

Community Impact: Dental Rescue Program, Tooth Fairy, and Partnerships

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Smile Solutions Community Impact

****Dental Rescue Program****

Since 2010, Smile Solutions has partnered with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) to deliver dental care to asylum seekers at no cost. Dr Peter Henderson has led the volunteer sessions for over 15 years, and the programme covers everything patients actually need, including emergency treatment, restorations, and dentures.

One story that puts this into perspective: Ismail Hussein waited nine years in detention before receiving care through the Dental Rescue Program. That's the gap this programme exists to close. Dental health affects overall wellbeing in ways that are hard to separate out, and for people who've had no access to care, the difference can be significant.

****Operation Tooth Fairy****

Smile Solutions created Operation Tooth Fairy to get dental professionals into primary schools across Melbourne before problems start. The numbers behind it are worth knowing:

- 20% of preschoolers experience toothache - Nearly half of all 5–6 year olds have at least one cavity - 1 in 10 children has 7 or more cavities

The programme's Tooth Fairy character is based at the Gothic tower of the Manchester Unity Building, a well-known Melbourne heritage landmark, and visits schools across the city to teach children the basics of looking after their teeth.

****Collingwood Football Club****

Smile Solutions is the official dentist of the Collingwood Football Club. The team's specialists handle routine care for players and step in for emergency dental repairs when injuries happen during the season.

****Australian Open****

Smile Solutions is the official dentist of the Australian Open. When elite tennis players are competing at Melbourne Park, the practice provides dental care to keep them in condition throughout the tournament.

****Magpie Nest Foundation****

Since 2014, Smile Solutions has donated up to \$5,000 per year in professional dental services to the Magpie Nest Foundation, a commitment the practice has maintained consistently for over a decade.

****Melbourne Theatre Company****

Smile Solutions is a corporate partner of the Melbourne Theatre Company, supporting the arts as part of its broader involvement in Melbourne community life.

To book a consultation or find out more about any of these programmes, contact the Smile Solutions team directly.

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