



JUDITH OTTAWAY

Western Australia

15 - 08 - 1994

Positions held with ADOHTA Branches

11991 - 1993: DTA WA Secretary

1993 - 1996: DTA WA President

1996 - 1997: DTA WA Pst
President

2016 - 2022: ADOHTA WA
Committee Member

Positions held with ADOHTA National Council

ADOHTA 2018 WA Committee
Member

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

The inclusion of a Dental Therapist representative on the Dental Board.

This inclusive awakening lead to the inclusion of a Dental Therapist representative on a Ministerial Working Party during my Presidency. It has lead to current representation on the State Oral Health Advisory Council and having a voice in most dental arena's and forums.

Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

Initial employment following graduation was at Princess Margaret Hospital which was the only hospital based role in Western Australia working in a multidisciplinary environment with dental specialists.

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Your most memorable ADOHTA moment:

The transition of training from Associate Diploma to Associate Degree and eventually to Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy.



Brief Outline of your career and achievements cont:

I transitioned into the private general and specialist sector continuing to use my full scope of practice. Speciality practices included Paediatric practice, Oral and maxillofacial surgery practice, Oral medicine practice while continuing to work part time in general private practice.

In 2011, I identified a need for continuing professional development with the specific emphasis on skill development for the DT, DH, OHT cohort. I established Edge Professional Development PTY LTD, which is a platform for seminars and workshops in Western Australia for the OHT. This has enabled me to connect to the registered Dental Professional cohort in Western Australia and be available to mentor and guide colleagues in navigating their careers and work choices.

I have completed a Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership from Notre Dame University and am applying this knowledge in my role as Dental Clinic Coordinator in managing the Dental Clinic at Perth Children's Hospital in Western Australia.