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Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May was the commencement of the 2008 program. As we have grown in the number of volunteer dentists, so has the demand. Charities are queuing up for our services. The wonderful quality of care being provided by the NDF dentists is the reason for this.

The terrible state of our underprivileged fellow Australians teeth is the root cause (pardon the pun) for our existence.

The professionals here in NSW are now well and truly behind the cause. Dental Assistants, Hygienists and Dental Technicians are all volunteering and doing their bit for the cause.

Nearly 300 patients were treated and 20 practices gave freely of their time, services and first class facilities to care for our clients. 30 dentists gave up a day, plus countless hours in follow up treatment time.

The profession is truly proud of all who have contributed. In NSW we are well on our way to achieving the 1 million dollar worth of work done on behalf of NDF for the people of NSW.

An example of the difference we can make was brought to our attention, a lady who had missing front teeth and had been totally self conscious over the last few years and had no funds to do anything about it. We had done a few bondings and made her a partial upper denture and she was able to gain employment within two weeks and regain her self esteem!

We now continue to our National Day, Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

A thank you function was sponsored by Henry Schein Halas last Wednesday and was attended by many of our volunteers.

A special thanks to Colgate, Trust Co and Henry Schein Halas for their on going and loyal support.

Dr David Digges  
NSW Chairman  
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To harness the fellowship and goodwill of all dentists and associated dental industries in Australia to provide free dental services to the under privileged members of Australian society through donation of equipment, materials and person endeavour.