



# The Dental Centre Newsletter

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## Welcome to The Dental Centre Newsletter

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Welcome back to our existing patients and welcome to The Dental Centre to all our new patients! Once again, we have worked hard these past few weeks to bring you our newsletter.

We hope you all have a nice Christmas break and a wonderful New Year.



*Good Luck Narelle!*

## What's New?

- Narelle is resigning as of the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 after working for The Dental Centre for 19 years, she will be missed and we wish her all the best.
- Our staff enjoyed their Christmas party, photos on page 3.
- Narelle celebrated her birthday in November.
- Christmas opening hours:  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December - 8:30am - 5pm  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - 8:30am - 5pm  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - 8:30am - 5pm



## About Us: Brylee Tracey



*Brylee Tracey*  
*Dental Assistant / Receptionist*

Brylee began training as a dental assistant in 2005 at a practice in Broken Hill where she completed her certificate III in dental assisting. Brylee moved to Adelaide in 2007 where she worked at Health Partners Dental and studied her Certificate IV in Dental Assisting and Radiography. She continued to work there for the next few years until 2012 when she moved back to Broken Hill and commenced at The Dental Centre. At the start of her employment here Brylee was full time in the surgery assisting Dr Cocks but can now be found on reception on Monday's and Tuesday's after coming back to work part time after two beautiful children.

We have asked Brylee a few questions so we can all get to know her a little better.

What is your favourite part of being a Dental Receptionist?

The patients, I love the stories we share and the friendships I have been lucky enough to make.

What is your favourite colour?

Red

What can we find you doing in your spare time?

Running after my two young daughters, studying by correspondence and socialising with friends.

Where is somewhere you've always wanted to go and why?

Spain, ever since I was young I have had a fascination with their culture.

Who is a hero of yours?

My mum.

## Staff Christmas Party

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December our staff enjoyed our Christmas Party at the Junction hotel where we had a lovely meal with great company and many laughs. As like most years we participated in secret Santa which added more fun and excitement to the night. While we were all pleased with our presents Sophie was particularly chuffed with her reindeer glasses.



*Sophie with her Secret Santa Presents*



*Group photo before our meal*



## 3D Cone Beam

Dental cone beam computed tomography (CT) is a special type of x-ray equipment used when regular dental or facial x-rays are not sufficient. Your doctor may use this technology to produce three dimensional (3-D) images of your teeth, soft tissues, nerve pathways and bone in a single scan. Images obtained with cone beam CT allow for more precise treatment planning. Cone beam CT is not the same as conventional CT. However, dental cone beam CT can be used to produce images that are similar to those produced by conventional CT imaging. Cone beam CT provides detailed images of the bone and is performed to evaluate diseases of the jaw, dentition, bony structures of the face, nasal cavity and sinuses.

Dental cone beam CT is commonly used for treatment planning of orthodontic issues. It is also useful for more complex cases that involve:

- surgical planning for impacted teeth.
- diagnosing temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ).
- accurate placement of dental implants.
- evaluation of the jaw, sinuses, nerve canals and nasal cavity.
- detecting, measuring and treating jaw tumors.
- determining bone structure and tooth orientation.
- locating the origin of pain or pathology.
- cephalometric analysis.
- reconstructive surgery.

### Benefits

- The focused x-ray beam reduces scatter radiation, resulting in better image quality.
- A single scan produces a wide variety of views and angles that can be manipulated to provide a more complete evaluation.
- Cone beam CT scans provide more information than conventional dental x-ray, allowing for more precise treatment planning.
- CT scanning is painless, noninvasive and accurate.
- A major advantage of CT is its ability to image bone and soft tissue at the same time.
- No radiation remains in a patient's body after a CT examination.
- X-rays used in CT scans should have no immediate side effects.



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