

# KDT Update July 2014

## One Million Dollars of Dental Treatment

During our second trip to the Kimberley in June this year we reached the milestone of KDT having gifted more than \$1,000,000 of dental services.

Sincere thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors and supporters who made this possible.

## Special Celebratory Event

Please keep the evening of **10<sup>th</sup> October 2014** free for a special celebratory event to mark this important milestone.

Invitations and more details to follow.

With two action packed Kimberley trips completed for 2014 we are now preparing for our final three weeks in the Kimberley in August.

### Overview of the June 2014 Trip

The June trip was highly productive and included clinics in the towns of Halls Creek, Fitzroy and Broome. We also visited and provided dental services at Ringer Soak, Muludja, Bayulu, Beidon and Mowanjum communities.

### June 2014 Teams

**Week 1:** We were based in Halls Creek for the week with a team at the Halls Creek hospital and another at the school. Once again our Oral Health Officer Robyn Long played a vital role in supporting the team, communicating with parents and facilitating treatment for the children. Teams also visited the Frail Aged Centre and the DCP hostel and a small team went out to Ringer Soak for 1 ½ days where 27 children were screened and 29 people were treated at the clinic

*Dr Ho Jin Yoo, Dr Tim Claire, Dr Catherine Fu, DA Rozelle Collinson, DA Lisa Thompson, OHT Erin Mountford, Rotary Youth Exchange Student Judith Lebski, Jan and Jan Owen*

**Week 2:** The incoming team from Kununurra worked in Halls Creek for 1 ½ days before heading to Fitzroy Crossing where we stayed for 3 nights. As well as working at the Visitor Centre we visited the communities of Muludja and Bayulu, working in the schools.

*Dr Estie Bav, Dr Bob Norlin, Dr Simon Shanahan, DA Ruth Warden, DA Sophia Morgan, OHT Carly Hatwell, Sue Worsley, Jan and John Owen*

**Week 3:** For the first time KDT had a team based out of Broome. In Broome we worked at the Broome Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) on Monday then travelled to Mowanjum community near Derby visiting the small community of Bedunburra on the way. Once back in Broome we worked at Mary Minyari Centre on Thursday and Milliya Rumarra on Friday.

*Dr Moses Lee, Dr Natalie Leow, Dr Charmaine White, DT Sabrina Weaver, DA Sharon White, final year dental student Mike Mladovic, Jan and John Owen*

As always, on our June Trip, alongside the dedicated hard work by the teams and the long distances travelled everyone also had a great deal of fun, sharing great meals, camaraderie and

the awesome Kimberley landscape. [Click to check out the June photos.](#)

### **Oral Health Promotion and Prevention**

Oral health education is an integral part of KDT's services and has played a key role in a significant trend from high initial rates of emergency treatment to now more preventative and restorative treatments in the Kimberley towns and communities we visit. We have had repeated requests for our health promotion booklet "*Strong teeth, strong body, strong mind*" and have now printed and distributed 40,000 copies. Demand also continues to grow for the toothbrushes and toothpaste provided by KDT to Kimberley schools, families and communities. A special thank you to Rotary for assisting KDT by collecting toothpaste and to Rotaract for packing toothbrushes.

### **KDT Southern**

Following our very productive visits earlier in the year to UnitingCare West's Tranby Homelessness Service and Tuart Place in Fremantle, there has been a short lull in the work of KDT Southern during the winter months as our equipment is now based in the Kimberley.

These visits will recommence in spring and we are currently purchasing and collecting stock and equipment dedicated to KDT Southern.

### **Statistics**

In June KDT provided oral health education and dental services for 340 people, with a total of 1576 ADA itemised services. These included 316 examinations, 101 extractions, 202 restorations, 69 scale and cleans, 42 radiographs, 40 fluoride/remineralising treatments and 298 fissure seals. In all, this represents approximately \$102,444 worth of dental care, assistance and advice.

**A big thank you** to our fabulous volunteers, sponsors and supporters without whom these results could not be achieved.

[Click to check out the June photos.](#)

Jan and John Owen

**Kimberley Dental Team**

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