

Australian Dental Health Foundation

The Australian Dental Health Foundation (ADHF) wishes to congratulate both Mr David Owen and Dr Rick Olive AM.

Mr Owen has just successfully completed a six-year term as the Chairman of the ADHF. David's completion of his term is in accordance with the constitution of the Foundation that stipulates a maximum six-year term. During David's tenure as Chairman, the Foundation has built on its operations from its early years and seen the Foundation's dental health care delivery programs grow at a phenomenal 20% per annum year on year. In the last financial year, the Foundation coordinated the delivery by its volunteer dentists of more than \$1,300,000 of free care to disadvantaged Australians. In addition, it supported Community Service grants of about \$150,000 and Indigenous Study grants of about \$30,000. Mr Owen will generously continue his involvement with the Foundation as an Advisory Board member to the Foundation.

On announcing his retirement as Chairman Mr Owen said: "It has been such a rewarding experience working with such dedicated staff, volunteers and Board members. The energy they have all provided has been phenomenal."

Dr Rick Olive AM will now replace Mr Owen as Chairman. Dr Olive will lead a new Advisory Board comprising Dr Hugo Sachs, Dr David Digges, Dr Alex Abrahams, Dr Henry Gilkes, Mr David Owen and Mr Mike Covey. This follows the retirement from the Advisory Board of Dr Julee Birch and Mr Peter McKillop.

Dr Olive recently retired from specialist orthodontic practice but continues teaching at the University of Queensland on an honorary basis. He is a Past President of the ADA Queensland branch, was a member of ADA Federal Executive from 2008 to 2016, having been an ADA Federal Councillor since 1992 and was a past President of ADA Inc.

On his appointment as Chairman Dr Olive said: "It is an honour to follow David in the role of Chairman. There is still much to do for disadvantaged Australians. We can now build on the earlier work done and ensure that even more Australians receive the dental care they need but cannot otherwise access. To this end, I hope many more ADA members will appreciate the value of the ADHF and become involved, either as volunteers or donors. Even \$20 makes a difference. That is our challenge."

Foundation staff, volunteers and supporters wish to thank the retiring members of the Advisory Board, those that are continuing on the Board and both Mr Owen and Dr Olive for their generous efforts in supporting the Foundation.

For more details about what the Foundation is doing and how you might help by either volunteering your dental services to support disadvantaged Australians or by donating funds to support its operations visit:

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