

# Rosebud Dental Group

## Newsletter

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2012 has certainly come around quickly and we at Rosebud Dental Group are looking forward to a prosperous year ahead.

### STAFF PROFILES

This years newsletter will be introducing you to members of staff whom you may or may not have already met. This quarters newsletter will be introducing Derek, Brooke and Melanie.

#### Derek

Derek came to the Peninsula after graduating from Melbourne University in 1985. In 1987 he purchased the Rosebud dental practice he

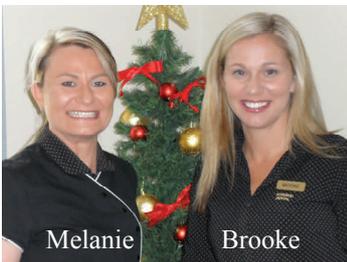


had been working in, originally at the front of the land, and over the next few years saw it expand and shift into the current premises. Derek enjoys the broad range of dental procedures that come with a

general, family based dental practice and is a great follower of the "softly, softly" approach (basically because he is a big squib himself!).

#### Brooke

Brooke started dental nursing 15 years ago. She had 9 years off to have a family before returning to dental nursing in 2008 at Rosebud Dental Group. You will normally see Brooke in surgery with Derek, but you may also see her on reception too. Working with Derek gives Brooke the opportunity to do orthodontic procedures which she enjoys. She likes that she gets to see patients once a month over a 2-3 year time frame and get to build close relationships with these patients.



Melanie

Brooke

#### Melanie

Mel began dental nursing 10 years ago and still loves it. Having tried other career paths she always comes back to dentistry as her preferred job. Mel began at Rosebud Dental Group in 2008, first nursing with Dr. Barrett and now you will see her every Tuesday with Derek. Mel will be having some time off in the near future as she embarks on another career as a mother. She is expecting her first child in June 2012.

### MEDICAL HISTORY

Your medical history often has an effect on

the way we can treat you. Having a complete and current medical history of our patients helps us provide you with a better service.

If you answer 'yes' to any of the following questions then please ask reception for a form to update your medical history or speak to your dentist at your appointment time.

Has it been more than two years since you last updated your medical history with us?

Have there been any significant changes in your medical history since your last appointment with us?

### PATIENT PHOTOS

Our dental computer software enables us to upload photos to our patients files. This can be useful for patient identification (putting a face to your name). If you would like to have a profile picture uploaded to your dental file, please ask the reception staff who can take a photo or alternatively email a photo to [rosebuddentalphotos@hotmail.com](mailto:rosebuddentalphotos@hotmail.com) and reference your name and date of birth.

### THE WORLD WIDE WEB

We have finally ventured into the world wide web, creating a website for Rosebud Dental Group.

### [www.rosebuddental.com.au](http://www.rosebuddental.com.au)

You can view profiles on each dentist at the practice, follow links for more information on dental treatment, and download our latest newsletters.



You can also find us on facebook, with similar information to the website. Make sure you like us, and even 'check in' and recommend your friends to our page.

### COMPUTERS

After a terrible year in 2011 with computer troubles we have installed a new server and upgraded the x-ray software. We hope that this will eliminate computer outages. We would again like to thank those of you who have been so patient with us when the computers have not been working.

### CAMBODIA

Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in the world, with approximately 30% of the population living on less than \$1 a day. One-third of the population has no access to clean water and more than two thirds have no access to clean toilets. For many it is a struggle to survive from day to day.

In a country where extreme poverty is pervasive, the tourism and port activities in Sihanoukville, a popular beach resort on the southern coast, continue to attract economic migrants seeking employment and better living conditions. The result is the expansion of slums and increased numbers of street children and youth.

These street-working children not only miss out on education, but become the most vulner-

able children in the community, exposed to street and gang violence, child abuse, drug use and isolation from their peers as well as the community at large.

In 2003 M'Lop Tapang (MT) was created, by a small group of foreigners and locals. What began as a simple initiative to feed and offer safety to six children who slept under a large Tapang tree on the beach every night and who were extremely vulnerable to exploitation, quickly blossomed into a much wider program.

Today they work with over 3000 street living and working young people and their families at 11 centers in the Sihanoukville area. M'Lop Tapang provides street children access to the learning tools, specialized services, resources, and the opportunities they need to build a better future. They offer regular meals, shelter, medical care, education and training, counseling, family support / reintegration and protection from all types of abuse as well as increasing community awareness about issues affecting street children.

M'Lop Tapang employs 145 staff. The team consists of teachers, social workers, nurses, cooks, vocational skills trainers, drivers, technical advisors, arts and theater trainers, child protection workers and support staff. All of whom work, either directly or indirectly, to



support the growing number of beneficiaries. In November Malcolm was fortunate enough to travel to Cambodia to volunteer his services as a dentist to M'Lop Tapang. He is one of several dentists from Australia who volunteer their time each year. It was a privilege for him to be able to help in a small way some of these children who require extensive dental treatment for their poor oral health caused by the dire circumstances in which they have been living.

Learn more about M'Lop Tapang and the incredible work they do at [www.mloptapang.org/](http://www.mloptapang.org/) or follow them on facebook [www.facebook.com/mloptapang](http://www.facebook.com/mloptapang)