

Victorian Action Plan to Prevent Oral Disease 2020-2030

ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE 2020-21

PRIORITY AREA 1 | Improve the oral health of children

83 Victorian government schools & **19,131** students were offered care under the School Dental Program



83.2% of participating students received preventive care & **19,000** dental packs have been provided under the School Dental Program



Partnership with the new Vic Kids Eat Well program established and expansion of partnership with the Achievement Program to Smile Squad



PRIORITY AREA 2 | Promote healthy environments


The Smiles 4 Miles program reached **52,035** preschool children across Victoria



88% of rural and regional residents have access to fluoridated water

Oral health profiles and action guides were updated and provided to all **79 Local Government Areas**

Coliban Water fluoridation plant at Cohuna commenced operations resulting in an **additional 2,500** people accessing fluoridated water



The Loddon Mallee Aboriginal Reference Group fluoride varnish pilot program reached approximately **200 Aboriginal children** providing fluoride varnish applications, oral health assessments and dental packs

Connect Health & Community recruited **180 children** for a project focused on delivery of Smiles 4 Miles and dental screening at **6 Early Childhood Centres** in Glen Eira local government area.



As part of the **healthy families healthy smiles** program, **320 professionals**

from a range of disciplines and tertiary students took part in professional development activities, including:



31 midwives completed the Midwifery Initiated Oral Health education program



140 Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing students from RMIT and La Trobe University



3 antenatal health professionals



22 early childhood professionals



76 supported playgroup facilitators from **15** local government areas



12 bicultural workers



36 Bachelor of Oral Health students at University of Melbourne

PRIORITY AREA 3 | Improve oral health literacy



Establishment of DHSV telehealth service

Over 43,756 telehealth consults provided across Victoria

More than 19,000 dental packs were distributed to health and social services including **Koorie Maternity Services** and **Supported Play Groups**

PRIORITY AREA 4 | Improve oral health promotion, screening, early detection and prevention services

Access to public dental services extended to **all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**

Oral cancer screening learning hub launched May 2021

In the first 2 months

2,400

OHPs have visited the site and

375 have completed the CPD quiz



74 enrolments across Victoria in **Smokefree Smiles** online training course

Reviewed and updated **Dental Weighted Activity Units** for preventive item codes to incentivise delivery of preventive care



Echuca Regional Health's **Oral healthcare in antenatal women project** increased the number of pregnant women seen by implementing a referral pathway with local hospitals and private sector