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The Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences is pleased to invite all alumni of the Faculty of Dental Science to Reunion Weekend 2019, including 28 and Saturday 30 November.

Reunion Weekend will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, reminisce about those student days, reconnect with your alma mater, and to reconnect with your old stomping grounds. There will be a range of events, both formal and informal, to suit all tastes and interests. A full program of events can be found on the Alumni website. Please visit www.med.unimelb.edu.au/alumni for more information.

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This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Odontological Society of Victoria in 1919, which brought about the development of the first dental school in the State. The organization consisted of a group of like-minded dentists and was modelled on the Odontological Society of Gdansk, established in 1865.

To mark the anniversary, the Mary Ryan Allan Dental Museum will showcase a major exhibition and catalogue, **Developments in dentistry practice, education and research.** As the first formalised dental education and further legitimised dental practice and research.

The exhibition will highlight those who were prominent in progressing the professional practice and education of dentistry in Australia, including J.J. Forster, who established the first dental school in Victoria in 1898, and later the Dental Act Amendment Act passed in 1898.

In August 2018, over a thousand teeth were discovered in the Metro Tunnel excavation foyer of the Melbourne Dental School. This exciting discovery will be part of an ongoing major exhibition and catalogue, *Uncovering the history of dentistry in Victoria*, which continues its commitment to partnering with Indigenous communities.

The exhibition will include historical collections from major dental collections including the Henry Forman Atkinson Dental Museum, Australian Dental Association, Victoria and the Royal College of Surgeons from the United Kingdom, which will be displayed.

The exhibition will be open to the public from June 2019 to December 2019, and you are invited to contribute to the exhibition.

**In Cambodia through the eyes of a dental student**

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As a student on orientation, we were introduced to the community and the clinic. The clinic has been transformed from a spare office into a functional surgery with six chairs. Dental work could only be undertaken on a rotating basis, as we spent one day at Correction Centre One, for criminal offenders. On arrival, we were treated to a welcoming ceremony, singing, dancing, and a passion for health education.

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Development in dentistry continued to progress with the formalisation of dental education and public health. The establishment of the first dental school in the State, founded in 1856, was modelled on the Odontological Society of Great Britain, which was prominent in progressing the professional focus of the exhibition. Objects from the dental rooms on the site will be explored, with a particular focus on the first permanent molar, which erupts at six years old. We saw seven and half million teeth, belonging to a transformative era of dentistry. For the first time in impoverished communities. Student William Hong reflects on the experience.

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In Cambodia, we treated patients, including children, who had tooth extraction due to tooth decay and extraction of unrestorable teeth. We also taught preventative care and oral hygiene to the patients.

I have learned that preventive care is a priority in the past. I hope our efforts could undertake this role to alleviate the problem of tooth decay.

The trip was incredibly fulfilling. I felt a true call to use my knowledge to make a difference.

I wish to opt-out from further fundraising activities and will instead support the University in my Will.

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