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### From the desk of **Dr Karl Scarpin**

Welcome to our newsletter!

Thank you to all of our loyal patients who entrust us not only with the restoration of their teeth but also the enhancement of their smiles, and the restoration of their ability to function with confidence. Over the years, we have dedicated ourselves to providing top-notch dental care by employing the latest materials and cutting-edge technology.

We take great pride in being able to offer our patients Intravenous Conscious Sedation, made possible through our collaboration with Adelaide Anaesthetics. This service has been a game-changer, particularly for procedures like wisdom tooth removal or implant placement, as it ensures a more comfortable experience. However, we have also found it incredibly beneficial for patients who experience dental anxiety or have an uncontrollable gag reflex. With I/V Sedation, these patients can undergo their dental work without fear or discomfort.

Our team has been carefully built over the years, and I am delighted to say that every member is not only knowledgeable in their respective

areas of expertise but also deeply caring and understanding. When you come to see one of our professionals, rest assured that you are receiving the best possible treatment.

On a personal note, some of you may already know that two of my children are heavily involved in football (soccer). I'm eagerly looking forward to the women's world cup and I hope you all enjoy watching some of the games too. It's a fantastic event, and I'm excited to see some of the best women's teams compete right here in Australia.

Once again, thank you for being part of our dental practice community. We truly value your loyalty and trust. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us. See you all soon!

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# Meet Our Oral Health Therapists



At Advanced Dental Centre, we love instilling healthy dental habits into our patients from a very early age, because we know how important a confident smile can be as children grow into young adults.

Our team of Oral Health Therapists are an essential part of the dental team. Our friendly team includes Diem Wirth, Seja Majeed, Madeline Glen, Alba Tessitore, Jami Carman & Zoe Stapley.

Oral Health Therapists can provide a wide range of dental care in a variety of settings to children, teenagers and adults such as:

- **dental examinations, diagnosis and develop treatment plans**
  - take x-rays of teeth and jaws
- **prepare cavities and restore teeth with fillings and crowns**
  - preventative procedures eg. fissure sealants
  - taking impressions of the teeth eg. for mouth guards
- **extract deciduous teeth under local anaesthetic when required**
  - give dietary advice and oral health education

Our Oral Health Therapists Diem & Jami have extended scope in their practice which means this has broadened their professional skill set to include restorative treatment planning & procedures for adult patients. Our Oral Health Therapists also provide dental hygiene services for people of all ages. Dental hygiene services include extensive scaling and cleaning of the teeth and gums, fluoride applications and oral hygiene instructions, they also work closely with the dentists to provide a complete dental care plan for you.

## IS YOUR **child** ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE?



Did you know under the Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule eligible children get \$1052 over 2 years to spend on their dental health?

The benefits of the scheme covers a range of dental services including: x-rays, cleaning, fillings and root canal procedures. The benefit scheme does not cover any cosmetic services or orthodontic work.

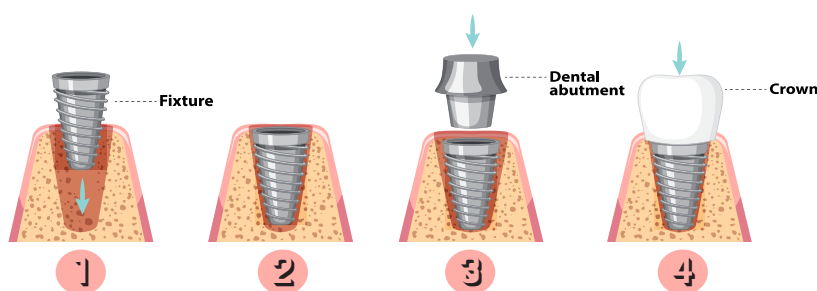
For more information and to see if your child is eligible please call us today.

\*If your child is not eligible for the CDBS, we offer gap free check up and clean for children under the age of 18 years if covered by extras health insurance or half-price where no extras cover is available.

# THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY

There are many options for replacing teeth but dental implants have provided us with a very natural looking and predictable treatment option that does not affect the remaining teeth. Dental implants are a state-of-the-art, versatile option for replacing single or multiple teeth and are widely accepted to be the most successful method of tooth replacement used today. Dental implants are titanium screws in the shape of the tooth root surgically placed which integrates with the jaw bone and serves as an artificial root on which a tooth crown can be attached. The resulting "tooth" will act, look and feel very similar to a natural tooth.

The practice of restoring teeth with implants involves both a surgical and restorative procedure, with a choice of intravenous sedation or local anaesthetic, you can rest easy during the procedure. Records including a 3-D xray are taken to determine the amount of bone present in the jaw, the space available for the implant, and how the bite comes together. Dr Scarpin then plans the surgery, according to those initial findings. Let's take a look at the process:



1. The implant is placed in the jawbone, this involves exposing the jaw bone and preparing the site, in a sterile environment, to receive the implant. You will need a subsequent visit after approximately 10 days, to have the sutures removed.
2. Once the implant is placed in the jawbone, it is left there for integration for a period of time. Your bone will now start growing around your new titanium dental implant, creating a sturdy base for your tooth. During this healing period, you may need a temporary tooth. If the implant is in a non aesthetic zone (not visible) then it can be left alone without a temporary tooth so the tissues can heal nicely.
3. A second surgery may take place, where we uncover the implant and place a healing abutment (a small metal stud on the top of the implant) and test the implant's connection to the jawbone. This confirms that the implant is a secure base for your new tooth.
4. Once the healing period is over, a permanent porcelain tooth can be put on top of the implant. A 3D scan of the implant is taken and a porcelain tooth is made. Once the tooth is made it will be fitted onto the implant and an x-ray is taken to ensure the fit is correct.

If an implant is something you are interested in to replace a missing tooth, please schedule a consultation with Dr Karl Scarpin to discuss your unique needs and related treatment options.

**Your annual dental benefits end on December 31**  
Make an appointment today!

As the end of the year is fast approaching, we would like to remind our patients about booking in early for any outstanding recommended dental treatment. Generally, health funds provide a set benefit for major dental per calendar year; this can include crowns, implants and root canal treatment. Typically, the last few months of the year are an extremely busy time at the surgery as most patients utilise their annual health fund limits. Should you consider having any treatment done this year, we suggest you contact us promptly to secure your appointment, keeping in mind our last day of the year will be Friday 22nd December 2023.





## *40 never looked this good!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our fabulous Jacinta & Rebecca who recently celebrated their 40th birthdays. Bec is our resident lab girl, you'll often find her dancing away while making all your mouthguards and crowns! Jacinta is the first twinkling smile you see when you walk through the doors and we are so lucky to have had her as part of our team for the past 17 years! We hope you both had a great day with your families & look forward to celebrating many more birthdays to come.

## *Congratulations Diem*

Our wonderful Oral Health Therapist Diem has recently completed a post-graduate course in Adult Therapy to extend her scope of practice. This has broadened her professional skill set to include restorative treatment planning & procedures for adult patients.

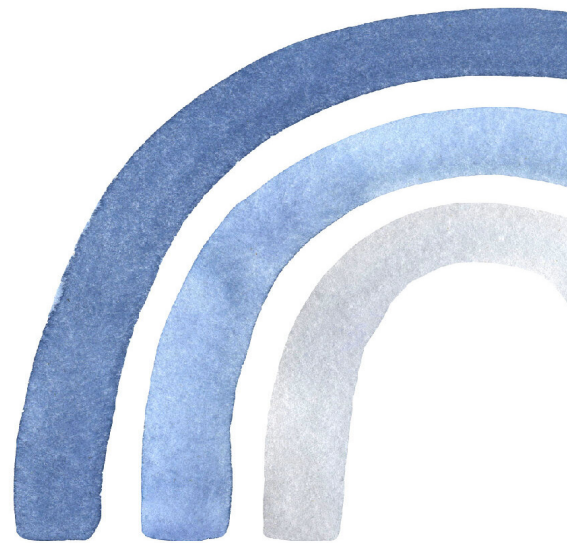
What does this mean for you? You will find Diem working closely with our dentists during your next visit in order to assess your teeth, gums and x-rays to help improve your smile!

We are so proud of you Diem & so lucky to have you as part of our team.



## *Hello River!*

Congratulations to our wonderful Dental Assistant Kelsey and her partner Zach on the safe arrival of their son River Andrew. We have enjoyed the newborn snuggles, we look forward to watching him grow and and having Kelsey back to work as part of our team.



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