



ROBYN RILEY

Western Australia

06-09-2021

Positions held with ADOHTA

1995 - 1996: Dental Therapy +
Hygiene Assoc. WA (DTHA) Treasurer
1996 - 1997: DTHA (WA) President
2014 -2016: Private Sector Officer
ADOHTA WA
2015 - 2018: WA State Representative
for ADOHTA
2016, 2018, 2019: Conference
Committee Chair of ADOHTA
conferences
2016 - 2021: ADOHTA WA Treasurer
2021: Committee Member and Social
Events Conveyor of ADOHTA
International Conference.

Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

From 2005- 2011, whilst working in the Indian Ocean Territories (Cocos and Christmas Islands), Robyn, upon her initial employment as a Dental Therapist saw extreme rampant caries in the Paediatric Community where she initiated a case study and organised a Paediatric Dentist to treat patients she had triaged as requiring general anaesthetic for treatment. Every year she has organised this dentist to visit for one week. The evidence of dental caries has significantly reduced over the six year period in which Robyn was involved.

In conjunction with this case study and treatment regime, Dr John Winters, Paediatric Dentist, submitted the CI (Christmas Island) model, which Robyn had devised, to the WA State government and which was subsequently adopted in three remote locations to triage and treat rampant caries, thus significantly reducing caries rates.



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

As President of DTHA WA Robyn was instrumental with attaining school Dental Therapist's into the registration of the Dental Act alongside Dental Therapist's and Dental Hygienists.

Robyn was also one of two delegates who met with the State Health Minister WA to raise the profile of DT's in WA, advocating for autonomy with working and provider numbers for the profession.



Brief Outline of your career and achievements cont:

In 2014 & 2015 Robyn accepted the position as Mentor for the Oral Health Therapy (OHT) Graduate Year Programme which was government and university funded. Through this, she mentored up to 4 OHT's on a weekly basis assisting with both clinical and post graduate research.

In 2018 - 2019 Robyn volunteered as an ADOHTA representative to education staff and residents in a Como Residential Aged Care Facility

She is also very passionate about Diabetes Type 1 and promotes dental care within the Diabetes type 1 community; as a result she has presented studies on Diabetes and dental relationships where she has subsequently been asked to be a Dental Advisor for the Diabetes Type 1 Family Centre where she continues to promote oral health and ADOHTA.

