



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 quarterly newsletter.

What's New?



*Happy Birthday
Dr Cocks!*

- Sue lawn from Safety Corp has travelled from Mildura to run a training session for our team on updating our First Aid Certificates.
- Montana has celebrated her 20th birthday in August.
- Dr Cocks celebrated his birthday in September.
- A new online ordering system has been put in place making ordering our products easier and quicker.
- Dr Cocks headed to the United States late August/early September for a wedding. Keep your eye out for photos in the next issue.



About Us: Corinne Wilkins



*Corinne Wilkins
Dental Hygienist*

Corinne commenced employment at The Dental Centre in 2002 as a trainee dental assistant studying her certificate III in Dental Assisting. In the years 2003 and 2004 she continued to work as a dental assistant while studying Radiography and Dental Hygiene by correspondence and then in 2005 moved to Adelaide to continue her course full-time. After completing her certificates at the end of 2005 Corinne moved back to Broken Hill and was employed once again by The Dental Centre as a Dental Hygienist. In the eleven years Corinne has been a hygienist here she has kept up to date with relevant hygiene and radiography courses.

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

What is your favourite part of being a Dental Hygienist?

The friendships I've made with patients, while helping their confidence by improving their smile.

What is your favourite colour?

Black

What can we find you doing in your spare time?

Catching up with friends, and family or catching Pokemon with my nephews.

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

Finland, to see the Northern Lights and visit Santa's workshop.

Who is a hero of yours?

I don't really have a hero, but if I have to say someone I guess it would be my mum.

Updating our First Aid Certificate

On the 25th August, The Dental Centre was lucky enough to host Sue Lawn from Safety Corp. Sue travelled from Mildura, and spent the day training our staff. Most were completing their refresher course, except Hannah and Sophie, our trainees, who both obtained new first aid certificates.

The day was very successful, and the staff were trained with the knowledge of CPR, defibrillators, epi pens and much more. For most it was a great reminder of what they already knew and a good opportunity to practice. For the new girls, they were given the opportunity to ask as many questions as necessary and participated in all the practical aspects as many times as they wanted.

At the conclusion of the day, all the staff passed their examination with flying colours.

We look forward to hosting Sue the next time we need a refresher!



Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS)

What is the Child Dental Benefit Schedule?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule is a scheme run through Medicare. Eligible children between 2-17 years of age are entitled to up to \$1000 in General dental treatment over two consecutive calendar years. This treatment includes; Exams, Fillings, Fissure sealants, Cleans, Extractions and Root Canal services.

How do I know if my child is eligible?

There are a few different ways of checking eligibility for children. You can either; go online to myGov to access your Medicare account, Ring Medicare and provide them with the Medicare number and reference number for your child, or give your Medicare card to one of our friendly staff and we can verify for you.



Root Canal Therapy

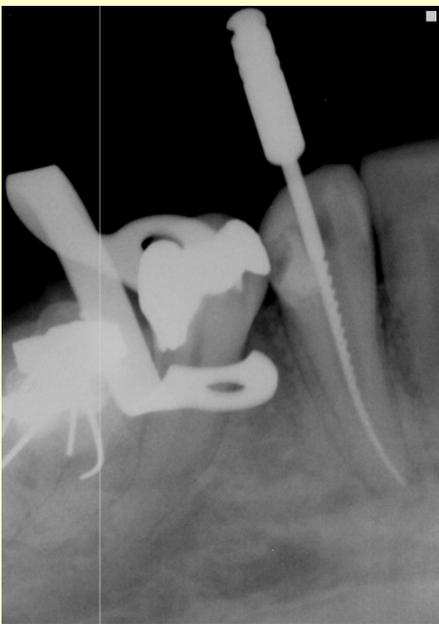
Root Canal Therapy is the procedure of removing the nerve from a tooth. We do this treatment if the nerve is dying or inflamed and the patient would like to keep the tooth rather than extract it. The dying nerve sends out signals to aware you that it's not okay usually causing pain or discomfort. Many people hear and spread horror stories about Root Canal Treatment when in modern days its relatively pain free and no worse than getting a filling or an extraction.

The whole process takes 2-3 visits.

Visit One: On the first visit, you will require local anesthetic to 'numb' the area of the tooth, we will then drill into the tooth to remove the nerve and shape the canals so we can later fill them. Before we start to seal the tooth off we need to take an x-ray with the files in the tooth to make sure we've cleaned the canals right to the end. Once the canals are shaped we fill them with an antibiotic steroid dressing to heal up any infection at the end of the tooth, this medicine must stay in for a minimum of a week - up to three months and is sealed inside with a permanent temporary filling.

Visit Two: The second visit only few people need, we call this a dressing change. If the tooth hasn't settled down from the first visit and you are still experiencing symptoms we may need to replace the medicine in the tooth.

Visit Three: The third and final visit is where we permanently fill the canals. This visit does not require local anesthetic. Once the tooth is symptomless we can go back into the canals and fill them so no germs can make their way back into the tooth. We then fill the crown of the tooth with a permanent filling however eventually it may need to have a porcelain crown made for it as the tooth with no nerve can become brittle and break. At the end of the visit we will take one final x-ray to re assure that it's been correctly filled.



X-ray with a file in the canal



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