

Sandringham Dental Rescue Day Saturday July 30th 2011

Principal Dentist, Peter Waltham of Sandringham Dental Practice, volunteered the services of 5 dentists and 6 support staff. One dentist was brought in as an Oral Surgeon to treat patients requiring extractions and or other extensive treatment.

Due to the DRD being on a Saturday case managers were not in attendance. There was a 78% attendance rate, with a cancellation that morning as the client had been injured in the mouth and 2 FTA. The last 3 patients were from the same family and attended 1 hour after their appointment time.

11 patients were seen with 3 surgeries being used with dentists taking turns in treating patients. Each patient had a 1 hour appointment therefore treatment productivity was good especially patients with high dental needs. Treatment performed was examinations, scale and cleans, restorations, fissure sealants and extractions of wisdom teeth, one being a surgical extraction. In total the amount of treatment performed was \$7111.00.

The volunteering staff enjoyed their day with the Oral Surgeon volunteering his services at other DRD days. Dr Peter Waltham advised that he would speak with his study group in the bayside area to try and assist with more practices volunteering.

Taking into consideration that case workers were not in attendance, Sandringham not being in a socio economic area and the lack of charities in the area I believe the day was successful. Staff enjoyed their day and patients were very thankful of the treatment being performed.

Charities involved were
Berry Street
SCAAB (Springvale Community Advice Bureau)
DVACB (Dingley Community Advice Bureau)
Hanover Cheltenham Support Services
Connections