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***RURAL AND REMOTE ORAL AND DENTAL HEALTH***

***Dr Mark Hutton, Dentist in Private Practice, Mt Gambier; Past President, ADA (SA); Member ADA Federal Council***

**JOHN WAKERMAN:** We’re staying with the mouth, and I want to thank Dr Mark Hutton for coming from Mt Gambier where he was born. He graduated from Adelaide in 1975 and then returned to Mt Gambier after graduation and has been in private general practice since then. So you’re one of that small number of rural dentists, and with some longevity. Mark has been on the Australian Dental Association South Australian Council as a country councillor since 1996, and was the first President of the ADA (SA) from a rural area in 2004. He was also a founding member of the Limestone Coast Dental Partnership in 2001, which was a partnership between the Adelaide Dental School, SADS – South Australian Dental Society - and the ADA (SA), which formed to support rural practitioners. So I think there’s some valuable rural experience there that we can learn from.

Dr Hutton is currently the Senior Vice President and the incoming President of the ADA (SA) in a few weeks’ time. He has also been on the Federal Council of the Australian Dental Association since 2004 and he has a major interest in the dental workforce, particularly the rural dental workforce. So we’re going to be hearing from the front line. Thank you.