

First Impressions

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PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED NOTIFICATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN REGARDS THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE MEDICARE DENTAL ITEMS FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND COMPLEX CARE NEEDS

The News in Brief

Australian Oral Care Alliance

The Australian Oral Care Alliance, AOCA, was established to fight for

'better access to oral health care for all Australians'

The federal body of the ADPA have worked in conjunction with the; Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association Inc, The Dental Hygienists' Association of Australia Inc, Australian Commercial Dental Laboratories Association Inc, The Australian Dental Industry Association and the SA Dental Technician Association Inc to form an alliance that will hopefully lead to a greater understanding at a Government level of the role these allied members of the Dental Profession can play in increasing the delivery of oral health care to all Australians.

We congratulate those involve and look forward to working together to produce the best oral health outcomes for all.



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MAILBOX SOON AND
HELP US PLAN FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE ADPA

FOR YOUR DIARY

March 12th	ADPAQ Study Group Panel Discussion Prof Matthias Bickel Dr Stan Walsh Mr. David Smith
April 3rd	ADPAQ Information Night Mr. Simon Ashworth 'Aesthetic Denture Techniques'
April 4,5 + 6th	ADPA Federal Council Meeting, Adelaide
May 9th	ADPAQ Study Group
June 5th	ADPAQ Information Night Dr Ngheim Doan 'Implantology'
July 18, 19 + 20th	ADPAQ CONFERENCE Palm Cove, Far North QLD
August 7th	ADPAQ Information Night Kim Forrester 'Law, Ethics and your Professional Practice'
September 12th	ADPAQ Study Group Sunshine Coast
October 2nd	ADPAQ Information Night Duncan DuBuisson
November 14th	ADPAQ Study Group Gold Coast
2009 August	20th Biennial Conference Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th Hobart, Tasmania <i>Be a Devil Come on Down!</i>



BILL INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE QUEENSLANDS ORAL HEALTH

Premier of Queensland

The fluoridation of water supplies would become one of the most important and Effective public health measures ever introduced in Queensland, Premier Anna Bligh told Parliament today. The Premier's comments preceded the introduction of the Government's *Water Fluoridation Bill 2008* by Health Minister Stephen Robertson. "When I became Premier last year I made a commitment to Queenslanders that I would work to better prepare us for the future and that I would be a Premier for **all** of the State.

This means taking issues out of the too-hard basket and making tough decisions that will benefit not only all of us, but the future generations of Queenslanders. My Government is making those tough decisions and has committed \$35 million to fluoridate Queensland's water supplies over the next four years," she said. Ms Bligh said fluoridation would become one of the State's most important investments in the future health of our children.

"Fluoridation will reverse a trend that has resulted in Queensland kids having the worst teeth in the country and it will deliver dental health benefits to our future generations that other Australians have been enjoying for up to 40 years," she said.

"Fluoridation is endorsed by the World Health Organisation, the American Medical Association, Centers for Disease Control and the British Medical Association. It is also supported by a number of Australia's peak health bodies, including the Australian Medical Association, the Australian Dental Association, the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Public Health Association of Australia. Fluoridation is a safe, effective and proven preventative against tooth decay and I am committed to ensuring that future generations of Queenslanders will reap the benefits," she said.

Mr Robertson said the new Bill would replace the current Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1963. "Under this legislation, a statutory duty will be placed on public water suppliers who supply water to over 1,000 people, to add fluoride to the public water supply under their control or management," he said. "Within two years, 80% of Queenslanders will have access to fluoridated water, increasing to more than 90% by 2012. A project of this size and scope will require close consultation and collaboration with a number of key stakeholders and across Government. Water fluoridation will be phased into water treatment plants in the following local government areas (incorporating the new boundaries):

- 2008: SEQ major water treatment plants - Mt Crosby (2 plants), Landers Shute, Molendinar, Mudgeeraba and North Pine (54% estimated State coverage)
- 2009: SEQ minor water treatment plants, Indigenous communities, commencement of Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton and Toowoomba Regional. (80% estimated coverage)
- 2010: Completion of Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay and Rockhampton; Fraser, Gympie, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, commencement of Dalby (83% estimated coverage)
- 2011: Blackall, Emerald, Dalby completion, Goondiwindi, Hinchinbrook, Longreach, Mornington, Mt Isa, Murweh, North Burnett, Rio Tinto (Weipa), Tablelands, Whitsunday (92% coverage)
- 2012: Balonne, Banana, Barcaldine, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Carpentaria, Charters Towers, Cassowary, Cloncurry, Flinders, Isaac, Roma, Toowoomba Regional completion (95% coverage).

12 February, 2008

ADPAQ INFORMATION NIGHT CALENDAR 2008

The Venue

The United Services Club
Wickham Terrace
Spring Hill

The Details

3rd April 7pm Mr Simon Ashworth, Dental Technician

Aesthetic Denture Techniques

5th June 7pm Dr Ngheim V T Doan BDS, MPH, MSc
Specialist in Public Health Dentistry
Senior Lecturer, Griffith University, School of Dentistry & Oral Health.

Implantology

7th August 7pm Dr Kim Forrester RN, BA, LLB, LLM (Advanced) PhD
Barrister at Law

Law, Ethics and the Health Professional

Between 2004- 2006, Kim was a foundation academic in the School of Medicine, Griffith University, lecturing in medical law, ethics and professional practice. She has a number of publications in the area of health law, is an editor in the Journal of Law and Medicine and has written a number of chapters in legal and health texts. Kim is a co-author of the text, Essentials of Law for Health Professionals, and is currently involved in writing a similar text specific to medical practitioners.

2nd October Mr Duncan DuBuisson, MDentTech
Dental Prosthetist

Topic to be advised

ADPAQ CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2008

The Venue

Novotel Rockford Palm Cove
Palm Cove (North of Cairns)

The Details

**BACK TO BASICS
ADPAQ CONFERENCE
18, 19 and 20TH JULY**

The ADPAQ Conference this year will again be placed in the tropical North. The conference will be smaller in scale to Hamilton Island allowing just 6 to 7 hours of education. Confirmations are still coming in from interested speakers and sponsors so more information will be distributed as it comes to hand.

Look for your advanced notice in your mail box in April.

Denture Care Professionals

The Back Teeth

ADPA 20th Biennial Conference
Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th
August 2009
Hobart, Tasmania



Keep up to date with what is on the program for the Biennial ADPA National Conference by checking out their details online at...

www.cdesign.com.au/adpa2009

Look out for the exciting competition that could give you a free registration !

Be a Devil Come on Down!

DVA STATS

Dental Expenditure has grown from \$71,584 in 2004/05 to \$90,321 in the year 2006/07.

D521 was the 3rd most requested item in 2005/06 with 37,559 treatments, and the 4th in 2006/07 (by expenditure).

There are only **76** Dental Prosthetists in Queensland treating veterans in the 2006/07 financial year.

Nationwide there are 485 Dental Prosthetists treating veterans.



Australian Dental Prosthetists
Association (QLD) Inc

Please remember to send a quick request to the ADPAQ executive committee for permission to use the logo in your practice stationery and in any advertising material.

ADPAQ Information Night Feedback 7th Feb 2008

Professor Laurie Walsh gave a very interesting lecture at the ADPAQ Information night on the 7th February regarding the saliva of the mouth and it's affects on not only denture wearers but the whole population.

[Many thanks to those who made the trip to Brisbane for the night. I think it was one of our biggest nights with 49 attending!]

Professor Walsh also gave a brief introduction to the world of laser surgery. A few Dental Prosthetists have since been interested in referring some of their patients to a practitioner of laser surgery.

Please go to:

www.laserdentists.com.au

This will not only give you some more information but also the laser dentist nearest to you.

IMPLANT COURSES AT NSW TAFE

TAFE NSW is running the official Skills Council approved course on Implant Retained Overdentures for Dental Prosthetists '**HLTDP608A Insert an Implant Retained Overdenture**'..

The course will be run in the July school holidays from Monday 7th July to Saturday 12th July 2008 and be based at Randwick College.

Further Information can be obtained from Mr Graham Key, by phoning 02 9469 8680 or via email graham.key@det.nsw.edu.au