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Tasmania

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Positions held with ADOHTA Branches

1997 - 1999: Tasmania Secretary
1999 - 2001: Tasmania President
1998 - 1999: National Council
Until 2018: Tasmania Committee

Positions held within ADOHTA National Council

1998 - 1999: Tasmanian National
Council
2000 - 2001: ADOHTA Vice
President
2002 - 2003: ADOHTA President

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

Recognition within the dental profession following competition policy and review of state dental Acts. This resulted in registration of Dental and Oral health Therapists and Hygienists and granting of membership to state dental boards and development of coders of practice/ professional standards for all Tasmanian Registered dental practitioners. I was fortunate enough to be the first Dental therapist representative on the Dental Board of Tasmania And held the position for 7 years.

Your most memorable ADOHTA moment:

There are so many wonderful moments it is too difficult to single one out but I am forever grateful to the national committee and council members during my association with ADOHTA for their professionalism and friendship. There is a wealth of talent within this profession who always present themselves with dignity and pride, even though the road has sometimes been very rough. Wishing you all well in your future "battles".



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Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

Graduated school of Dental Therapy Tas 1977

After a break of some 15 years And working as a Dental Assistant I retrained in 1993 Working for Oral Health Services Tasmania. Completed an academic upgrade Through Adelaide Uni in 1997, working in both country mobile and Suburban clinical settings in southern Tasmania until retirement due to health issues in 2019.

Over these year I have been an active Representative in industrial relations matters and professional advocacy. I attended many meetings lobbying And providing information to members of parliament, both State and Federal and represented the profession with stakeholders at policy and development forums.

Some other achievements include- Being part of a small team who worked towards attaining professional recognition within the State service award pay structure, winning the case for Dental Assistants for each Dental therapist practitioner in Tasmania, independent practice of Dental and Therapists In Tasmania.

