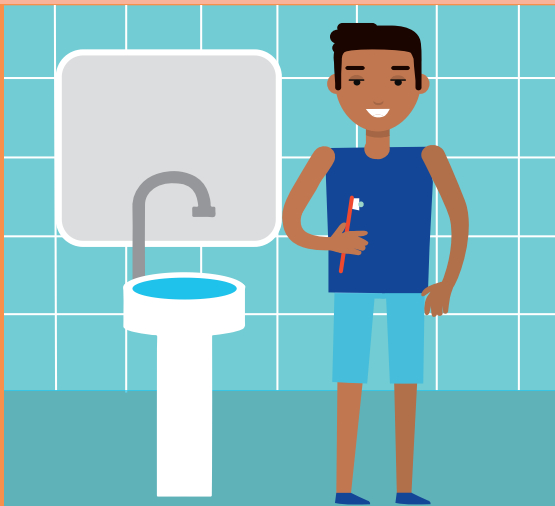


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services.

We are committed to improving the oral health outcomes of Aboriginal and  
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Honourable Chris Picton MP  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing  
Level 9, 11 Hindmarsh Square  
Adelaide, South Australia

Dear Minister,

Re: South Australia's Oral Health Plan 2019-2026 (SAOHP) – Third Report

I write to provide my third and final report in support of the terms of reference for the SAOHP covering the period July 2023-June 2024.

During this reporting period, the Monitoring Group and its Expert Working Groups have continued to advocate and support a range of initiatives aimed at increasing the understanding and importance of oral health.

As has been the experience over the past three years, progressing the goals of the SAOHP requires consistent and extensive collaboration with key stakeholders within the public and private health and aged care sectors, universities and TAFE, professional bodies, and central government agencies.

Maintaining the focus on the goals has several challenges many of which can be minimised through the development of strong and enduring partnerships with these key stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their commitment to the aspirations of the plan and supporting various initiatives. I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of Mark Chilvers, Krystal-Lee Nixon and Paulina Lee, SA Dental for supporting the Monitoring Group and its Expert Working Groups.

Improving the oral health of the community is a long-term journey. A journey that requires commitment, persistence, purpose, feedback and absolute resolve.

I have very much appreciated the opportunity to chair the Monitoring Group for the past three years and commend this report to you as a summary of the important activities undertaken in support of improving the oral health of all South Australians.

Yours sincerely



**Jenny Richter AM**

Chair, South Australia's Oral Health Plan Monitoring Group

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## Executive Summary

South Australia's Oral Health Plan 2019 to 2026 (the Plan) was released in November 2019 with the primary purpose of improving the oral health of the South Australian community through a range of activities. For consistency of message the Plan was designed to align with the National Oral Health Plan 2015-2024. Following COVID-19 associated delays, the SAOHP Monitoring Group (SAOHP MG) was established in mid-2021, with various working groups formed to focus on priority action areas. The SAOHP MG has published the July 2022 Progress report and the July 2023 Progress report, with this 2024 progress report covering activities over the last 12 months.

### Key Achievements

- ▶ Continued advocacy and promotion of the oral health standards for older Australians.
- ▶ Year two implementation of the Rural Oral Health Workforce Plan 2021-26.
- ▶ Enhanced cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community accessing public and private dental services.
- ▶ Implementation of the Child Dental Benefit Schedule promotion campaign.
- ▶ Cross-government oral health symposium to strengthen collective responsibility for oral health in South Australia.

### Major Challenges

- ▶ Cost of dental care – 84% of all oral health care is provided through the private sector and often requires private health insurance or payment of out-of-pocket expenses.
- ▶ Distribution of dental services – oral health workforce in regional and remote areas is limited.
- ▶ Oral health literacy - community awareness and engagement with oral health promotion is still low, especially across priority populations.
- ▶ Fragmentation of services – the lack of oral health care integration impacts care coordination and the development of comprehensive health policies in general health.
- ▶ Funding constraints – funding for oral health care competes with other health priorities
- ▶ Social determinants of health – socio-economic pressures impact access to oral health care.
- ▶ Ageing population – oral health deterioration and increased dental needs.
- ▶ Educational and training – oral health care education is not embedded in health care training programs for medical, nursing and allied health professionals.
- ▶ Oral Health Mandate – there is no mandate to prioritise oral health in planning, policy or practice; therefore, all achievements rely on successful partnerships.

### Partnerships

Members of the SAOHP MG<sup>1</sup> bring together diverse perspectives, skills, and resources which have been leveraged to address the multifaceted challenges of oral health. Together, these partnerships have created a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach that fosters innovation and drives progress towards improved oral health outcomes for all South Australians.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix 1

## Actions against the Goals of the Oral Health Plan

### Oral Health Promotion & Prevention

**Goal: Provide evidence-based oral health information and programs**

#### Consumer Reference Group

Consumer input offers insights into the specific needs of the broader community and priority populations, ensuring tailored initiatives are grounded in real-world needs and experiences. The SA Dental Consumer Reference Group (CRG) provided feedback on a range of printed and online resources and the National Key Oral Health Messages for consumers.

#### Child Dental Benefits Schedule

To improve access to dental services for South Australian children, as an initiative of the SAOHP MG, SA Dental sourced Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) data from Services Australia on CDBS utilisation across the state. The data showed areas of low utilisation to inform targeted CDBS promotion campaigns. A working group of the SAOHP MG was established to explore opportunities to increase the CDBS uptake across South Australia by 5%.

A media kit has been developed with a suite of CDBS promotional materials for key stakeholders to use across printed and digital mediums. This promotional material directs enquires to [childdentalbenefitssa.com.au](http://childdentalbenefitssa.com.au) and includes information on public and private dental providers across South Australia.

Regional visits were scheduled by the ADA (SA Branch) to engage with dental providers and secondary schools to promote CDBS awareness. Dental career brochures were also distributed to secondary school students. Regional TV commercials were funded by the ADA (SA Branch) and media outlets were provided with a press release for community announcements in regional newspapers and radio stations.

A social media campaign was funded by SA Dental promoting CDBS across Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. CDBS material was displayed on busses and bus shelters across targeted bus routes.

#### Max Molar the Plaque Patroller Mascot

The Max Molar the Plaque Patroller mascot and webpage have been launched by SA Dental to promote key oral health messages for children in catchy, rhyming ways attractive to children such as 'don't rush when you brush' and 'don't get squeazy, take it easy'.

#### Dental Health Week August 2023 and World Oral Health Day March 2024

Australian Dental Association's Dental Health Week and World Oral Health Day provide oral health practitioners with an opportunity to promote oral hygiene, preventive dental care and the importance of oral health for general health and wellbeing. Additionally, both days provide advocacy opportunities for oral health policy.

This ADA Dental Health Week, various activities were held by partner organisations. TAFE SA collaborated with the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) and the Centre for Dental Studies by holding dental health awareness events and providing individual advice for AMEP students on campus. Students engaged in a screening and preventive program with clients at Kanggawodli Aboriginal Health Service and liaised with Renal Nurses and Aboriginal Health Care workers to address residents' oral health needs.

The Oral Health Promotion and Public Health Committee of the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia (DHAA) encouraged dental professionals to provide oral health promotion sessions focusing on refugees, people seeking asylum and new migrants during World Oral Health Day and Dental Health Week. Two sessions were provided in South Australia focusing on key oral health messages, followed by personalised oral health education.

The ADA (SA Branch) and SA Dental promoted key messages via social media and encouraged dental practitioners and providers to use resources to promote the “Mind, Body, Mouth” theme. During Dental Health Week, ADA (SA Branch) through its partnerships was able to donate toothbrushes and toothpastes to both the Hutt Street Centre and Catherine House.

## Accessible Oral Health Services

**Goal: Provide South Australians with accessible oral health care**

### Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Clients

Accessible and easy to read printed and digital resources are provided by SA Dental. The introduction of translated options on the SA Dental website enables non-English speakers to access online content. Translated printed resources with service information and key oral health messages are distributed across SA Dental clinics and stakeholder network.

The oral health promotion pilot program focusing on refugees, people seeking asylum and new migrants is now a regular community outreach program that the DHAA runs annually in March and August.

### Clients experiencing Homelessness

People experiencing homelessness are provided dental care by TAFE SA and University of Adelaide (UoA) students through the Community Outreach dental clinic in the Adelaide CBD. This program enables students to engage with priority populations, collaborate with colleagues and develop their understanding of a dental professional’s social responsibility.

Both organisations have partnered together with Red Cross to deliver sessions providing oral health screening, dental health education and access information for migrant and refugee groups at various community centres. Resources and other home-care products are provided through dental industry partner donations.

The established referral pathway for people experiencing homelessness to access SA Dental services has been expanded to include the General Practice Unit at the Adelaide Dental Hospital. Referrers have provided feedback that access to this service has greatly improved enabling faster and more efficient access.

### Frail Older Persons

The Frail Older Person’s Expert Working Group has focussed on facilitating collaboration between relevant organisations to advocate for system changes to promote oral health for older adults. The group includes representatives from a broad range of oral health professionals working in the aged care sector, aged care providers, health promotion and advocacy groups.

### **Key focus areas for the group includes:**

- ▶ Increasing access to dental services through a Seniors Dental Benefit Scheme.
- ▶ Inclusion of oral health in the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Strengthened Quality Standards - for national implementation later in 2024.
- ▶ Inclusion of the Oral Health Assessment Tool in Aged Care electronic record systems.
- ▶ Improving the capacity of the aged care workforce to address oral health needs.
- ▶ Oral health training for nurses and carers.
- ▶ Inclusion of oral health in the standard model of care for aged care settings.

Helping Hand Residential Aged Care Service hosts TAFE SA dental hygiene students to conduct oral health screenings, develop individual care plans, and work with Registered Nurses (RNs) and Care Workers to make recommendations for person-centred daily oral care. Additionally, students provide dental health education sessions to equip Aged Care Workers and Nursing staff to identify and respond to oral health issues experienced by residents.

The DHAA Aged Care Chapter has 90 members with over 30 practitioners who have completed the DHAA Aged Care Education Program designed to equip oral health practitioners to work in Residential Aged Care Facilities.

Updated training resources for non-oral health practitioners are available via “Better Oral Health in Aged Care” modules on the SA Dental website.

## **Systems Alignment and Integration**

**Goal: Work together to support healthy mouths and healthy lives**

### **Acute sector projects**

The release of the recommendations for Oral health care for adult inpatients by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has provided the opportunity to work with local health networks to integrate oral health assessment into acute setting protocols. The development of the recommendations was a 2023 initiative of the SAOHP MG in conjunction with SA Dental.

The Healthy Teeth for Healthy Lungs project in the Royal Adelaide Hospital surgical wards has been implemented to decrease the rate of Hospital Acquired Pneumonia by raising staff and consumer awareness of the importance of regular oral hygiene. This has been achieved by providing education, appropriate oral hygiene tools and evaluating current oral health practice standards.

The “Screen-Clean-Hydrate” protocol, designed to boost fundamental care in acute stroke patients, combines swallow screening, hydration status assessment and an oral health assessment into one checklist, is being piloted in the Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH) and Flinders Medical Centre (FMC). The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) is developing a multidisciplinary approach to implement the recommendations for oral health care of adult inpatients and will tailor these to the SALHN context.



The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Education Centre (ANMEC) is the registered training provider for the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) SA Branch. ANMEC provide several student pathways that integrate oral health into key learning competencies. The Certificate III in Individual Support for a care worker qualification, includes oral health electives for all students, including practical learning competencies. Students from all courses are linked with placements in a wide variety of aged care and acute care organisations. Traineeships and CPD programs support the existing workforce with upskilling and maintaining competence in their given vocation with oral health an important aspect of these programs.

### **Aged Care Tool Kit**

The 'Better Oral Health in Aged Care' resources and training material have been updated and collated into an online Aged Care Toolkit to facilitate the integration of oral health care into general health care. This toolkit has been used to link with relevant web-based platforms such as the University of Tasmania, Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre's Equip Aged Care Learning Platform. The Frail Older Person's Expert Working Group is currently advocating for the integration of these resources across other platforms and organisations.

### **Cross Government Symposium**

The Cross Government Symposium took place on 16th August 2023 attended by approximately 14 government agencies and SAOHP MG members. The purpose of the symposium was to consider oral health in the context of Health in All Policies and how government agencies can support oral health through their strategic actions and policies. The presentations and group discussion reflected the benefit of facilitation opportunities to promote and improve inter-sectoral collaboration.

## **Safety and Quality**

**Goal: Provide safe, quality oral health services**

### **Oral Health Assessment Tool - Leecare Regional LHN**

The Oral Health Assessment Tool (OHAT) has been embedded in Leecare, the regional Local Health Networks' medical record for residential aged care. This tool supports comprehensive and coordinated oral health care for residents, allowing care providers to track changes over time and promptly address issues. SA Dental and the Rural Support Service will evaluate the impact of OHAT and identify areas for further improvement in regional aged care settings. Correspondence has also been sent to other commercial providers of electronic records for Aged Care Facilities, encouraging them to build OHAT into their systems.

## **Workforce Development**

**Goal: Ensure the oral health workforce meets the needs of the community**

### **Pipeline Support**

The annual Student Pathways and Careers Expo is supported by SA Dental and ADA (SA Branch) to promote oral health careers for the growth of the oral health workforce. ADA (SA Branch) have also been promoting career pathways for regional high school students.

## **Oral Health Students Support**

All SA Government subsidised positions for Certificate III in Dental Assisting were filled in 2024. TAFE SA provides foundational skills courses for students requiring additional literacy and numeracy skills. The Aboriginal Access Centre provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students with specific pathways to encourage students who complete a Dental Assistant course to also consider Dental Hygiene training.

The partnership arrangements between TAFE SA, the University of Adelaide and SA Dental enable education and support for dental students to collaborate within and outside of their disciplines, building networks and strengthening multidisciplinary approaches in community care settings. The Community Outreach Dental Program and TAFE SA provided a full-day professional development program focussed on understanding and addressing 'Oral Health in Marginalised Populations'.

## **Rural and Remote Workforce Support**

The Rural and Remote Oral Health Workforce Working Group has focused on Year 2 of the Oral Health Workforce Plan 2021-26.

### **Regional CPD sessions**

Supported by Country SA PHN funding, the ADA (SA Branch) visited regional locations, including Port Pirie, Mount Gambier and the Riverland, to provide a total of 7 CPD sessions on early intervention to address orthodontic concerns. There were a total of 211 attendees across regional SA locations, an excellent turn out. These regional visits also provided the opportunity to promote CDBS and oral health career pathways with local secondary schools and media outlets. These initiatives aim to improve awareness and access to dental services and promote career pathways for local students.

### **Support for Hygienists Workforce**

Mapping of DHAA Members in rural practice to the Modified Monash Model (MMM) has been completed, allowing the association to tailor communication and support for members according to their MMM classification.

### **Early Career and New Graduate Programs**

Supported by Rural Support Service funding, SA Dental developed the Clinicians Early Development Program (CEDP) in 2021 to support new graduates and early career transition into the public dental service. After significant planning, the CEDP was trialled in 2022 with 6 participants. Feedback on the usefulness of the program has been overwhelmingly positive and the program has been endorsed to continue for all new graduates and early career clinicians, funded internally by SA Dental since 2022 and has been running for 3 years with a total of 28 participants.

The new Mentorship Program for Bachelor of Dental Surgery Year 5 students was officially launched by the ADA (SA Branch). This program has been developed to support students in their final year of study, whilst they undertake practical placements in metropolitan and regional locations. It also allows students opportunities to engage with experienced practitioners and learn from a wider range of sources. This program has seen an overwhelming participation rate of 88% (62 out of 70 students) register to participate.

## Cultural Awareness and Safety

In partnership with Kanggawodli Aboriginal Health Service, TAFE SA aims to enhance culturally safe access to oral health care. Dental hygiene students are encouraged to use a patient-centred approach which combines Aboriginal cultural communication preferences with biomedical understandings of health and disease.

A Cultural Respect and Sensitivity training program has been implemented for SA Dental staff, including specific sessions for the Clinicians Early Development Program participants. Collaboration with local Aboriginal artists has resulted in Aboriginal themed murals installed at the Salisbury and Whyalla dental clinics, with further artwork being commissioned for the Adelaide Dental Hospital. SA Dental fleet cars in Murray Bridge and Whyalla have also been wrapped with the SA Dental Aboriginal Oral Health Program artwork.

## Workforce Paper

After thorough exploration and productive discussions for the last year with Deeble Institute, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA), a Perspectives Brief has been written and was published in July 2024.

The Brief highlighted the challenges the oral health sector in South Australia faces in recruiting and retaining clinical and administrative staff, especially in regional, rural, and remote areas. It emphasises the critical need for accurate and timely workforce data to project and plan for future workforce requirements.

Inconsistent and outdated data hampers effective planning and decision-making, particularly affecting access to care in underserved areas.

The Brief suggests investing in better data collection infrastructure and implementing targeted initiatives, including collaborations with educational institution to develop and retain local talent, and leveraging digital technologies to support regional healthcare delivery.

This collaboration underscores our commitment to addressing SA's critical oral health workforce issues.

**To read the brief:** [“South Australia oral health workforce projections barriers: The importance of data”](#)

## Research and Evaluation

**Goal: Use research and data to understand the oral health needs of the community**

### CDBS Utilisation Analysis

Services Australia data on Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) utilisation for South Australian children has been reviewed to identify cohorts and locations with low CDBS uptake. The Services Australia data was aggregated against other publicly available datasets including SEIFA<sup>2</sup>, age, Aboriginality, regional location and workforce to identify areas for target strategies to increase uptake.

In 2020 and 2021, 40.5% and 44.4% of eligible South Australian children utilised CDBS across public and private dental providers. In country areas, utilisation of CDBS in very remote areas is significantly lower than any other region. Utilisation of CDBS is lower for Aboriginal children than for non-Aboriginal children, particularly in very remote areas. The highest utilisation rates were observed in the 5-8yr and 9-12yr age groups. A marketing campaign has been implemented to raise CDBS awareness and increase the South Australian uptake rate to 50%. Annual monitoring of CDBS utilisation data will enable further targeting, recruitment and infrastructure planning.

**To view publication:** [‘CDBS Data Analysis’](#)

## **ROSA Research**

The 2023 report “Oral Health and Dental-Related Health Service and Medication Utilisation in Residents of Aged Care Facilities”<sup>3</sup> included examination of the burden of oral health and dental-related complications on health service utilisation and medication use by residents of residential aged care facilities (RACFs) in Australia.

Between 2016/17 and 2019/20, one in five residents were identified as having oral health care needs upon entering residential aged care, with very low utilisation of oral or dental-related health services. The report showed current models of care and service delivery in residential aged care are inadequate and not meeting resident’s oral health care needs, with as many as 9.3/1000 residents experiencing a dental-related hospitalisation. Urgent policy and practice changes are required to improve the health and wellbeing of Australia’s residential aged care population.

**To view publication:** [‘Oral Health and Dental-Related Health Service and Medication Utilisation in Residents of Aged Care Facilities’](#)

## **SA Population health survey and reinstatement of oral health indicators**

Preventive Health SA’s Epidemiology Branch coordinates ongoing statewide surveys concerning the health and wellbeing of the South Australian community.

The South Australian Population Health Survey (SAPHS) has been running since July 2018. Data are collected every month, with approximately 7,000 South Australians participating. The 2023 SAPHS includes questions on frequency of teeth-brushing and consumption of sugar-sweetened, due to be published in the 2023/24 annual report.

The Population Health Survey Module System (PHSMS) is an omnibus-type service run as discreet one-off surveys of 3,000 adults. The 2003 Oral Health Report included questions on teeth-brushing, water consumption and water source (insert data).

- ▶ 61% of South Australian adult respondents reported brushing their teeth twice a day, while only 4.0% of respondents reported brushing their teeth less than once a day.
- ▶ 80% of respondents reported consuming 1 litre of water or more per day, while 6.8% reported drinking no water.
- ▶ 76% of respondents reported their main source of drinking water at home as tap or filtered water, while 8.8 reported bottled water or 14.3% rainwater as their main source of drinking water.

It is pleasing to see oral health indicators included in the SAPHS and future report will allow us to track important oral health indicators and measure changes and impact made.

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<sup>2</sup> Socio-Economic Indexes For Areas (SEIFA)

<sup>3</sup> Registry of Senior Australians (ROSA) Oral Health and Dental Related Health Service & Medication Utilisation in Residents of Aged Care Facilities – August 2023

## Oral Health Status

Oral health indicators or outcomes have long lead times for demonstrable progress to be identified. Population-level oral health surveys are conducted nationally every 10 years. The next National Survey on Adult Oral Health is not due until 2028, while the second National Child Oral Health Study will commence later in 2024/25.

## Child Oral Health

SA Dental publish annually DMFT<sup>4</sup> rates for 12-year-old children attending the School Dental Service (Figure 1). The introduction of water fluoridation and universal access have had the biggest impact on reducing DMFT rates, subsequent increases are attributed to the increased consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages.

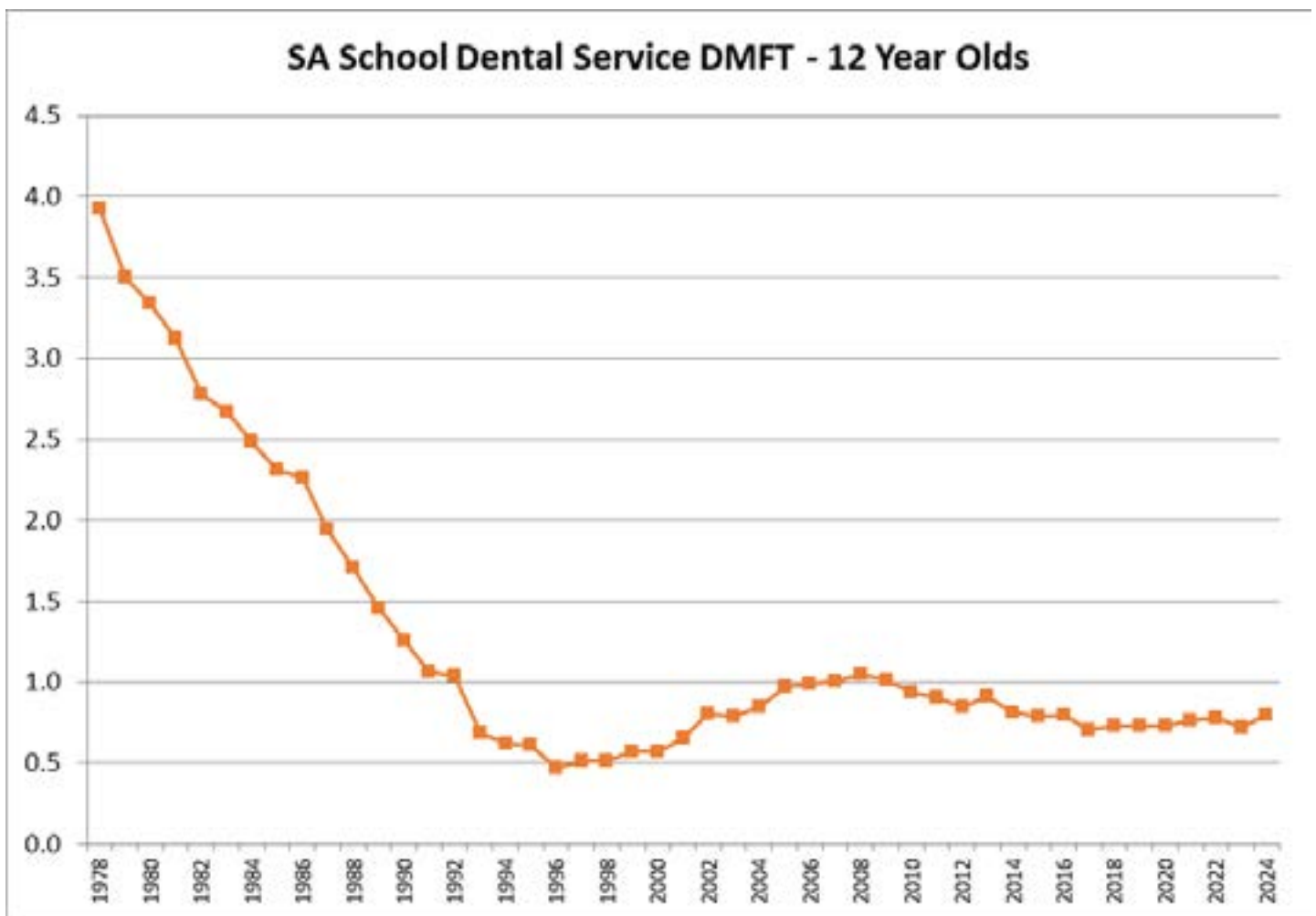


Figure 1: DMFT rates for 12yo children attending the School Dental Service. Source: SA Dental internal data

<sup>4</sup> DMFT – Decayed, missing or filled due to caries

## Child Dental Benefits Schedule Uptake

Figure 2, CDBS Utilisation in South Australia includes all children eligible <sup>5</sup> for CDBS, utilising it either in a private or public dental clinic. Uptake has remained fairly consistent in South Australia, with the latest available data from 2021.

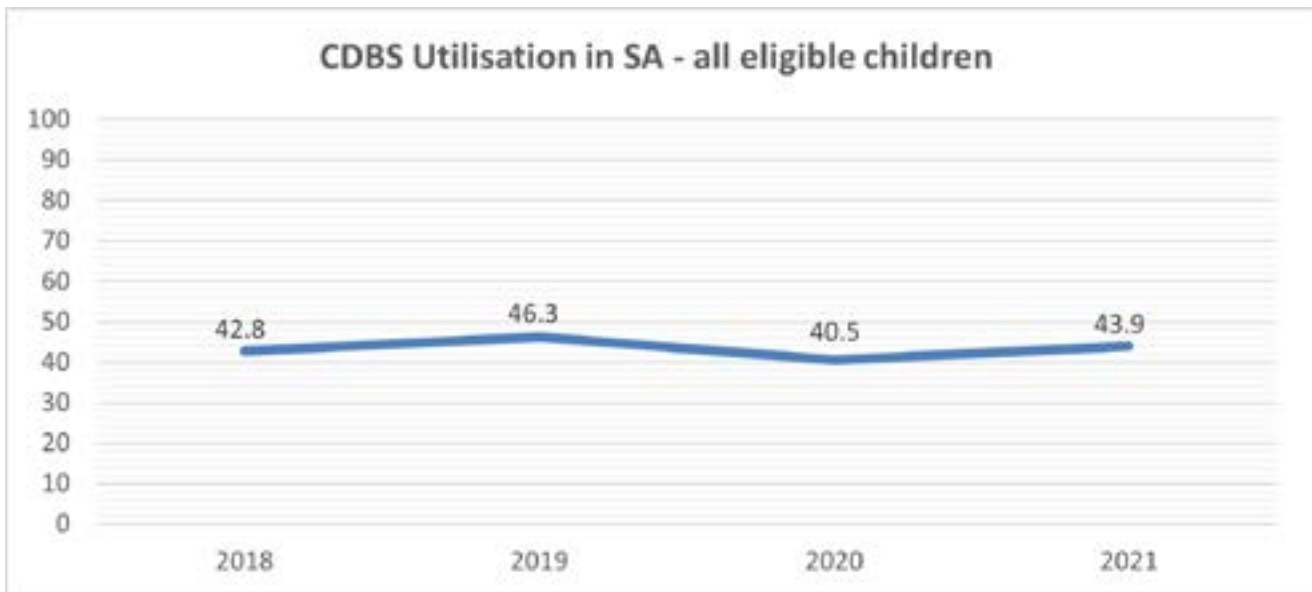


Figure 2: CDBS Utilisation for eligible children 2-17 years old, % uptake. Source: AIHW, 2023, Dental care data <sup>6</sup>

## Adult Oral Health

Adult public general restorative waiting lists are frequently used as an indicator of access to public health services by priority populations. Throughout the past 12 months, waiting times in South Australia have remained relatively steady around 7 months, below the target of 9 Months.



Figure 3: Adult public general restorative waiting lists. Source: SA Dental

<sup>5</sup> Eligibility criteria for CDBS: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/who-can-get-child-dental-benefits-schedule?context=22426>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/dental-oral-health/oral-health-and-dental-care-in-australia/contents/dental-care>

## Potentially preventable admissions (PPAs)

Nationally, South Australia continues to have the highest rate of separations for potentially preventable dental conditions <sup>7</sup>. The rate of PPAs for South Australian Indigenous populations is now the same as National Indigenous rates, with the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous closing. Despite this, the higher rate overall reflects an important area of focus in reducing preventable admissions.

These PPAs occur in both the public and private system, with approximately 65% occurring in the private system. Admissions for children under 10 for dental caries are the single biggest reason for admission among all PPAs (41% of all PPAs (SA Health unpublished data)).

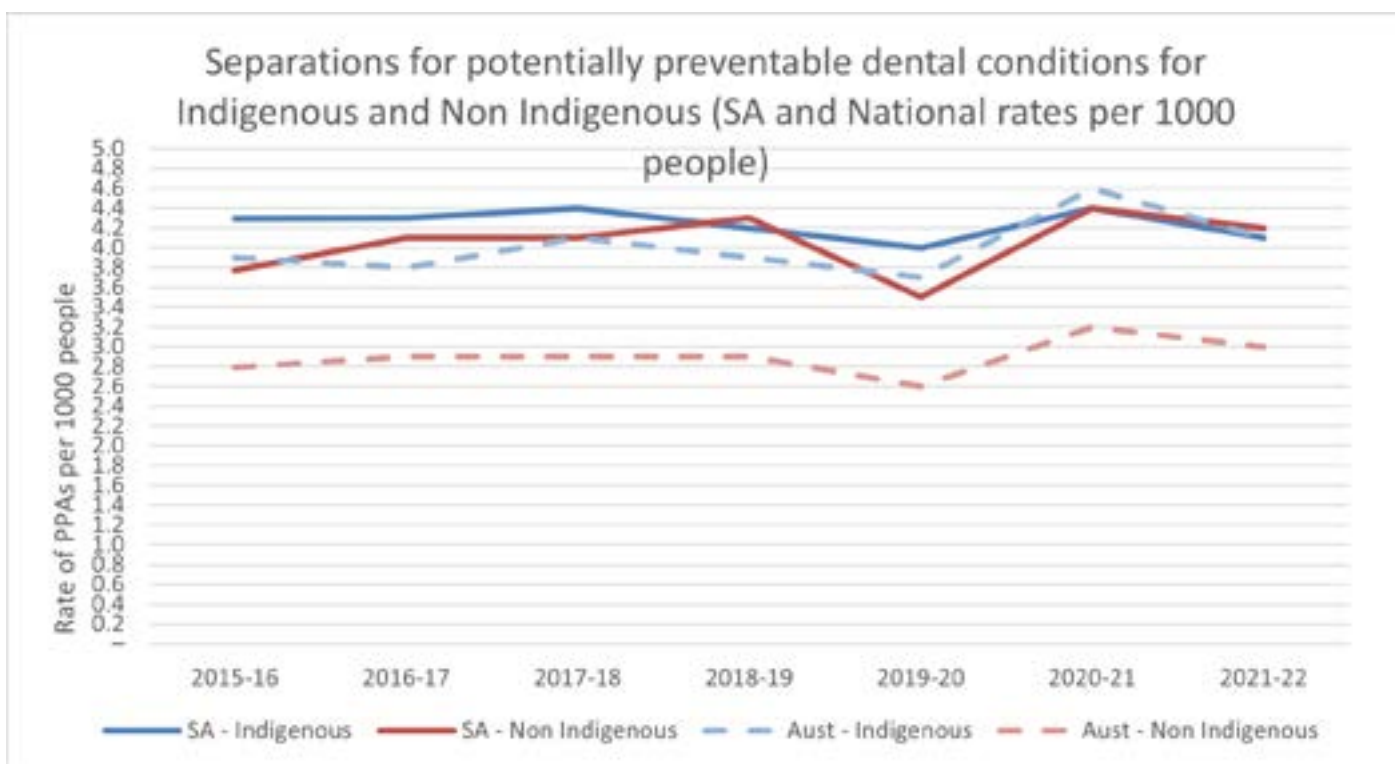


Figure 4: Potentially preventable dental conditions (state and national rates)

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database. Data Accessed from Report on Government Services (2018 to 2024), Productivity Commission

<sup>7</sup> Productivity Commission (2023), Report on Government Services 2023

## Appendix 1: Memberships

### SA Oral Health Plan Monitoring Group

Members (Alphabetical)	Organisation / position
Bradley Abraham	Australian Dental Association, SA Branch, CEO
Christine Morris	Independent / Cancer Council SA
Dr Jessica Leonard	Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Public Health Medical Officer
Jane Bussenschutt	SAOHP Monitoring Group Secretariat
Janet Weeks	Independent adviser
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Lauren Civetta (to September 2023)/ Krystal-Lee Nixon (from September 2023)	SA Dental, Director, Service Quality and Performance Improvement
Laurianne Reinsborough (to March 2024)/TBA	Wellbeing SA
Lyn Carman	Dental Hygienists Association of Australia
Lyn Whiteway (to April 2024)/TBA	Consumer representative
Mark Chilvers	SA Dental, Executive Director
Paulina Lee	SA Dental, Manager, Service Planning
Professor Liana Luzzi	Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health, Deputy Director
Professor Richard Logan	University of Adelaide, Dean and Head, Adelaide Dental School



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Dr Jessica Leonard	Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Public Health Medical Officer
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Paulina Lee	SA Dental, Manager Service Planning
Professor Richard Logan	University of Adelaide, Dean and Head, Adelaide Dental School
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## Older Persons Expert Working Group

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Jenny Richter	Chair, SA Oral Health Plan Monitoring Group
Janet Weeks	Independent adviser
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Wan Ying Chia (from November 2023)	Dental Hygienists Association of Australia
Peter Rodda	Australian Dental Prosthetists Association
Jenine Bradburn	Australian Dental Prosthetists Association
Jasmine Bulman	Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association
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Christine Morris	Independent
Adrienne Lewis (to October 2023)	Independent
Tim Budden	Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association
Lauren Civetta (to September 2023)/ Krystal-Lee Nixon (from September 2023)	SA Dental, Director Service Quality and Performance Improvement
Greta Kernich (from November 2023)	SA Dental, Program Coordinator, Secretariat





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