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Most significant change within the profession during your involvement with ADOHTA

The most significant change within the profession during my involvement has been the ability to graduate with a degree - end of 2000 in Queensland - and to be able to work in the private sector - October 2003 in Queensland.

Most memorable ADOHTA Moment:

1977 - The Dental Therapist of the Year award by the Dental Therapists Association of NSW

Life Membership of the Dental Therapists' Association of NSW in 2000

Life Membership of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association in 2013

Positions held with ADOHTA

Branches:

Life Membership of ADOHTA in 2013

Life Membership of the Dental Therapists' Association of NSW in 2000, President for 5 years and organised the NSW State conferences in 1984 and 1986.

Member of the Dental and Oral Health Therapist Association of QLD (DOHTAQ) since 2001, Events Coordinator from 2002 - August 2003, Newsletter Editor in 2005 and Executive Member from 2004 to present (2020)

Appointed to the ADOHTA Committee for the Development of Competencies for Dental and Oral Health Therapists in Australia in May 2010

Any other information that is important to ADOHTA's history

After completing my training in 1975-77, I went to the Murray Health District to work as a School Dental Therapist. After working in a dental mobile from Tumbarumba to Wentworth along the Murray River, I also established two school dental clinics, namely in Albury and Lavington.



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Brief Outline of your career and career achievements

Leonie has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree (Wollongong), a Diploma of Clinical Hypnotherapy and a Master of Health Planning (NSW) and is a registered dental practitioner - dental therapist - with the Dental Board of Australia.

She has worked at six universities and has helped established Australia's first dual-skilled Bachelor of Oral Health degree at the University of Queensland in 1998, Australia's first new dental school for 57 years at Griffith University in 2004 and the Bachelor of Oral Health degree at CQUniversity in 2012.

Leonie has been awarded over \$1.8m in competitive research grants and numerous publications in referred journals.

Any other information that is important to ADOHTA's history cont.

In late 1980, I took up a position as a Tutor at the Shellharbour School of Dental Therapy. I worked there whilst completing my Bachelor of Arts degree (UOW) and Master of Health Planning degree (NSW). I also seconded to work with the Chief Dental Officer of NSW Health in 1984.

I was active in the Dental Therapists Association of NSW. As a delegate with the Professional Officers Association of NSW, I assisted in establishing the First Award for Dental Therapists in NSW in 1984 (approximately).

I lobbied with the Consumers' Health Forum of Australia and the Australian Council of Social Service for the establishment of the Commonwealth Dental Health Program in 1993 - \$234m over 3 years.

I worked in an advocacy and lobbying role to promote the changes to the QLD legislation for the Health Legislation Amendment Act 2003 - this was voted on in parliament on 15 Oct 2003. I was there in parliament to watch this historic moment. As a result, Dental Therapists were accountable for their actions, could work in the private sector and could register with the Dental Board of Australia. Dental practices could now employ more than one dental hygienist and a dentist was not required onsite for dental hygienists to practice.



Brief Outline of your career and career achievements cont.

Leonie was the first dental therapist to be appointed as a Director to the Australian Dental Council in 2004 and was the first dental therapist to become a member of the Australasian Council of Dental Schools in 2012.

Leonie is keen to progress the oral health therapy profession in terms of research, knowledge and skill development.



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Any other information that is important to ADOHTA's history cont.

As a representative of ADOHTA, I was appointed as a Director of the Australian Dental Council from Sept. 2004 - Nov 2008. I was appointed a member of the Accreditation Committee in Jan 2007 and re-appointed in Jan 2009 to coordinate the accreditation of the dental therapy, dental hygiene and oral health therapy programs in Australia and New Zealand. I was appointed a member of the ADC Joint Working Group for the Recognition of Overseas Trained Dental Therapists and Dental Hygienists in 2007 to December 2012. I was a member of the ADC Accreditation Site Visit Team for the Graduate Diploma in Dental Therapy at the University of Newcastle in 2010. I was also a member of the Working Party of the Australian Dental Council to Develop the New Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene Examinations for Overseas Trained Graduates, 2013 - 2014.

I also lobbied and advocated for the national registration of dental therapists and oral health therapists - this came into being on 1 July, 2010. This change was also hotly debated Registration Standard and hope to see this comes into force on 1 July 2020. On this day, we will be deemed 'independent practitioners'.

Advocating and lobbying for Medicare and private health insurance provider numbers is next on the agenda for change.