



# LETICIA MASTERS

*South Australia*

24-08-2023

## Positions held with ADOHTA

2020 - 2021 ADOHTA Director of  
Membership & Sponsorship  
2018 - 2020 ADOHTA President  
2016 - 2018 ADOHTA Vice President  
2017 - 2019 ADOHTA SA NT President  
2013 - 2016 ADOHTA SA NT Councilor



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

Leticia has been a dedicated volunteer for ADOHTA for over 10 years, starting as a student representative on the ADOHTA SA/NT branch while pursuing her Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Adelaide. She has since held various leadership positions, including ADOHTA SA/NT President, ADOHTA SA Councilor, ADOHTA National President, and ADOHTA Director of Membership & Sponsorship.

Leticia's contributions to ADOHTA are numerous and far-reaching. In 2011, she secured a Rural Health Continuing Education Fund Grant to fund the initial costs of establishing videoconferencing for the ADOHTA SA/NT branch, making it easier for members in remote areas to participate in meetings and events. In 2017, Leticia was part of a delegation that met with the Hon. Jack Snelling (SA Minister for Health) to advocate for the removal of the bar on independent practice for oral health practitioners and the removal of the need for a structured professional relationship between dentists and oral health practitioners.



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

**Titles of Submissions/Activities:**

- Submission to the Hon. Jack Snelling (SA Minister for Health) on the removal of the bar on independent practice for oral health practitioners in 2017.
- Submissions to other state and federal ministers/departments assisting in the transition to independent practice in the 2020 scope of practice standards.
- Strengthened relationships with stakeholders such as ADIA, DHAA, AHHA, Department of Health, and the PHAA.

Served on the board during and contributed to the extensive advocacy efforts resulting in the removal of the bar on independent practice for dental therapists, dental hygienists, and oral health therapists. Leticia also contributed to the advocacy efforts for oral health practitioners to obtain Medicare provider numbers.

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

As ADOHTA National President, Leticia saw through the ongoing scope of practice and provider number advocacy, championing for the rights of oral health practitioners and their ability to provide quality care to patients. Perhaps most notably, Leticia played a pivotal role in facilitating the transition of ADOHTA from an incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee. She worked closely with external experts and maintained relationships with the closing state branches to ensure a seamless transition.

Leticia's commitment to ADOHTA continued even during the challenging year of 2020, when she worked tirelessly to help with submissions to ministers and health departments to advocate for the new scope of practice standards.

