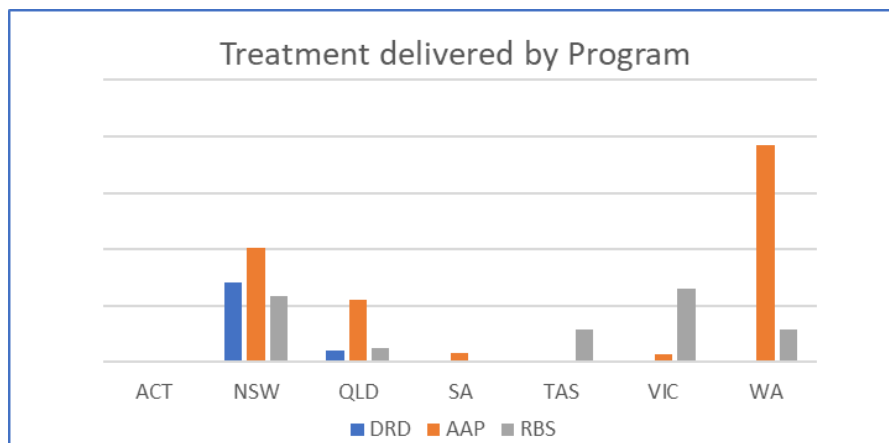
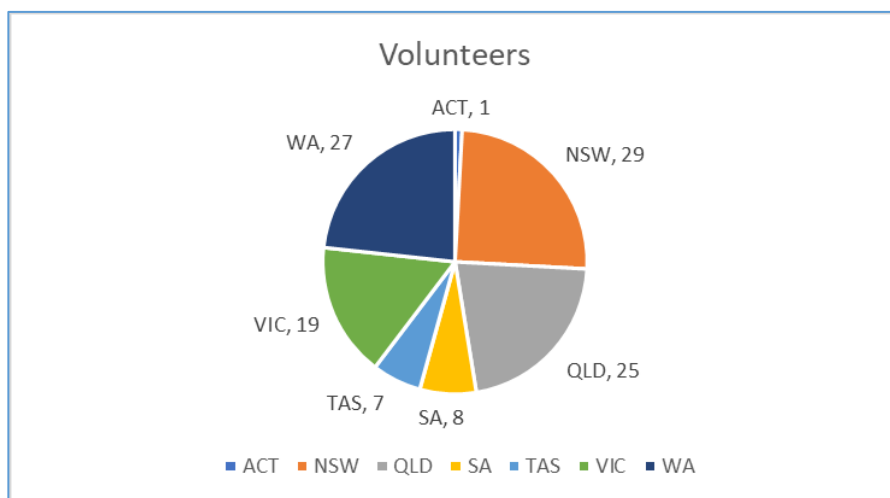
Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$421,914** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.



Volunteers

During the quarter approximately **116 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.

We are constantly striving to increase our database of volunteers and are presently going through our database to reconnect with those who may be on our database but have not assisted a patient in recent years.



Volunteer Spotlight

Dr Andrew Parsons.

Dr Parsons has been attending the ADANSW clinic to assist those from our programs that require dentures. He attends the clinic on the first and third Monday of the month which is no mean feat as he lives 151km away in lovely Port Stephens. Dr Parsons really engages with the patients, and they all love him.

There has been an occasion when he was out for dinner with his wife in Sydney and he passed a homeless man in a doorway. He popped his head in to see who it might be and lo and behold it was indeed Otto, one of the patients he had made dentures for only month beforehand.

So many patients have been helped by Dr Parsons to have the reason to smile again. Southern Cross Dental support the ADHF and all of the dentures are supplied through their generosity on a Pro Bono basis.



News

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Straumann Australia has financially supported the Rebuilding Smiles® program since 2017 and provides implant materials at no cost to volunteer dentists. Straumann has committed to continue their support in 2023.



Southern Cross Dental Lab has supported the ADHF since 2016, providing free lab services to volunteer dentists. They have extended their support into 2023.



Oceanic dental has continued to support the ADHF since 2018, providing free lab services to volunteer dentists in WA. Oceanic dental lab has extended their support into 2023

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