



TRACEY HOOD

South Australia

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Positions held with ADOHTA

1990's: Committee Member in
WA

2004: Committee Member in SA

2005 - 2014: ADOHTA SA
President

ADOHTA SA Committee
Member until 2018

Your most memorable ADOHTA moment:

Removal of age restriction
News that Dental Therapists
and Oral Health Therapists will
finally be able to get a provider
number.

Brief Outline of your career and achievements:

Graduated in SA from school of dental therapy 1990. Worked both metro and country SA until relocating to WA. Graduated from school of dental therapy Mt Henry 1996 and worked metro Perth including tutor until returned to SA in 2003. While in WA I was an active member of the WA branch. Upon return to Adelaide I initially took up a casual tutoring position at Adelaide University to allow the completion of a Grad. Dip Ed. I returned to the public sector as a dental therapist working rurally in Murray Bridge. It was at this time I took on the role of President of SADTA, few in number of dedicated members. With a focus on continuing professional development opportunities numbers grew. Annual conferences and country roadtrips were well attended.

A close working relationship with the Director of SA Dental Services allowed for progress for the removal of age restrictions for DTs and changes to the radiation act to allow the taking of intraocular radiography without prescription. A gala event celebrating 40 years of Dental therapy in 2009 and 10 years of the Bachelor of Oral Health program at the University of Adelaide in 2012 were well attended by local and interstate delegates.



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Most significant change within the profession during your involvement with ADOHTA:

- National registration
- Changes to Scope
- Changes to Radiation act in SA allowing DTs and OHTs to take intraoral radiographs without prescription
- The industrial reclassification from the Operational to the Allied Professional Stream for DTs and OHTs in SA

Brief Outline of your career and achievements cont:

During this period I took up a part-time role in Workforce Development Unit, developing and writing a Pulpotomy and Stainless Steel education programme that was approved by the then Dental Board as an add-on course. With a restructure of clinical position in 2009, a new leadership position was established in SADental Services, the role of Senior Practitioner which was offered to Dentists and Dental Therapists and awarded on merit by application and interview, which I held until my resignation in 2017.

In 2014 I was fortunate to be sponsored by SADental Service to complete the Post graduate certificate in Dental Therapy Advanced Clinical Practice at the University of Melbourne. During the same period I was the mentor and supervisor for the federal government graduate programme. I commenced ageless dental practice in SA 2014. Over the past 5 years I have been working clinically in a rural private practice owned by a Dental Therapist.

