

## Fabdental news



### **A Fabulous change**

The team are excited to announce that Fabdental has changed ownership. It is now owned by Dr Rory McKinnon who has been with Fabdental for several years and has developed a reputation as a dentist who caters for families in a caring and professional manner.

Dr Bruce Galloway continues to be part of the Fabdental team, and his patients and work days remain the same. Rory and his team are committed to continuing to provide Fab's great service and to ensuring that you, our valued patients, always come first.

### **Fab welcomes Jo**

Dr Jo Campbell has recently joined the Fabdental team. Jo has worked in private practices in Brisbane and Toowoomba, and is passionate about seeing patients keep their teeth healthy for their entire life. When she is not practising dentistry Jo enjoys hiking, particularly in Tasmania and Nepal. She also loves to bake—whom she knows, perhaps she will be the next Masterchef!



## Take advantage of your health fund

The end of the year is creeping up on us all. Many health funds offer financial assistance for treatments, however the benefit does not roll over into the new year. Take advantage of your health fund before your benefit for the year finishes.

Please check what health cover you have.

## Thank you...

We would like to thank you, our valued patients, for choosing our practice, and for recommending our services to your friends, family and co-workers. Our business is built on 'word of mouth' and we appreciate the confidence you place in our practice.

When you refer others to us they will receive the same caring and professional service that you have become accustomed to.

## Practice information

### Opening hours

Monday-Thursday	8am to 6pm
Friday	8am to 4pm
Saturday	by appointment

Our dentists cover a range of days and hours. If you have a preferred dentist, please let our staff know when booking your appointment.

### Contact

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[www.fabdental.com](http://www.fabdental.com)

### Appointments

Appointments can be made by phone or online. Emergency patients will be seen on the same day. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please contact us immediately. In some cases a cancellation fee may be charged.

For more info about our practice and appointments visit our website, or call and speak to one of our friendly staff.

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We take pride in caring for your family's dental needs



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## Missing a tooth? You don't have to do without

Your teeth serve many functions including:

- Helping you chew and speak
- Creating your smile
- Keeping other teeth in a stable position
- Maintaining the shape of your face

Often patients don't realise how important each tooth is until it is gone.

### If your tooth is lost...

- You may lose confidence about your appearance
- Your speech may be different and particular sounds may be altered
- One side may chew more, meaning other teeth have to work extra hard and will wear out faster
- Your cheeks or lips may appear sunken
- Teeth opposite the gap may drift into the space, causing a change to your bite which may lead to headaches and other discomfort
- Teeth either side of the gap may lean inwards. This creates unequal pressure when biting which weakens teeth and causes sensitivity

## Saving your smile

There are many ways to replace a missing tooth or teeth. The most popular are implants, fixed bridges, or removeable dentures/false teeth.

### Dental implants

Dental implants replace the root of a tooth or teeth. They can support one or many teeth (if adjacent). Once a crown is placed on top of the implant, the crown and implant closely replicate a natural tooth.

### Fixed bridges

A bridge consists of an artificial 'pontic' tooth anchored or glued to the natural teeth on either side of the gap. Bridges are usually made of porcelain and an underlying base structure. The porcelain is matched to the shade of the existing teeth and is resistant to staining. The underlying framework provides strength and durability.

### Removeable dentures/false teeth

Dentures provide a cheaper alternative to replacing missing teeth. They are not fixed and thus must be removed daily to be cleaned. They provide the appearance of a full smile, and assist in chewing and holding other teeth in position.

**Speak to one of our friendly staff today to find out more. We love to make our clients smile!**



## Meet the team

Here at Fab dental we have a great reception team. Ann (our practice manager), Jasmine, Kaelia, Tash, Diane, and Hannah are the first people that you meet either over the telephone or at the front counter. At the front desk the team are often asked questions. Here are just a few...

### Do whitening toothpastes work?

Whitening toothpastes, like all other toothpastes, contain mild abrasives to remove surface stains, and can have additional polishing agents and chemicals that are more effective against stains than regular toothpastes. While whitening toothpastes can make teeth appear lighter by removing stains, they do not actually whiten teeth.

### My gums bleed when I brush. Is this normal?

Inflamed gums will bleed more easily. If you haven't had a check up and clean lately then you may have some plaque or tartar around your teeth that requires attention. Other causes for bleeding gums include pregnancy, medications and medical conditions.

### I have been told not to have dental treatment while I am pregnant. Should I?

Most dental procedures are fine to have during pregnancy and while breast-feeding. If the procedures are elective then some may be best delayed until after the pregnancy. At Fab dental we are very conscious of what materials we use and what treatments we perform, and will only do what is necessary when patients are pregnant or breast-feeding.