



Annual Report

2023 | 2024



Dental Health
Foundation



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About us

Vision

To enable disadvantaged Australians to have equitable access to quality oral health care.

The ADA Dental Health Foundation seeks to improve the dental health of Australians who cannot easily access or afford dental care.

Strategic goals

Delivery of care

Coordination of pro bono oral health services by the profession

Oral health education

Promoting the importance of oral health in the community

Create value for the ADA

Develop a strong and active relationship between the ADA DHF and the Trustee

Chairs report

I am pleased to present this report of the ADA Dental Health Foundation to the Trustee and all stakeholders in the Foundation. This is the first annual report issued under the Foundation's new name which was unveiled at the FDI World Dental Congress in Sydney in September 2023.

The 2024 Financial Year has turned out to be another very good year. More than \$1.24M of impact has been delivered and this represents the Foundation's second largest impact result ever. I thank and commend all the volunteers and our partner charities in NSW (Filling the Gap) and WA (St Pat's) for their generous contributions, and to the many sponsors and donors for their financial support. Our largest corporate sponsor remains A-dec and I am delighted that A-dec has agreed to continue its sponsorship for a further three years.

Financially, the year has seen an improvement after two years of negative results with a slight surplus. This reflects the improvement in the value and returns of the Foundation's investments, an increased contribution from the Trustee and three months where we were without a National Manager following Ms Claire Rawlinson's resignation in March. We wish Claire all the best and thank her sincerely for her dedication over the past couple of years.

The Foundation once again awarded 10 Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants with the financial support of the Mars Wrigley Foundation. It was pleasing that we had strong competition for the grants with successful grants recipients spread over most States with a particular emphasis on regional and remote projects. The ADA DHF also awarded two First Nations Study grants of \$5000 for students studying dental hygiene or oral health therapy.

The ADA DHF Deed Poll Section 4 (a) requires the Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Trustee of plans, undertakings, enterprises, arrangements and other activities conducive to the advancement of the Trust purposes. During the year, the Advisory Board made recommendations to the Trustee of a proposed Strategic Plan 2024-26, an Operational Plan 2024, a Draft Budget for FY 2024-25, and on compliance matters associated with the rebranding of the Foundation. The Trustee supported all the recommendations.

Last year I reported on the retirement of a number of Advisory Board members. In their place the Trustee appointed Drs Susan Wise, Denise Salvestro, Gavin Quek and Mr Bradley Abraham and reappointed Dr Neil Hewson. Regrettably, Dr Alex Abrahams retired from the Advisory Board in June 2024. I thank Dr Abrahams for his excellent contribution over the past few years and particularly for his generous donations as well. He has been replaced by Dr Mark Hutton. I welcome all the recent appointees.

There have been other personnel changes as well. After serving as Secretary and Honorary Secretary for the Foundation from 2008 to 2023, Mr Robert Boyd Boland retired in August 2023. Robert was as involved in the conception of the Foundation as anyone and also kept his legal eye on its founding, proceedings and progress over two decades. He is much missed and I sincerely thank him for his contribution and guidance. We also welcomed new National Manager, Ms Rebecca McFarlane right at the end of the Financial Year.

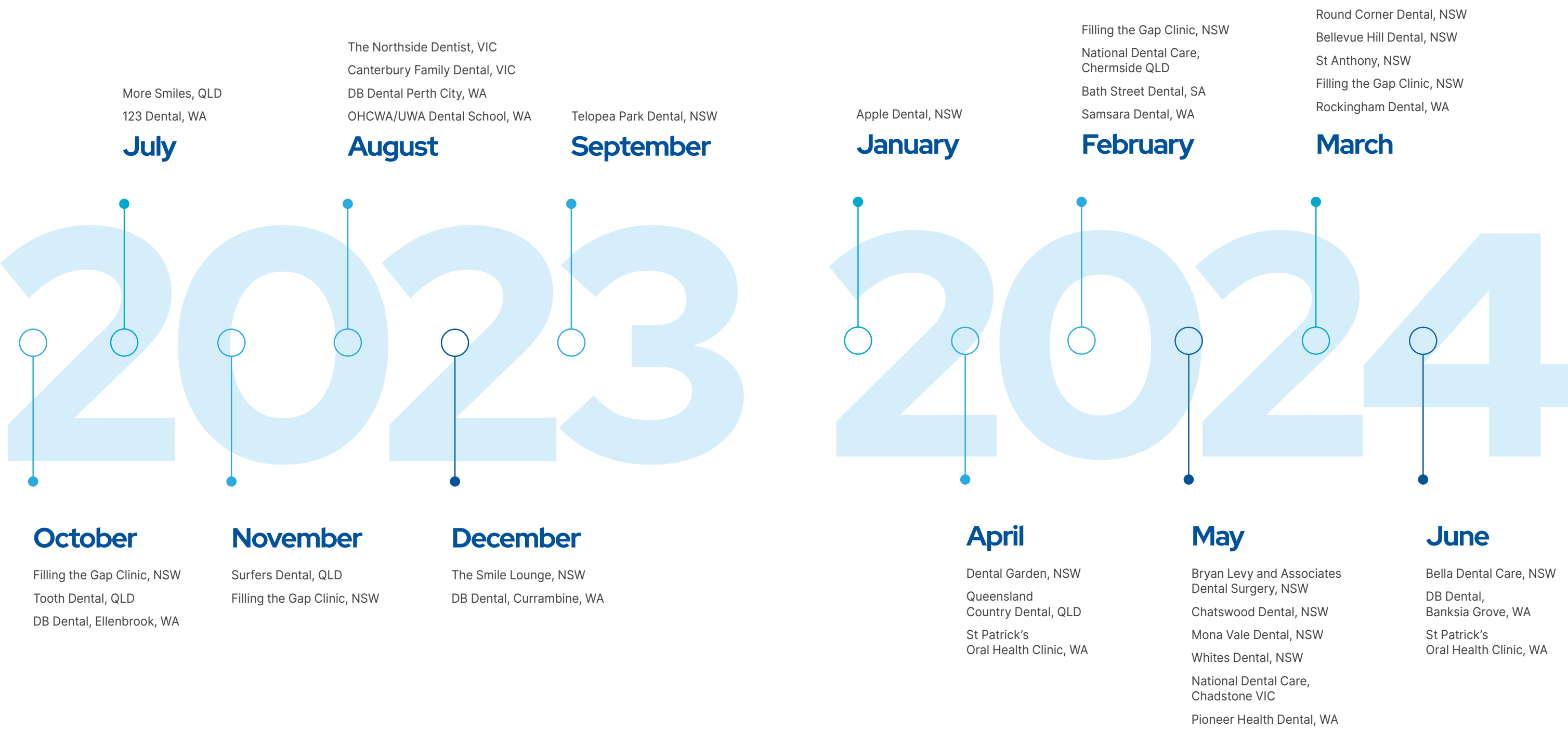
I commend the report.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rick Olive'.

Dr. Rick Olive AM RFD
Chair, ADA DHF Advisory Board

Dental Rescue Day's highlights



Performance summary FY24

Appointment totals

Adopt a Patient
Dental Rescue Day
Rebuilding smiles

TOTAL
1,518



Rebuilding smiles cases

State	Completed cases FY24	Treatment provided	ADA DHF contributions
ACT	1	\$3,070	\$1,067
NSW	21	\$153,293	\$4,798
SA	12	\$49,511	\$1,431
VIC	16	\$115,262	\$8,824
WA	4	\$68,886	\$2,753
QLD	16	\$79,594	\$3,320
TAS	11	\$42,291	\$2,371

Annual impact FY24

Patients treated	993
Appointments offered	1518
Rebuilding Smiles cases completed	81
Practices participated	201
Total treatment provided	\$1,254,925
Charities assisted	371

Impact per quarter per state across all programs

State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
ACT	4,660	3,133	357	0	8,150
NSW	82,810	49,226	76,478	236,388	444,902
QLD	35,778	33,119	46,017	56,072	170,986
SA	9,953	17,785	39,876	7,198	74,812
TAS	8,800	14,094	18,657	15,093	56,644
VIC	77,194	22,047	11,851	27,459	138,551
WA	92,024	60,729	87,176	120,957	360,886



Adopt a Patient

The Adopt a Patient program continued from strength to strength this year, assisting 993 patients referred through 147 charities. Charities ranged from those who assist the homeless, to drug and alcohol rehabilitation, those affected by mental health and those who have been affected by domestic violence, to name a few. There have been 218 practices around Australia who have offered pro bono dental care to individuals referred to us from not-for-profit charities.

Filling the Gap dental clinic at ADANSW continues to be a great location for many of our patients to be treated.

Since 2021 Dr Andrew Parsons has been attending on a fortnightly basis to assist those requiring dentures. The feedback, such as the following example, for the work he undertakes continues to be profoundly good “I feel so grateful to have been a patient at ADA DHF,” says one patient referred from We Help Ourselves (NSW). “Getting my dentures has changed my life and given me confidence, looking and feeling better about myself. Dr Andrew Parsons made me feel comfortable and treated me with respect. I can’t thank him enough for this amazing experience and giving me a new, beautiful smiles. This place really does change lives and I’m so appreciative. Thank you” (testimony from one patient referred from We Help Ourselves, NSW).

St Pat’s Community Support Centre in Fremantle, (St Pat’s Oral Health Clinic) WA has been working with the ADA DHF to treat patients since 2016, and regularly holds clinics. Similarly, The Oral Health Centre of Western Australia (OHCWA), have held annual or biannual Dental Rescue Days since 2019, with all of the clinics staffed by volunteer dentists, dental assistants, specialists, and students, with materials and consumables donated by the UWA Dental School and OHCWA.

Many dental practices take time out of their busy schedules to offer treatment to ADA DHF referred clients and there is always so much gratitude for these incredibly generous offers of treatment.

“.... the receptionist and dentist are brilliant,... they have a wonderful personality,... there is absolutely no discrimination regarding my HIV status... I give them 5 stars out of 5!”

Patient, Cairns, regarding Dr Karen Anderson, Northern Beaches Dental Care Nov 2022, Was the feedback from a client referred to a practice in Queensland.

“She is so happy; she was nearly in tears as we left the practice from the relief of knowing the pain was gone. Thank you again for this incredible assistance you have provided.... She said to me that she doesn’t always feel lucky in her life, but she feels lucky today.”

Ruby Devine, Case Manager, STARH Program Gold Coast treatment by Dr Omid Salar Trusted Dental October 2022

Dental Rescue Days®

Held in dental practices, Dental Rescue Days® (DRD) are a great way for the whole dental team to be involved.

Practices commit a half or full day to treat patients referred to our programs and the ADA DHF’s state coordinators organise and coordinate the appointment book with the practice for the session. These days are a great opportunity to triage patients on the Foundation’s waiting lists and to offer acute care. This year there has been 36 DRDs held nationally offering 694 appointments.

In Canberra, the NSW Coordinator works with two practices and one charity, Raw Potential, a charity that assists young people who are homeless, living on the streets or couch surfing. Two dental practices share the load of dental rescue days for this charity and offer two DRD a year each which is an excellent outcome for Raw Potential as their clients have access to much needed dental care on a quarterly basis. Stacey Hawley, the Raw potential youth engagement worker said the impact of DRD was immense, particularly since many of her clients don’t have family support or access to the public health system so this treatment a “once in a lifetime” opportunity for them.

Dr Jack Brazel from 123 Dental (WA) and his team have found hosting DRD and the subsequent adoption of two patients on an ongoing basis, to be a rewarding experience.

“The local community have supported us so much, especially during COVID, that we wanted to find a way to give back to them,” Jack says. “When we heard about the Dental Rescue Days® organised by the ADA DHF, we jumped at the chance to help out.”

The practice also decided to adopt one patient from each of the DRD, to complete a course of treatment.

Jack said the experience of adopting the patients has been fantastic for him and his staff. “All of our staff are really excited to be able to provide this service to people in need and has really increased their sense of purpose and job satisfaction in their roles,” he says. “I would really encourage any practice that has the capacity to try a Dental Rescue Day®; it’s something that we all look forward to as it approaches.”





Rebuilding Smiles

Founded in 2016, the Rebuilding Smiles® program offers treatment to those who have been affected by domestic and/or family violence. While some patients may have experienced direct dental trauma, typically patients have ongoing oral health conditions related to lack of dental treatment over time.

Rebuilding Smiles® has assisted many patients this year with 81 cases completed thanks to the many practitioners who have very generously given of their time and compassion to assist these clients.

The ADA DHF is grateful to have the assistance of sponsorship and implant donations from Straumann as well as sponsorship from Colgate and personal donations to this pivotal program.

The Common Ground community outreach clinic in Adelaide, South Australia continues to offer appointments to clients referred to the Rebuilding Smiles® program. In talking about the importance of this collaboration, the ADA DHF SA State Coordinator Mel Wolfendale said “[Common Ground] are offering appointments to three patients each month and continuing their course of treatment until completion.

“Common Ground and ADA DHF have a partnership which allows use of their clinic for Dental Rescue Days that are staffed by ADA DHF volunteers...

“To date the response for this has been very positive and I look forward to continuing this plan to assist getting the Rebuilding Smiles patients seen so they are not on the waitlist for a long time.”

State Coordinators continue to seek to engage new volunteers and charities, and offer both online and face to face presentations about our programs in their respective states.

Dental laboratories

The ADA DHF has the support of a number of laboratories around Australia which provide pro bono laboratory services for more complex treatments such as crown and bridge, and dentures.

Southern Cross Dental labs

Southern Cross Dental labs have been supporting the ADA DHF since 2015 and have supplied many crowns and dentures in that time. Speaking of this program of support, SCD GM Jonathan Evans says “Southern Cross Dental proudly supports the ADA DHF. We believe in their mission to improve the oral health of disadvantaged Australians who face difficulties in accessing or affording oral care and dental treatment.

“Oral health plays an important role in people’s overall well-being, and our partnership with ADA DHF allows us to contribute and work towards the betterment of lives for many Australians.

Oceanic Dental Laboratory WA

Oceanic Dental Laboratory came onboard as sponsors of the ADA DHF in July 2018, and have provided pro bono lab services and dental prostheses including chrome and acrylic dentures, bite blocks and custom trays. For Michael Moran, Nicholas Mann and Gerard Klingeholler and the Oceanic Dental Laboratories team, giving back is part of the culture.

“The values of Oceanic has always been around low-cost dentistry,” Michael says. “We knew there were a lot of gaps in pathways for people to get assistance if they cannot afford it, so we were pleased to help ADA DHF.”

“The volunteer dentists and practices appreciate the smooth process involved in utilising Oceanic’s lab support for pro bono cases. They pride themselves on their professionalism, friendly customer service and high standards. I’m very grateful for Oceanics’ ongoing support of our ADA DHF volunteer programs,” says Andrea Paterson, ADA DHF WA State Coordinator.

To other dental laboratories considering volunteerism, Nicholas says to do it. “What have you got to lose? It really is a no-brainer,” Michael adds. “If you have any time, you should do it. It is good for the soul, and I find it is much better than getting stopped at the shopping centre and being asked to donate to a cause you don’t know much about.”





First Nations Study Grants

Each year the ADA DHF offers up to four study grants, worth \$5,000 each, to students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background who are undertaking a course of study that will lead to registration as a dental hygienist or an oral health therapist.

Fulfilling part of the mandate of the ADA DHF, which is to address the inequality between those Australians who can access the dental care they need, and those who can't, the First Nations Study Grants (the Grants),

previously known as the Indigenous Study Grants, offer students funding that may be used to cover costs of dental equipment and textbooks, and to financially support students while they are on placements or living away from home.

This year the Grants opened for applications on 1 March 2024 and closed on 14 June 2024, the following two were selected as awardees.



Ashley Bainbridge
Bachelor of Oral Health
Central Queensland University

"With the invaluable support provided by the previous grant, I have navigated the financial challenges of university education and fully immersed myself in my studies. I remain committed to collaborating with the Queensland Government to provide dental care to remote and rural areas across Australia. Additionally, I aspire to volunteer with respected organisations like Tooth Mob, where I can improve oral health outcomes and promote oral health education, especially among Indigenous communities."



Naomi Stacey
Bachelor of Oral Health
Central Queensland University

"My aim in seeking this grant was to alleviate the financial burdens associated with full time study and the lengthy commute from Benaraby, which is approximately 1.5 hours away, to attend mandatory classes four days a week at the Rockhampton North campus. By securing this support, I am able to liberate myself from the necessity of weekend employment, enabling me to dedicate more time to my studies and to achieve my goals. This grant is an invaluable opportunity to ease the financial and mental strain associated with my circumstances as it also assists me in being able to afford accommodation closer to campus, enhancing my ability to focus on my academic pursuits."

Healthier Smiles Community Grants

The ADA DHF and Mars Wrigley Foundation's Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants program is a well-established initiative supporting dentists and dental students from across Australia who seek to improve oral health outcomes by providing screening, treatment, and education to those most in need.

In 2023, the Healthier Smiles Community Service Grants program awarded US\$82,000 (approx. AU\$110,870) in grant funding to 10 worthy projects, all of which are committed to addressing inequity in dental care by delivering oral health services and education to underserved communities across Australia.

The recipients were spread across Australia, with three projects awarded funds in NSW, two each in Queensland and South Australia, and one each in Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania. They included Dandelions WA, which provide 'Kindness Kits' to children and families in WA, and SmileCARE, which provides on site, face-to-face, small group oral hygiene instruction training sessions in residential aged care.

All 10 of the recipients have successfully delivered on the ADA DHF's mandate to make dental care available to everyone in Australia, no matter where they live or their socioeconomic status.

Grant recipients 2023

Kanggawodli Hostel

Bridging the Gap

The Carevan Foundation

Community Outreach Program

Dandelions WA

Diverse Smiles

James Cook University

Mind Body Teeth

SmileCARE

Smyla Dental Care



Advisory board



Dr Rick Olive

Dr Rick Olive qualified as a dentist in 1975 with BDSc (Hons) from the University of Queensland then undertook specialist training in orthodontics. After a further couple of years as a lecturer at UQ he entered specialist orthodontic practice in 1981 and retired in 2016. He has been the ADA nominee on the Advisory Board of the Australian Dental Health Foundation (previously the Australian Dental Association Foundation) since 2014.

Prof Neil Hewson

A Federal Councillor from 1996 to 2023, Neil has chaired and served on several Federal ADA committees and as Federal ADA President. He currently serves federally as Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee.

A long term Victorian Branch Councillor, he has chaired and served on most Branch committees and as Branch President. Neil is currently Chair of the Branch's Constitution and Policy and Honours and Awards Committees.

A/Prof Hewson was co-author of a paper that led to the establishment of the ADA Foundation and was Vice-Chair of its inaugural Advisory Board.



Dr Chris Wilson

A member of the ADA NSW Council since 1999, Chris Wilson has served as ADA NSW President, in addition to participating in many other ADA NSW and Federal Committees over the years. After finishing dentistry at the University of Sydney in 1979, Chris worked for 18 months as a salaried dental officer then went to work for a private practice in Raymond Terrace, which he now owns and where he still practices on a full-time basis. When not working, one of Chris's regular activities is a yearly charity motorcycle ride for the Royal Flying Doctor's Service to raise money for their Dental Outreach Programme which helps bring dental services to remote communities.

Bradley Abraham

An experienced board director, Bradley Abraham is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Dental Association's SA Branch. He was formerly the CEO and Director of The Royal Institution of Australia, Bradley was the driving force behind the development of it as Australia's first dedicated science multi-media outlet. Specialising in change leadership, Bradley has had over 25 years' senior management experience in the not-for-profit sector, and he is a Fellow of The Australian Institute of Company Directors, Bradley has served on many Boards and Committees.



Dr Susan Wise

A specialist periodontist in suburban Melbourne, Dr Susan Wise is the current President of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, past President of the ADAVB and she currently co-chairs the Australian Dental Health Foundation Victoria Committee. Dr Wise has demonstrated to and examined postgraduate and undergraduate students in periodontics, and she is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She was the recipient of the 2021 ADA Valuable Service Award.



Dr Gavin Quek

A practicing dentist who graduated from The University of Adelaide in 2021, Dr Gavin Quek currently serves as ADA Tasmania's Secretary and Chairs their Governance and Oral Health Promotion Committee. He is also Vice-Chair of the ADA Inc's Oral Health Committee. Gavin is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders ANZ. Gavin is a passionate volunteer and is currently one of the volunteers under the ADA DHF's Adopt a Patient program. Gavin recently gave a TEDx speech about how curiosity drives contribution and about how oral and general health are so closely connected. He was recently awarded the Premier's Young Achiever of the Year 2023 and was named Hobart's Young Citizen of the Year 2023.

Dr Denise Salvestro

Prior to her retirement from clinical practice, Denise worked as a general dentist in Australia, UK and Italy, with the final 12 years of her practising career spent working in remote communities in the Northern Territory where she and her partner were also involved in setting up pro bono oral health promotion and dental service delivery programs. A member of ADA since graduation, in the late 1970s Denise chaired the Working Committee for compiling a Glossary of Dental Terminology for Health Fund Members, which served as the template for the current Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary. For seven years Denise was a member of the then named CPD Committee of the Federal body and while in the Northern Territory, served several terms as President of ADA NT branch and was a professional officer for the Dental Council NSW 2010 to 2021.



Dr Mark Hutton

Since graduating from Adelaide University in 1975 Mark Hutton has practised in rural South Australia and has had experience on many boards and committees. He has served two terms as ADASA President and been a member of several ADASA Committees. He was an ADA Federal Councillor for many years, ADA Federal President, and was a member and chair of many ADA Committees. In addition he has been a Board Member and examiner of the ADC and is a Board Member of the Australian Dental Research Foundation. Mark has also been a member of various government and university advisory committees. He has served on many not-for-profit organizations in his local area and continues this service as a Board Member of "Four Reasons Why."

State Chairs



Dr Russell Gordon, Chair (WA)

Recently retired from his family dental practice, which he ran for more than 40 years in Rockingham, WA, Dr Russell Gordon was first exposed to the needs of underprivileged communities during his time working on Government dental vans in rural WA. This experience influenced him to run Dental Rescue Days from his practice since the inception of the NDF. Dr Gordon is presently the Chair of ADA DHFWA. He sits on the ADA DHF Steering Committee as well as the ADAWA Volunteers Committee. Beside the regular ADA DHF programmes run in WA, Dr Gordon initiated a partnership of the ADA DHFWA with the St Pat's Community Centre in Fremantle. From this permanent surgery located within the St Pat's Community Centre Building volunteers provide free dental care for homeless people.

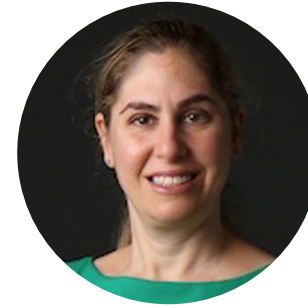
Dr Julee Birch BDS CFPFA FICD, Chair (QLD)

Graduating in 1980, Dr Julee Birch has had an eminent career across the public and private sectors in Australia, and she currently practises at her own clinic on the Sunshine Coast. Dr Birch started volunteering with the Australian Dental Health Foundation in 2012, and she and her team continue to adopt patients and host large annual Dental Rescue Days. Dr Birch has been Chair of the Foundation's State Committee since 2013, and she has held multiple roles at local, State, and Federal ADA, including ADAQ President in 2016. Dr Birch has a special interest in access to dental care for patients impacted by domestic violence, and has dedicated many hours to treating patients, presenting at conferences, and co-writing a resource for dental practitioners. In 2022 Dr Birch was awarded an ADAQ Distinguished Service Award and ADA Valuable Service Award.



Dr Joshua Tirrell, Chair (SA)

Dr Joshua Tirrell graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2003. After working in private practice in Adelaide for two years Dr Tirrell relocated to Hobart for three years before returning to his hometown of Adelaide. For the past 14 years, he has been a principal dentist at Rose Park Dental. Dr Tirrell found himself wanting to help those in need closer to home. He held his first Dental Rescue Day at Rose Park Dental in March 2012, and after being on the State Committee for several years became the Chair in 2020. As well as his involvement with the ADA DHF, he has also held positions on the State Review Committee, been State Coordinator of the ADASA mentorship program, and he was a clinical tutor for final year dental students. In recognition of his contributions to the dental profession and community, Dr Tirrell has been awarded fellowship of the international Pierre Fauchard Academy.



Dr Susan Wise, Co-Chair (VIC)

A specialist periodontist in suburban Melbourne, Dr Susan Wise is the current President of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, past President of the ADAVB and she currently co-chairs the Australian Dental Health Foundation Victoria Committee. Dr Wise has demonstrated to and examined postgraduate and undergraduate students in periodontics, and she is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She was the recipient of the 2021 ADA Valuable Service Award.

Dr Katy Theodore BDS, FICD, FPFA, Co-Chair (VIC)

After working for four years in the private sector, Dr Katy Theodore moved to the public sector in Victoria in 2013. Identifying as a passionate public health advocate, Dr Theodore has lectured and clinically supervised oral health and dentistry students at both the Victorian universities that offer dental programs, and she has worked in the Integrated Special Needs Department at the Dental Hospital in Carlton, and in remote Indigenous communities of Central Australia. Dr Theodore has also been involved in the evidence synthesis and design for a value-based model of oral health care at the leading public sector agency for oral health in Victoria. With professional interests that span from clinical informatics to behavioural economics, Dr Theodore is currently very much enjoying her role at the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch in Policy, Advocacy, Research and Health Promotion.



Dr David Digges, (NSW)

After graduating from the University of Sydney in 1981 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Dr David Digges practised in Newcastle, the UK, and Sydney. During his career he has been heavily involved in volunteer dental work both in Australia and overseas in Balgo, in remote WA, and overseas in East Timor. He is a long-serving member of several dental associations including the ADA, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr Digges was the founder of the National Dental Foundation (NDF) which provided pro bono dental care to disadvantaged Australians, and when NDF became the ADA DHF, Dr Digges held the role of Deputy Chairman for a number of years. He remains actively involved with ADA DHF currently as the NSW Chair. Presently, he is also on the board of Filling the Gap, which assists ADA DHF's Adopt a Patient program within NSW and the ACT.

Dr Martin Viviers, (TAS)

Dr Viviers moved to Hobart in 2007 and shortly afterwards decided that Tasmania is an ideal location to live and work. Two children, a boy and a girl, came soon after to complete the family.

Hobbies of sailing, fishing, bushwalking, and triathlons keep him busy after hours. Dr Viviers is passionate about dentistry and has enjoyed the last 20 years of his career.



State coordinators



Rebecca, National Manager

Rebecca commenced in the National Manager's role in July, 2024. Starting out as a dental assistant at the age of 19, Rebecca worked her way up into practice management. While working in dental, she went on to gain qualifications as a registered nurse and then a grad. diploma in Dental Sleep Medicine. After moving into health/program management, Rebecca commenced her master's in health services management. Also having experience in the not-for-profit sector, Rebecca is excited to join the wonderful team.

Andrea Paterson, ADA DHF WA Coordinator

Based in the ADAWA office, West Perth, Andrea Paterson is a qualified dental nurse who was employed as a dental nurse, by a periodontist in private practice, for 16 years before joining ADAWA 11 years ago as CPD assistant. Andrea accepted the additional role as ADA DHF WA State Coordinator in Jan 2017, and today is our longest standing State Coordinator. She is a fan of the West Coast Eagles, and when not watching sport, you will find Andrea enjoying keeping fit, attending the gym, taking group fitness classes and walking.



Natasha Dagley, ADA DHF QLD Coordinator

Joining the ADA Dental Health Foundation in September last year after many years working in the dental field came as a welcomed change, being able to impact the lives of so many patients referred by local charities and organizations. With extensive experience as a practice manager, Tash has developed a deep understanding of the intricacies of dental care management and patient relationships. Passionate about helping those within the local and wider community, Tash is dedicated to connecting volunteer dentists with those who face significant barriers in accessing oral health care. This commitment to making dental services accessible to those most at risk aligns perfectly with the ADA DHF where Tash plays a vital role in facilitating meaningful connections and ensuring dental care reaches those who need it most.



Karen Smith, ADA DHF NSW Coordinator

Karen is the State Coordinator for NSW, originally hailing from the UK. A dedicated dental hygienist, she graduated from Cardiff Dental Hospital in 1999. Before stepping into her current role, Karen volunteered at the ADA NSW clinic, treating clients from the Dental Health Foundation, and continues to offer her time there occasionally. Working three days a week, Karen is deeply committed to the Foundation's mission of supporting members in delivering pro bono dental care to those in need.

Julianna Garcia Osorio, FTG/ADA DHF Clinic Coordinator

Born in Colombia and raised in Australia, Juliana Osorio Garcia (right) is in love with our country. She is currently the Dental Clinic and Patient Coordinator for the ADHF and Filling the Gap programs. Juliana has completed her Certificate III in Dental Assisting at TAFE, and for the past five years, she has been a dental assistant in a number of dental clinics around Sydney.



Lynda Cunningham, ADA DHF VIC/TAS Coordinator

Beginning her career in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation sector in an administration role, Lynda Cunningham then worked for a lengthy period in the higher education sector in events and marketing management, during which time she studied psychology and sociology at Swinburne University. Before joining the ADA DHF, she managed a small not-for-profit which included managing allied health volunteer programs for disadvantaged people in urban centres and remote communities around Australia, where the disparities in accessibility to health services between most Australians and disadvantaged people was most apparent. Lynda remains passionate about tackling these challenges and working toward improving and creating positive health outcomes for those in need. Outside of work, her family and two fur-children are her delight.

Mel Wolfendale, ADA DHF SA Coordinator

The ADA DHF SA State Coordinator for just over a year and a half, Mel has also worked for the past three years as the ADASA Membership Coordinator. While she doesn't have a dental background, Mel has really found her feet in this role - and although it has been challenging at times understanding the lingo, she says that being involved with the ADA DHF has helped her learn a great deal about herself as well as the challenges of others. Mel finds the role really rewarding as it helps her to give back to disadvantaged people looking to regain their smile. When not at work, Mel fills her days with her family, and in her spare time enjoys photography, netball and spending time with friends and family on overseas holidays and camping trips.



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The foundation trustee and donor



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Clinic, Brisbane Southbank Denture Clinic, Fremantle Brisbane

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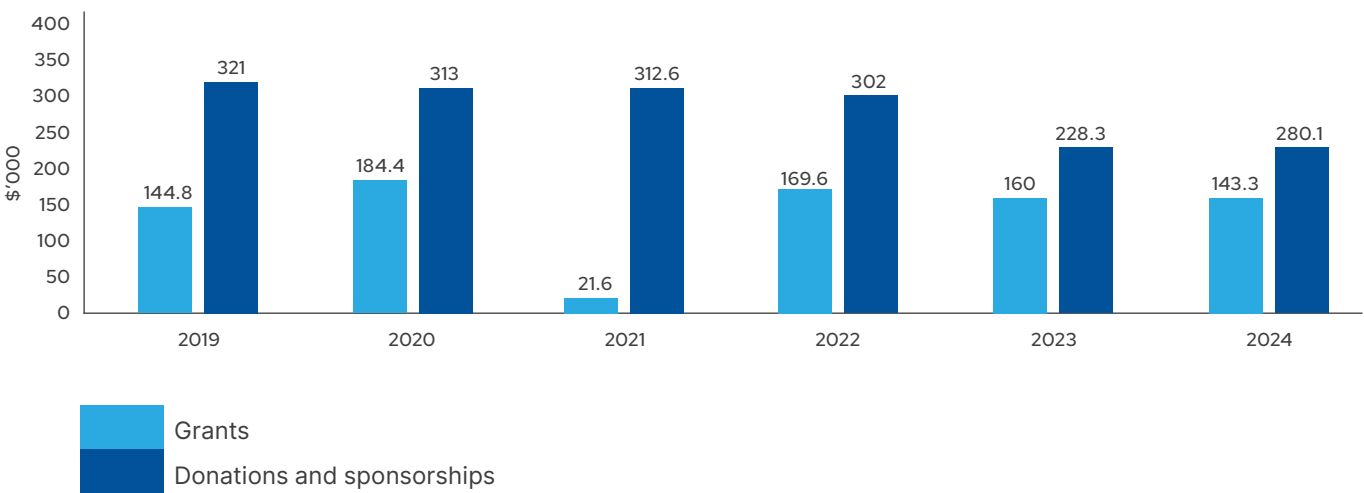
\$'000	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue						
Grants	144.8	184.4	21.6	169.6	160.2	143.3
Donations and Sponsorships	321.0	313.0	312.6	302.0	228.3	280.1
Interest and Other Income	15.2	14.1	15.7	16.8	44.6	75.4
	481.0	511.5	349.9	488.3	433.1	498.8
Expenses						
Community Projects Grants and Donations	195.0	167.8	99.7	242.7	206.7	162.8
Administrative Expenses	207.5	236.7	209.7	214.4	261.6	260.0
Depreciation	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.9	1.0
Gain/(loss) on Investment	-	-	-	65.6	0.0	43.5
	404.2	406.3	311.3	524.3	469.2	467.3
Total Income/(loss) for the year	76.8	105.3	38.6	-36.0	-36.1	75.0

ADA DHF Statement of Financial Position

\$'000	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Current assets						
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Cash and cash equivalents	815.6	988.7	462.0	536.7	540.3	346.1
Trade and other receivables	114.4	33.5	-	26.9	27.0	1.1
Total current assets	930.0	1,022.2	462.0	563.6	567.3	362.2
Non-current assets						
Financial assets at fair value through profit and Loss	-	-	647.9	595.8	585.8	679.1
Plant and equipment	5.2	3.4	1.6	-	1.1	1.0
Total non-current assets	5.2	3.4	649.5	595.8	586.8	680.1
Total assets	935.2	1,025.5	1,111.5	1,159.5	1,154.1	1041.5
Liabilities						
Trade and other payables	27.6	32.7	41.6	44.6	58.0	27.0
Contract liabilities	40.0	20.0	58.4	139.4	156.7	0.0
Total current liabilities	67.6	52.7	100.0	184.0	214.7	27.0
Total liabilities	67.6	52.7	100.0	184.0	214.7	27.0
Net assets	867.6	972.9	1,011.5	975.5	939.4	1014.5
Equity						
Retained surpluses	867.6	972.9	1,011.5	975.5	939.4	1014.5
Total equity	867.6	972.9	1,011.5	975.5	939.4	1014.5

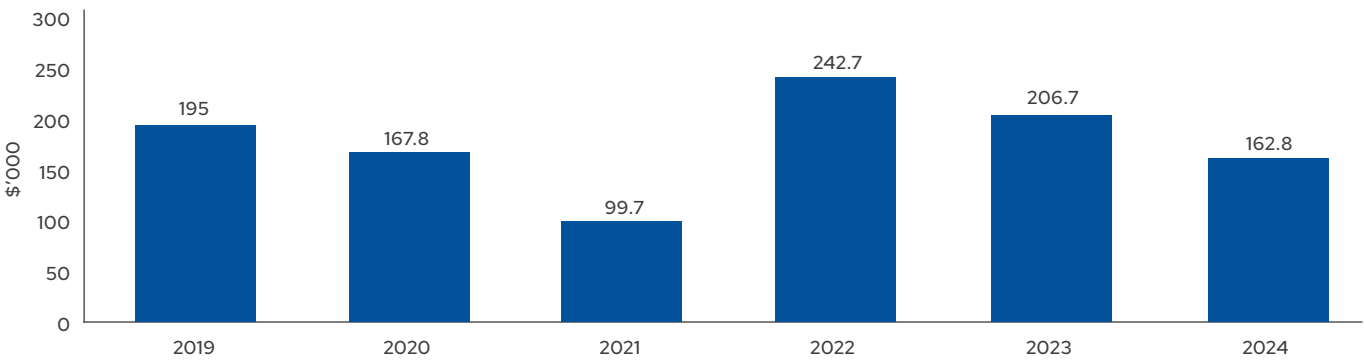
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Income from Grants, Donations and Sponsorships

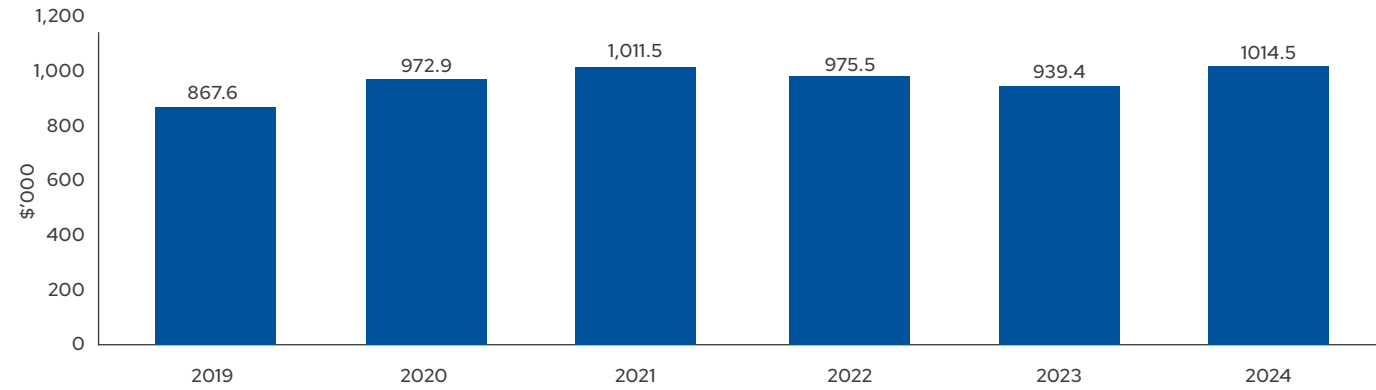


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Expenditure on Community Projects Grants and Donations



Net assets



The ADA DHF continues to maintain a healthy financial position, with net assets of around \$1 million during the 2023-2024 period.

*The 2019 – 2023 amounts are from the audited financial statements. 2024 is still subject to completion of the audit as at the time of publishing.



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