



# DR. KAY FRANKS

*New South Wales*

2010

## Positions held with ADOHTA Branches

President NSW Dental Therapist  
Association  
2004 - 2010: President ADOHTA  
NSW

## Positions held with ADOHTA National Council

2005- 2010: NSW Representative

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

The discontinuation of Dental Therapy as a stand alone profession and the move into tertiary sector to train Oral Health Therapists

NSW legislative changes to allow Dental Therapists and OHT's to practice in the private sector

OHT's moving into diverse environments such as aged care facilities

## **Your most memorable ADOHTA moment:**

in 1984 at the NSW DTA conference at Rozelle Hospital meeting Aboriginal activist Dr. Roberta 'Bobbi' Sykes and hearing her talk about the establishment of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service and its employment of a Dental Therapist.

Having the privilege of being NSW ADOHTA president for 6 years and representing and advocating for my profession

Representing ADOHTA at the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into dental services in NSW

Being awarded life membership of this professional association with great pride at being acknowledged as a leader



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Any other information  
important to ADOHTA's  
History:

NSW long and arduous journey  
to gain private practice rights as  
the last state to do so in 2007.

The admittance of males into  
NSW Dental Therapy programs  
in the 1990's after the female  
dominated profession was  
established in 1975

## **Brief Outline of your career and achievements:**

- Awarded a PhD 2018
- Lecturer Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy, University of Newcastle
- Awarded a Master of Educational Studies 2010
- Education Manager Central Coast Northern Sydney Local Health District
- Clinical Educator, University of Sydney BOH Program
- Manager Child Oral Health Services
- Oral Health Therapist
- Awarded a Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Newcastle
- Dental Therapist
- Dental Therapist graduate, 1979

