



Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Impact Report

1st January 2023 – 31st March 2023

Chairman's Introduction



Last month I visited the St Pat's clinic in Fremantle, Western Australia and met with some of the volunteer dentists as well as some of the staff and one of their patients. It is a state-of-the-art dental surgery and a credit to the St Pat's charity, the volunteers and supporters, including such dental industry heavyweights as Henry Schein Halas. Once again on the back of the efforts at St Pat's, Western Australia contributes above its weight to a very good quarter for impact with our volunteers nationwide delivering pro bono dental services to the value of \$337K. This is the second highest value of impact for a quarter ever and I would be remiss if I did not also mention that our New South Wales based volunteers contributed nearly half of this impact.

For the second quarter in a row the Rebuilding Smiles programme has delivered about half of all impact. There are particular challenges with delivering services to the patients in this programme with ADHF staff, volunteers and referral agencies all facing their own additional demands. I commend all involved, including our sponsors and donors without whom ADHF would have fewer staff and more limited capacity to connect patients and volunteer dentists. It is somewhat frustrating that while we currently have 75 Rebuilding Smiles patients being looked after by our volunteers, we have another 230 on waiting lists. How I wish the ADHF had the additional budget to increase our staff hours to address this need!

Irrespective of the challenges, it is pleasing to report a fabulous quarter of volunteering in dentistry in Australia and to offer thanks and congratulations to all who made it happen.

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: Dr Gavin Quek at the Kingston Beach Dental Practice, Tasmania.

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 First Nations 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

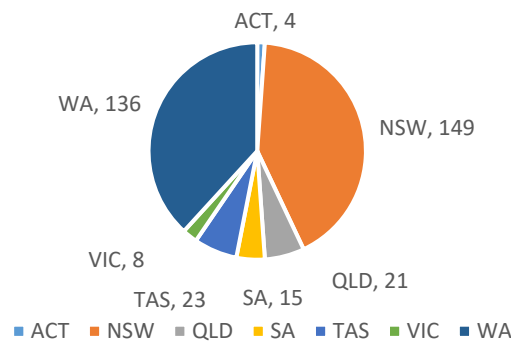
In this third quarter of financial year 2023 (January to March), the Foundation coordinated **3 Dental Rescue Days** around Australia, providing **42** appointments to disadvantaged patients. The Dental Rescue Day program coordinates access to local private practices and clinics for eligible patients, whereby a group of patients will receive a comprehensive general oral check-up in a single day.

305 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.

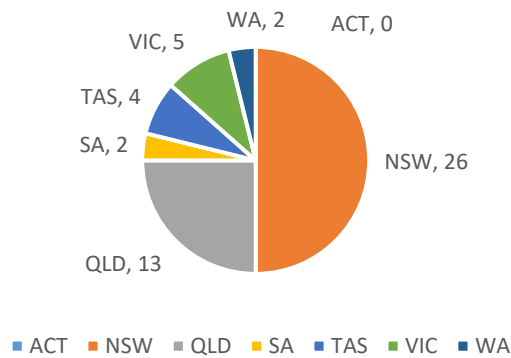
The **Rebuilding Smiles®** program focuses on providing assistance to individuals and families who have experienced family and domestic violence. During this quarter, **52** cases were completed with **75** patients currently connected to a practice or receiving treatment.

Across all three volunteer programs, pro bono treatment of **\$337,745** has been delivered by our volunteer general practitioners and specialists during the quarter.

All appointment totals



Rebuilding Smiles Completed cases



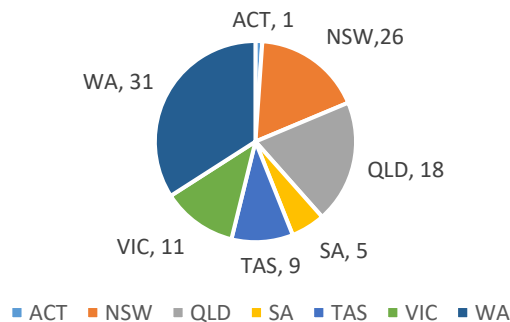
Volunteers

During the quarter, **101 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.

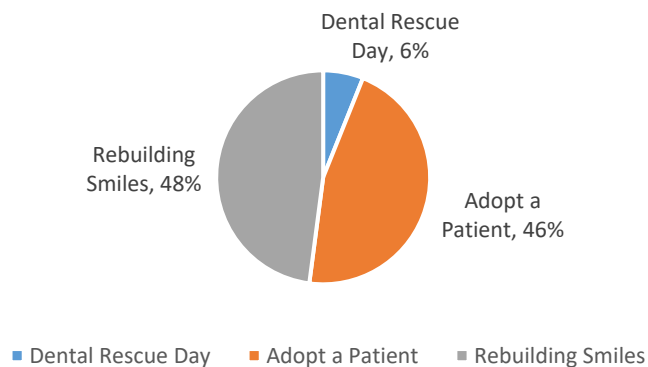
Our Volunteer lists are steadily growing and there is still interest and engagement in assisting our programs.

Our Coordinators continually strive to offer the best support to the clients on our lists and the dental practitioners who participate in our programs.

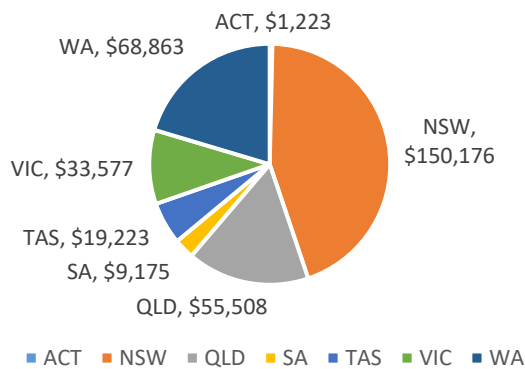
Volunteer Practitioners



Summary of programs



Treatment Provided by State



Volunteer Spotlight

Rockingham Dental Centre

The Rockingham Dental Centre team hosted a very successful DRD in Mid-March and as always, were very warm and welcoming.

Patients were thrilled with the friendly atmosphere and caring nature of the dental team where a total of 13 patients were treated on the day. The volunteer dentists have kindly offered to adopt 4 patients for ongoing treatment.

One client commented that “she was humbled by the dentist and staff going out of their way to make sure she was comfortable and at ease”.

We extend our thanks for yet another amazing day put on by Rockingham Dental Centre. WA



Other News



Has very kindly offered their software to our Coordinators in each state to enable safe and private transfer of dental information via their systems.



Colgate are continuing to support the Rebuilding Smiles program again this year throughout 2023. They have been avid supporters of the program for some years now.



First Nations Study Grants are open to those who are studying Oral Hygiene Therapy or Dental Hygiene and are of a Torres Strait Island or Indigenous Australian background. They can access the application form on our Website.



Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants will be opening at the end of April '23. Do you have a project that is making a difference to your community's oral health? Or an idea that can improve the oral health outcomes for disadvantaged Australians? The Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants could help. See our Website for details.



It's never been easier to support the Australian Dental Health Foundation help the environment.

Practices and Locals can choose to return their eligible containers through **Return and Earn** and donate the 10-cent refund to **Rebuilding Smiles**. All donations received will help fund our programs. Billions of drink containers have been returned for recycling through the Return and Earn network of over 600 return points in NSW alone, since the scheme launched in December 2017. Every eligible bottle or can returned is worth 10 cents and has the potential to help Rebuilding Smiles, our program that assists those affected by family or domestic violence.

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