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Most Memorable ADOHTA moment:

Passing of state and national legislation recognising professional status of dental and oral health therapists.

Working with colleagues to achieve a profile for our profession and recognition of our skills at both state and national levels-developed some fabulous friends esp Julie Barker, Debbie Beldham, Helen Platell, and many many others

Seeing the development of young accomplished and motivated members of our profession take the reins and steer the association into the future

Positions held within ADOHTA

- Founding member VDTA 1977 (continuous membership since)
 - Delegate to Victorian Public Service Association 1977-82
 - Delegate to Victorian PSA State
 Conference 1978,1979 and 1980
- Victorian Dental Therapist Association & VDOHTA (1976-2019)
 - Member of Executive, 1994-1999, 2006-2012
 - Vice President, 1996
 - President, 1997 to June 2000
- Chair, VDTA Policy and Profile Subcommittee (Lead Legislation Victorian Review Work) (1996-2000)
- Appointed to Victorian Minsiterail Advisory Committee
- Appointed to Dental Practice Board of Victoria 2000-2002 (first non dentists appointment)
 - led scope of practice review for VDPB 2000 (removal list of duties, employment limits, practice ownership established, Contributed to scope of practice review for VDTA 2006, 2009 (removal of supervision, age limit and autonomous practice established)



Most Significant change within the profession during your involvement with ADOHTA

Changes to legislation enabling full registration, protection of title and practice, representation of Dental Board - full participation or the profession in regulation, recognition of OHT as a profession,

Removal of list of duties, removal of supervision, structured professional relationship from regulation and transition to full health practitioner regulation

Movement of dental therapy education and training into university Development of the journal and code of ethics for the profession

Establishment of Accreditation for our courses and the College of Oral Health Academics

Seeing our profession move out of limited employment into full utilisation wherever there is need that matches our skills- our contribution to improving access to care recognised by workforce planners and governments



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Positions held within ADOHTA National Council

- Founding member Australian Dental Therapists Association (ADTA) (1989-2004)
- ADTA Policy consultant Legislation reviews 2000-2009
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- Proposal & working party to change name to ADOHTA 2002-2004
- Education Sub-committee 2006-2009
- Led development of ADTA Code of Ethics, 2005, review 2009
- Australian Capital Territory Dental Therapists Association 2003-2006 Member
- Represented VDTA/VDOHTA Oral Health Alliance - Victoria (2004- 2009)
- ADOHTA Councillor (2015-2020)
- ADTA journal committee 2000-2005
- Editor, Journal of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association (2005-2012) developed peer review process and established academic editorial board, merger with NZDTA journal to form ANZJDOHT
- Editor in Chief ANZJDOHT 2013- 2020
- Continuous membership ADTA & ADOHTA Executive committee since 1991 (except for 2000-2002)
- ADOHTA International Conference Program Chair 2006, 2009, 2015, 2018
- Many contributions to submissions, delegations, committees and working parties for ADOHTA, sate and commonwealth governments on behalf of ADOHTA



Any information that is important to ADOHTA's History:

First Dental Therapist to complete a PhD

First dental therapist appointed as an academic in a dental school Aust/NZ

Developed for ADOHTA international peer reviewed journal for the profession- only one for OHT

Led the development of the OHT Graduate Year Program

Helped establish ANZ College of Oral Health Academics

Developed first Code of Ethics for the association



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A brief outline of your career and achievements:

- 2018 current: Professor Oral Health Melbourne Dental School (Continuing)
- MDS Director Engagement and Indigenous Programs
- 2010- 2017 Associate Professor Oral Health (Teaching & Research -2016, Academic Specialist 2017, Head of Discipline, Member Centre for Oral Health Research (Population Health Stream)
- 2006-2009 Level C; Senior Lecturer, Head of Bachelor Oral Health Program
- 2000-2005 Level B; Lecturer Oral Health
- 1996-1999 Level A School of Dental Science

Employment History:

- 2003- 2015 Dental Therapist Clinician, Linker Orthodontics (Mornington)
- 1993- 1996 Senior Dental Therapist: Lecturer Victorian Dental Therapy School
- 1994- 1996 Community Project Officer: Waverley Pilot Preschool Dental Program, Dental Health Services (designed pilot program - now Smiles For Miles)
- 1989- 1994 Dental Therapist (Clinician)
 Dandenong & Mornington Peninsula Region
 DHS
- 1985 1988 Senior Dental Therapist -(Manager) Northern Region, DHS
- 1979 1980 Senior Dental Therapist (Health Education)- Preventive Dentistry Unit, Victorian DHS
- 1978- 1994 Dental Therapist (Clinician) Victorian School Dental Services. DHS



A brief outline of your career and achievements cont:

International Appointments

- 2018- Member Reference Group -Pew- Updated Review of the evidence for Dental Therapy Practice
- Contribution to legislation and curriculum for dental therapy USA
- 2017-2020Chair, Review of BOH Accreditation Dental Council of New Zealand
- 2017-Member, Colgate Alliance for A Cavity Free Future & Chair Global Oral Health Taskforce ANZ Division

State Level Appointments

- 2017 Member, East Arnhem Public Health Advisory Group Northern Territory
- 2015-17 Member, Planning Committee, ADA Congress Melbourne 2017
- 2014-18 Member, Allied Health Research Group, Victorian Department of Health
- 2013-2020 Member, Ministerial Advisory Committee Population Oral Health, Victorian Dept. Health
- 2009- 17 Member Dental Health Services Victoria Workforce Advisory Committee
- 2005- current Member, Expert Advisory Panel on Water Fluoridation, Victorian Dept. of Human Services



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A brief outline of your career and achievements cont:

National Appointments

- 2013-16 Member National Oral Health Promotion Steering Group
- 2013-14 National Oral Health Plan Development Working Group-Lead Mental Health
- 2013- 14 Health Workforce Australia; Oral Health Workforce 2025- Project Reference Group
- 2013 Lead, Oral Health Therapists Graduate Year Program Curriculum Development Project, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging,
- 2012-2013National Oral Health Promotion Plan Development Working Group, Commonwealth Minister for Health
- 2011-14Member Health Workforce Australia Professions Advisory Committee
- 2010-14 Member, International Dental Graduates Assessment Processes Review Committee reporting to Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) by June 2010.
- 2009-Australian Dental Council Accreditation Teams: Chair (2013-16) and Member Accreditation Teams Australian Dental Council (2009-2013)
- 2007- 2017 Chair, National Oral Health Promotion Clearinghouse Steering Committee
- Public Health Association of Australia (1997-2012)
- Oral Health Special Interest Group; OHSIG Executive member 2003-06