

# AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Volunteer Dental Programs

Quarterly Report

1st January 2019 – 31st March 2019



## Quarterly Report for the period 1st January 2019 to 31st March 2019

I am pleased to provide the third quarterly report for the 2018/19 financial year.

Under the volunteer programs coordinated by the Foundation, our generous volunteer dentists and their teams attended to 247 patients who received treatment to the value of \$233,907. The Dental Rescue Day and Adopt a Patient program figures reflect the expected slowdown in activity as a result of the summer holiday period. Our Rebuilding Smiles® program has however reported its most successful quarter to date, in terms of the number of volunteers, completed cases and value of treatment provided to patients.

On behalf of our Advisory Board, I would like to thank our sponsors and supporters for their continued commitment to improving the oral health of disadvantaged Australians. In particular, the Foundation's major industry sponsor Pacific Smiles Group provides the ADHF with invaluable assistance to achieve our goals. We acknowledge our many other supporters later in this report.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. David Owen,

Chairman, Australian Dental Health Foundation

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## **Our Programs**

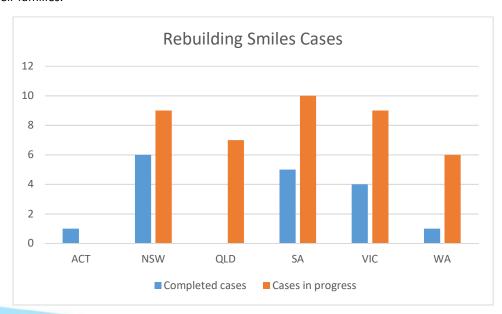
In the third quarter of the financial year, there were 8 **Dental Rescue Days** coordinated around Australia. Dentists provided pro bono appointments for 4 or more patients in their practice on a single day, with a number of these patients adopted for further ongoing treatment.

125 appointments were attended by patients under the **Adopt a Patient** program. These patients have received a comprehensive general oral check-up and will usually attend a number of appointments to address their often more complex oral health issues.

In WA, 68 patients attended the **St Patrick's Oral Health clinic**. The ADHF, in partnership with St Patrick's Community Support Centre, Fremantle, coordinates regular clinics for local community members who are disadvantaged and often homeless.

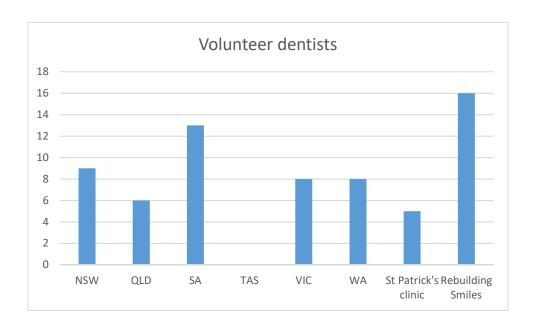


Under the **Rebuilding Smiles**® program, 17 cases were completed during the quarter. Another 41 cases are currently underway with patients allocated to a practice. This program focuses on providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and their families.



#### **Our Volunteers**

During the quarter, 65 volunteer dentists and their teams provided care to ADHF referred patients. Many more of their practice staff were involved with coordinating appointments, assisting in surgery and providing oral hygiene and education to patients.

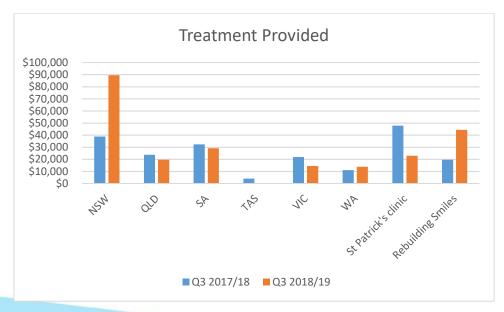


# **Program deliverables**

A total of \$233,907 worth of pro bono dental treatment has been provided to patients by our volunteers in the quarter.

Under the Dental Rescue Days and Adopt a Patient programs, pro bono treatment to the value of \$189,512 was delivered. This represents an increase of 5% on Q3 2017/18 (\$179,724).

Under the Rebuilding Smiles® program, \$44,395 worth of pro bono treatment was delivered. This represents a significant increase on the previous year (\$19,640).



## **Case Study**

The ADHF works in partnership with Women in Dentistry, WA, to provide treatment to disadvantaged women in the Perth area. The following case study summarises one recent example of our volunteers' efforts.

**Volunteers:** Dr. Megan Devine, Cambridge Dental Centre, Wembley and Dr. Jane McCarthy, Applecross Periodontics, Applecross

Laboratory: Aesthetika Dental Laboratory, Perth

Patient: Ms N, 39 years old

Value of treatment provided: \$6,200

Ms N was referred to the ADHF by Dress for Success, Perth, in September 2018. She presented with severely broken down upper anterior teeth and a missing tooth, caries and advanced periodontitis associated with cigarette smoking. She was motivated to "get her smile back" and to be more confident seeking employment.

Dr. Devine built up the patient's anterior teeth with direct composite restorations and replaced the missing tooth with a cantilevered bonded bridge. Dr. Jane McCarthy has completed root planing and committed to provide the patient with regular periodontal maintenance. Dr McCarthy also completed a biopsy of a white lesion which was sent for histopathology.

Mr. Mark Dallamora of Aesthetika Dental Laboratory provided pro bono lab services.



Before - November 2018



After - March 2019

"Being able to participate in this program has changed my life. I am more confident and outgoing than before and will be forever grateful".

# **Our Sponsors and Supporters**

The ADHF would like to thank its sponsors and supporters for their valuable and much appreciated support. We acknowledge ADA branches around Australia for their continued support of the Foundation's State Coordinators.

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