



GEMMA KENNEDY

Victoria

12-09-2015

Positions held with ADOHTA Branches

2001 - 2003: NT Secretary
2005 - 2006/2016: VIC Executive
Member
2006 - 2015: ADOHTA Vic
President

Positions held within ADOHTA National Council

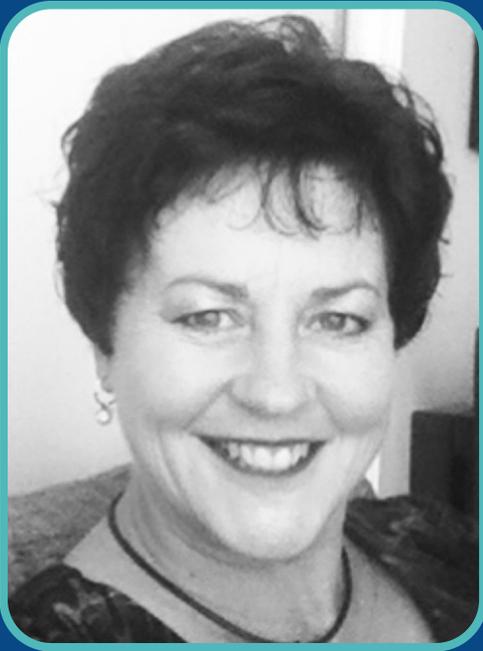
2002: ADOHTA Vice President
2016: Vic ADOHTA Representative

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

Move to private practice and the removal of restrictive wording and practices such as age limits and supervision of legislation

Your most memorable ADOHTA moment:

At the annual AGM in Adelaide 2001 when the Chair of the Australian Dental Council asked "what do you girls want?" - we answered a seat at the ADC, he said that should be OK and so the process began!



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Provide any other information that is important to ADOHTA's History

ADOHTA in the early days was predominately female membership but that was not going to stop us in our achievements.

All ADOHTA members have shown me the power of collegiate work and strength of belief. I have made many dear friendships over the years and will also appreciate and understand the importance of the clear vision to make our profession more respected.



Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

From when I was in Year 6, I wanted to be a Dental Therapist and having completed my training at Sylvania School of Dental Therapy in March 1982.

After 12 years working for the Department of Health in NSW; I had the pleasure of working in remote communities in the NT during the early 2000's before heading to Victoria in 2004.

Whilst working in Victoria for public Oral Health I was runner-up in the 2016 Victorian Star of Public Oral Health.

When I left Victoria in 2019 I was the Senior Manager of a 23 chair dental practice across 3 sites with over 80 staff. I am now working in private practice in Cessnock which was also the town of my first placement in the public system after graduation all those years ago.

I have continually practiced for 40 years and still love my work. It has been a pleasure to work with ADOHTA Councillors in the early day, especially developing the constitution and in Victoria the Code of Ethics.