

# Dentist finalist in State awards



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The awards recognise the skill and innovative thinking needed to be successful in business.

The Dental Centre was nominated in the social responsibility category, which recognises business success along with charitable and community work.

Despite not winning the category The Dental Centre was recognised for providing excellence in patient care with state-of-the-art facilities available in only a small number of

dental practices in Australia, usually in the CBD's of major cities.

Its work in a number of other areas was also crucial, including providing education and oral health screening in pre-schools and nursing homes; areas which miss out on public health funding.

There is also a long-running outreach program to remote rural communities and orphanages in Bali established by a charity in 2005.

The Dental Centre, with 10 staff, regularly hosts tertiary healthcare students from Sydney and Adelaide and the experience it offers has led

graduates to consider rural options when starting their careers.

"The various outreach programs bring a new energy into our workplace," practice principal Dr Cocks said.

The business developed an accreditation program for hygienists in order to retain trained professional staff and is also collaborating with the local Aboriginal Health Service in an oral health initiative.

While Dr Cocks was unable to attend, Dr Simon Sweet and eight members of staff represented the business.

## Greyhound club office ransacked

Investigations are continuing following a break and enter at the greyhound track.

Police said the club's office was ransacked in the early hours of Saturday morning and a quantity of cash and electrical goods were stolen.

Forensic police attended the scene and inquiries are ongoing.

# Foundation gets ready for birthday bash

Next month's meeting of the Broken Hill Community Foundation will discuss how it will celebrate its 10th birthday.

Manager Kimberley Fall said the Foundation wanted to acknowledge the milestone but had yet to decide how to do it.

"We plan to discuss that at the meeting," Mrs Fall said. "There will be a celebration in the city but we are not sure yet (what form) it will take."

The meeting, to be held in the city, is one of four the Foundation holds yearly that all board members attend.

Mrs Fall said it would be the first chance for new board members, mayor Wincen Cuy and club manager Karren Howe, to have their say on the way the Foundation is run.

Having recently accepting invitations to the board, each brought their own attributes to the table, Mrs Fall said.

"They both see the community in a different light. They're from different walks of life and can sense the community and what needs are out there."

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