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## NEWSLETTER

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### A Forty Year Salute – Dr Tony Robertson

After more than forty years of practice in Blackburn, Tony Robertson intends to call it a day at the end of 2016. Fresh from graduating from The University of Melbourne Dental School, he joined Gavan Oakley and Neville Regan at Blackburn in 1972. Apart from a short period working in the UK, Tony has remained in Blackburn ever since. In that time he has seen the practice grow, the enormous improvement in dental health which came with water fluoridation and the proud role that the practice played in the introduction of dental hygienists, which sharpened the focus on prevention of dental disease. The practice has also been innovative in introducing technology.

Tony has been a pioneer at Blackburn Dental in voluntary work in Australia and Overseas. Tony first visited Vietnam in 2001 as a member of the Rotary Australia-Vietnam Community Dental Health Project. Influenced by that experience he has been active in personally volunteering dental services both in Australia and overseas, and encouraging other BDG staff in doing the same. The practice has now a long and continuing involvement in providing team members for the Rotary program and also the Royal Flying Doctor Service - Australian Dental Association Program, providing dental care to remote rural communities in Victoria.

In 2014 Tony was inducted into the International College of Dentists with a Fellowship Award for services to the profession. This Award recognises outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind.



Tony leaves Blackburn Dental after a very rewarding career in dentistry. He intends to spend more time with his family and pursue his passion for travel and bush walking. He will continue some dental involvement as an examiner for the Australian Dental Council and as a Community Relations Officer with the Australian Dental Association. He hopes to be able to say goodbye personally to as many of his patients as possible, and facilitate their ongoing care with other members of the team at Blackburn. *"I am confident that my patients are in very capable hands. Wynne, Jenny, Will and I share the same core values which place patient interests first and foremost."*

**Well done Dr Tony Robertson on 40+ years!**

### A smarter look at BDG – thanks for your understanding on our refurbishments

If you're a patient of Dr Jenny Levecke or Dr Wynne Yip, we hope you enjoy their refurbished treatment rooms on your next visit. At Blackburn Dental Group, not only do we endeavor to stay up to date with the latest procedures and equipment, we also like to keep our building freshly painted and looking refreshed. During May and June, Jenny and Wynne's treatment rooms will see a new fit-out of cabinetry work, the building's interior will be freshly painted throughout and outside areas of the building will also have some freshening up. We will continue to operate during this time and apologise to patients for any intrusion this may cause on your visit.

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## Outreaching to Cambodia – Dental Assistant Rachele Welti Reports...

“In December 2015, along with five of my peers, I travelled to Cambodia as part of One-2-One Charitable Trust’s Mobile Dental Program. With the help of local dental assistants and a senior dentist, we completed a range of treatments including extractions, restorations, periodontal therapy and patient education. We managed to treat just under 800 adults and children in two weeks. We spent a week in Phnom Penh, then travelled to Prey Veng, a province on the east bank of the Mekong River where more than half the population live below the poverty line. Access to dental care is close to non-existent for these individuals due to the community’s limited resources. In this province, One-2-One is working hard to implement oral health education programs, particularly focusing on schools. In an attempt to reduce the future incidence of decay, we worked diligently to reinforce their teachings and placed fissure seals on as many children as possible.

Volunteering for this 2 week dental program to Cambodia, was by no means a walk in the park. It was exhausting and quite confronting. We were however rewarded a hundred times over, after witnessing our patient’s line up for many hours. They showed immense gratitude and a big smile after treatment, which made it all worthwhile.”

Rachele Welti  
Dental Assistant, Blackburn Dental Group  
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## Snoring, sleep apnoea and bruxism can affect up to one in three of us

Quality sleep is crucial for the body and mind to function well and many people can go undiagnosed with unexplained tiredness or a lack of concentration. We are learning more now that snoring and sleep apnoea are related and that snoring is often caused by the back of the tongue vibrating against the soft palate. Although Blackburn Dental Group has been providing oral splints for our patients to treat bruxism for a long time, anti-snoring devices have undertaken much development in recent years. In March this year, Dr Wynne Yip attended a course run by the Dental Sleep Institute to learn about the latest in anti-snoring devices. Screening for snoring and sleep apnoea requires thorough sleep studies and support of a sleep physician. If snoring is a problem for you or if you wake up feeling tired and sleepy during the day or if someone has heard you gasp or stop breathing during sleep, come in to speak to one of us to explore some of the latest treatment options.



Dr Wynne Yip

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