

Congratulations

The Australian Dental Association Foundation & Wrigley Company Foundation announce 2012 Community Service Grant recipients

With dental decay and gum disease two of the most common adverse health conditions in Australia, it's all the more concerning that 90 per cent of all dental disease is in fact preventable.¹

One initiative – a partnership between the Australian Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) and the Wrigley Company Foundation (Wrigley), facilitated by Give2Asia – is aspiring to make a difference in this area, by enabling dentists, dentistry students and teams of allied dental professionals to help improve the oral health of some of Australia's most deprived communities.

Through its 2012 Community Service Grants program, the following 10 organisations each received a grant of US\$6,000, to support their efforts in providing oral health education and treatment initiatives across Australia:

Supporting Indigenous communities



Jan Owen and
Dr John R Owen

Kimberley Dental Team Inc

Through recent screening initiatives, the Kimberley Dental Team (KTD) found that up to 75% of primary school children in East Kimberley Aboriginal communities have widespread decay requiring treatment urgently or within six months. The grant will provide support for volunteer dentist Dr Jilen

Patel to travel to remote community locations in and around Halls Creek and volunteer from the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council (KAMSC) purpose-built mobile dental clinic truck.



Dr Graeme Stringer
(New Horizons)

New Horizons & James Cook University

Queensland Cancer Registry figures for 1999-2008 show indigenous groups have an age standardised rate of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma (OSCC), 'oral cancer', that is twice the rate of non-Indigenous populations. James Cook University Dental School, in partnership with New Horizons Dental, will utilise

grant funding to visit local community health centres in Cairns, Yarrabah and Mossman George and provide free dental check-ups including taking brush biopsy and saliva samples to test for OSCC.

The program will provide quit smoking literature to raise awareness of oral cancer risk factors and encourage regular dental check-ups. Volunteers aim to complete up to 200 successful screening tests and risk assessments, with a total of 96 volunteer hours to be donated.



Queensland Health (Cairns & Hinterland Hospital and Health Service – C&H HHS)

The grant will provide vital support to a Queensland Health Oral Health Services initiative, promoting the importance of custom fitted mouthguards and first aid in the event of dental trauma on the sporting

field. Oral Health Services C&H HHS will partner with the Cowboys Junior Rugby League (JRLFC) Innisfail Under 16's, providing 50 junior players with a custom fitted mouthguard, a training program for parents and coaches, and implementation of a Mouthguard Policy for the Club.

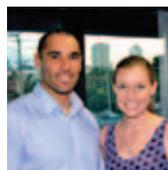


Hetti Perkins, Chair of
Charles Perkins Trust
for Children & Students

Tooth Mob (Charlie Perkins Trust)

The Tooth Mob Program is working with Northern Territory Department of Health (NT Health) and Thamarurr Development Corporation to provide dental services in Wadeye (NT) – one of the largest remote communities in Australia with approximately 2,500 Indigenous residents. The grant will provide

vital funding for oral care services in Wadeye for six consecutive months, enabling 24 dental professionals to volunteer for two weeks per month, representing urban practices from Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.



David Baker and
Elizabeth Dove
(Griffith University)

Hope4Health (Griffith University)

Over the past three years the HOPE4HEALTH (H4H) program has set-up a much needed volunteer-run Emergency Dental Clinic in the Indigenous community of Cherbourg. The grant will provide much needed funds to volunteer dentistry students to support the running costs of the H4H clinic, whilst also supporting the Smile Wise oral health education program which provides interactive educational workshops to school age children.

Supporting homeless and youth communities



Dr Pauline Ford
(University of Queensland)

University of Queensland & Mission Australia

The partnership project will explore how oral healthcare services can be integrated into specialist residential programs for homeless people. Based at Roma House (a Queensland Government funded Mission Australia service targeting the state's most high needs homeless people) in Brisbane, the project team will provide onsite oral screening,

relevant and sensitively designed oral health education and urgently needed oral health care products, as well as collecting data on oral health needs and quality of life.



(From left to right) Ryan Moldrich, Chee Keong Yeap, Dr Jennifer Martins and Dr Alistair Devlin

University Dental Students' Society (UDSS) of University of Western Australia (UWA)

The grant will enable a team of 30 UDSS volunteers to expand its pilot study to include several schools in Western Australia, with visits to more than 300 primary school aged children. The grant will enable UDSS to further investigate how oral health education should become an integral subject for school aged children.



(From left to right) Kerry Miglietti Dental Assistant and Dr Milczarek-Todorovska from Peninsula Health

Peninsula Health

With only a small number of 13 to 17 year olds currently accessing dental services within the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula, this grant will enable Peninsula Health to establish a working group, comprising school staff, students, and parents from Mt Erin Secondary College, and partnering with members of the Peninsula Health Community Dental team. The grant will assist the evaluation of current

local dental initiatives and focus group research with local teens. Based on this research, an action plan will be developed to improve the oral health education amongst the youth community and their attitudes towards accessing local dental health services.

Improving access for the elderly and special needs dentistry



(From left to right) Dr Greg Miller, patient Ms Peggy Follett and Miss Deanna McPhail Dental Assistant

Dental Outreach Pty Ltd,

Dental Outreach's volunteer project will provide on-site mobile dental services for over 180 highly dependent, mobility constrained nursing home residents in the Yorke Peninsula community over the next six months. The grant will enable the volunteer team to eradicate patient travel and waiting times, plus provide oral health education for residents, but also their carers for ongoing management.



Dr Robert A Watson, Chairman of the Panel of Volunteer Dentists providing the dental services at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Cerebral Palsy Alliance

The community grant will assist with the purchase of autoclave equipment for the recently opened state-of-the-art dental clinic located in Allambie Heights. Dr Robert A Watson, Chairman of the Panel of Volunteer Dentists, will be providing the dental services at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. This volunteer run service will help positively impact over 400 children and adults with cerebral palsy. The grant will also assist the working environment of more than 20 volunteer dentists.

"We are delighted with the level of engagement with this year's program, exceeding expectations with nearly double the number of applications compared to 2011. Last year, seven grantees recruited over 75 volunteers to provide more than 4,000 treatments to 1,400 patients, setting a very high benchmark for this year's recipients," said Peter Cronin, ADAF Chairman Advisory Board.

Andrew Leakey, General Manager, Wrigley Pacific, commented: "For more than 25 years, Wrigley has been committed to supporting research and philanthropic initiatives that aspire to make a difference to oral health. We are very proud of our partnership with the Australian Dental Association Foundation."

It's never too early to start planning for 2013. Applications for the Community Service Grants program will open in April 2013. To keep up-to-date with news about the program and for the full application criteria visit www.adaf.org.au

The ADAF and Wrigley also wish to recognise all applicants who participated this year:

1300 Smiles & YWAM Medical Ships Australia
Dr Daryl S Holmes

Adelaide Dental Solutions
Dr Antonio Vinci

Adelaide University
Professor Peter Cathro

Adelaide University & Royal Flying Doctors Service

My Anh Vu Thanh

Adelaide University (Red Cross)
Thuy Tran

Gippsland Dental Group
Peter A Kingsbury

Griffith University

Dr Mark John Storrs

James Cook University
Nicole Milham

National Dental Foundation NSW
Dr David Digges

Plenty Valley Community Health
Dr Sajeev Koshy

Sharnee's Portable Dental Services

Dr Paul Li

Signature Dental
Dr Allison Kale

St Helens Dental
Raj Kumar Gaddam

The Carevan Foundation & Charles Sturt University
Dr John Brabant

The Dental Centre (Coffs Harbour)
Kate Jane Amos

Tullawon Health Service

Colin Endean

University of Sydney
Peter Salameh

WRIGLEY Company Foundation

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About the Wrigley Company Foundation

Established 1987, The Wrigley Company Foundation (WCF) aspires to support people & planet through oral health education, environmental stewardship, and local community partnerships. For more than 25 years, Wrigley has supported independent, clinical research into the benefits of chewing gum including saliva stimulation and plaque acid neutralisation. The EXTRA Oral Healthcare Program supports oral health professionals in the promotion of oral health benefits of chewing sugarfree gum as part of a regular oral care routine.