



INTRODUCING BLACKBURN DENTAL GROUP

About Blackburn Dental Group

Blackburn Dental Group was established nearly 40 years ago when it first opened its dental practice in 1968. Dental care is provided by a team approach, utilising the expansive range of skills and experiences amongst its dentists, practitioners, hygienists, dental nurses and support staff. The surgery has seen major renovations to the building, environment and most importantly its dental equipment.

The three principals – **Dr Jenny Levecke, Dr Will Levecke and Dr Wynne Yip**, are proud to maintain a long term commitment to dental health in its neighbouring and wider communities. They are ably supported by three assisting practitioners – Dr Tony Robertson, Dr Khanh Nguyen, Mr Andrew Snelling. For individual profiles, please see our **Practitioners** Page on our website.

Dentistry and Philosophies

We would like to convey a feeling that we are approachable, friendly and informative. We term our style of practice “Comprehensive Dentistry”. Treatment plans are developed to suit individual needs and budgets, after thorough consultation with our patients. The team structure enables individual team members to develop specific interests and skills, which enables most aspects of dental care to be provided. However, when appropriate we avail ourselves of the services of a network of like-minded specialists who can provide skills outside the scope of our practice.

Our practice includes all aspects of general dentistry, with special reference to:

- Preventative Dentistry
- Dental Implants
- Hygienists and periodontal maintenance
- Digital X-Rays
- Comprehensive crown and bridge
- Endodontics
- Precision & Implant Dentures
- Dental devices for Sleep Apnoea
- Other specialist areas through a network of resources and capabilities

Blackburn Dental

- . Has a community and family focus;
- . Is committed to prevention of dental disease, and maintenance of long term health;
- . Has played a pioneering role with the early introduction of dental hygienists in Australia;
- . Is technologically advanced, having invested heavily in innovative equipment and systems;
- . Is committed to the ongoing professional development within all areas of the Practice;
- . Has modern consulting rooms with state of the art dental equipment;
- . Is committed to minimising impact on our environment with technology and management Systems in the workplace.



Our Dental Hygiene Team

We have four registered dental hygienists who are licensed dental professionals. Their role is to specialise in preventive oral health treatment, typically focusing on techniques in oral hygiene. They work in three areas: Prevention - to promote and maintain good oral health; Education - develop better oral health management; Therapeutic treatments - to stop gum disease and maintain healthy tissues in the mouth.

Technology - Environmental Care - Education

Although Blackburn Dental Group has been providing oral splints to treat patients with Bruxism for a long time, anti-snoring devices have undertaken much development in recent years. In March 2016 Dr Wynne Yip attended a course run by the Dental Sleep Institute, to continue training about the latest anti-snoring devices.

Since 2000 Blackburn Dental patients have had the benefit of Cerec CAD/CAM technology, where tooth coloured porcelain restorations can be fabricated in just one appointment. Technological enhancements make it possible to mill a porcelain crown in about 10 minutes. This crown is then stained, fired and glazed in a furnace for a further 30 minutes, with the resultant crown ready to be fitted.

We are part of the "Dentists for Cleaner Water" 2008 initiative. Our surgery uses a filtration system that recovers over 97% of amalgam waste which is recycled by environmentally approved organisations. We are proud to be providing a healthier environment for our community.

During 2005 Drs Tony Robertson and Will Levecke completed an inaugural year-long course in Implant Surgery, conducted by the International Team for Implantology. We can effectively replace lost teeth no matter what the cause.

Throughout the practice we use Digital X-Ray equipment. This significantly decreases processing times *and* decreases the radiation doses to patients. It also supports our environmental philosophy by reducing the use and disposal of harmful chemicals into the environment.

Dentists and staff attend regular updates and training in the management of medical emergencies, including the latest resuscitation techniques. In 2011, we invested in a defibrillator, vital in the effective management of a cardiac emergency.

Professional Development & Recognition

Quality Innovation Performance Accreditation (QIP)

Our Practice gained QIP Accreditation during 2013, after a rigorous 18 months working with the ADA and QIP's peak bodies.

The QIP criteria covered six specific aspects of our practice including: Governance for safety and quality in health service organisations, Partnering with Consumers, Prevention and Controlling Healthcare Associated Infections; Medication Safety; Patient Identification and Procedure matching, Clinical Handover Policy.





Fellowship Award

We were very delighted that Dr Tony Robertson, former partner of BDG and longest serving member of the practice, was inducted into the International College of Dentists with a Fellowship Award in October 2014. Tony will retire at the end of 2016 from Blackburn after a very rewarding career in dentistry.

Academic and Practitioner Research

The dentists at BDG have always been involved in the wider dental community and participates in a variety of professional, teaching and academic activities. In 2011 the **eviDent** project was launched between the (ADAVB), and the Oral Health Cooperative Research Centre. This project facilitates research relationships between practitioners and academic researchers. BDG was involved in one of the first studies, looking at various aspects of dental implant treatment in general practice. This information becomes available to the profession and in turn, enhances treatment outcomes for our profession.

Voluntary Work in Australia & Overseas

Our first involvement was to Vietnam in 2001 when Tony Robertson ventured off with Rotary Australia-Vietnam Community Dental Health Project. This project brings together dentists, dental specialists, dental assistants and oral health therapists. Influenced by Tony's experience, we have been active in providing dental services in Australia and overseas. We have a continuing relationship with Rotary program overseas and also with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (since 2013) through the Australian Dental Association Program, providing dental care to remote rural communities of Victoria. *Details of our trips are reported in our Newsletters.*

Our Surgery

Over the years, we have seen major renovations with many changes to layout, furnishings and equipment upgrades. During 2014 we updated our central instrument reprocessing centre - a significant task to a vital hub in our operation. During 2016 further refurbishment of treatment rooms and painting is to be completed.

Donating to a Cause

In lieu of gift exchanges each year, Blackburn Dental staff donate to a cause for those in need. Over the years, we have supported many causes and charities: MS Victoria (2015); Royal Flying Doctor Service (2014); Haiyan Typhoon Relief Program, Philippines (2013); Motor Neuron Disease Victoria (2011); Berry Street Homeless Children (2009); Rotary Australia-Vietnam Community Dental Health Project (2008).

For more detailed information about our Dentists, Practice, Newsletters and Patient Information, please visit our website www.blackburndental.com.au You can find Links to other industry-services websites, which have synergy with our practice and areas of interest. We also offer comprehensive oral education and post dental treatment information for our patients.

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