



AMANDA BLYTON- PATTERSON

Australian Capital Territory

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Positions held with ADOHTA

- Founding Member of the ACT Dental Therapist Association (ACIDTA) and continuous member since 1987
- Treasurer: ADOHTA ACT for over 25 years
- ADOHTA Journal Committee Member for over 25 years
- Previous member of ACTDTA Journal/Newsletter committee
- ACT Branch CPD Committee member

What was the most significant change within the profession during your involvement with ADOHTA?

In the 1980's Amanda was instrumental in engaging the services of a senior federal industrial officer from the Professional Officers' Association. Her advocacy on behalf of dental therapists gained ACT dental therapists' recognition as health professional officers. The recognition also resulted in increased pay and award rates to align with other allied health professional officers. Amanda's commitment, dedication and perseverance paved the way for other states and territories to pursue and gain recognition as health professional officers.

Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

Amanda has held the position of Senior Dental Therapist with ACT Health for over 25 years. She has filled the role of both Lead Professional and Clinical Supervisor for Dental and Oral Health Therapists in the ACT Public Service.

Amanda advocated to introduce a BOH Clinical Placement Program into the ACT Public Sector. In 2010 BOH students from the University of Adelaide were the first of many students over the ensuing years who have undertaken clinical placements in the ACT.



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Any other information important to ADOHTA's History:

Amanda has been on planning committees running successful continuing professional development events for ADOHTA members including the 3rd International ADOHTA Conference held in Canberra in 2012.

Amanda was the initiator and driving force behind the establishment of a Bachelor of Oral Health academic award at Charles Sturt University – “ADOHTAACT Award for Outstanding Performance”.

Brief Outline of your career and achievements cont.

In more recent years the Program has provided placements from students from Charles Sturt University. The BOH Clinical Placement Program has been running continuously over the past 11 years due to Amanda's vision and organisational skills.

During the two-year BOH Graduate Program Amanda competently undertook the mentor role for the Program.

In 2015 Amanda became a teacher in Infection, Prevention and Control for the Dental Assistant Course at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT). Amanda has also taught dental radiography, clinical records, impressions, dental administration, and chairside dental assisting.

