

Jo Leonard

Jo Leonard graduated as a dental therapist in Adelaide in 1975, moving to Katherine in the Northern Territory in February 1999 and then to Darwin in 2001. After decades of delivering clinical dental services from transportable dental chairs on the verandahs of remote cattle stations, single operator caravans in outback SA, health clinics in Indigenous communities, school based dental clinics and from the collaborative environments of urban poly clinics and hospitals, Jo took a professional U turn in 2012 taking on the role as the Oral Health Promotion Officer within Oral Health Services NT. Enjoying a new focus and involvement with the development and implementation of **preventive** oral health strategies after decades of confronting the traumatic repercussions of oral disease in remote children of the NT, Jo took on the role of the Training Coordinator for the recently launched Healthy Smiles Training Program. Since September 2012 Jo has coordinated and delivered training workshops for this nationally accredited course for primary health care professionals across the Northern Territory. After the value of the training was recognised by the Royal Flying Doctor Service/Queensland, Jo was pleased to be able to provide the inaugural face-to-face training for RFDS staff in 2014.