

## Newsletter

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Welcome to our third newsletter for 2016.

### GOING GREEN

Over the last decade Rosebud Dental Group has continued to implement ways to reduce our environmental footprint. Our dental record keeping is now digital eliminating paper cards, we now use digital radiography eliminating



the use of harsh chemicals and films and LED lights have replaced all of the downlights within the practice. Amalgam separators are installed

on our two newer dental chairs and will in the future be in all our surgeries, reducing the amount of amalgam going into the water system as part of the scheme "Dentists for Cleaner Water."

Plastic barrier wraps used for infection control is a large source of waste in the dental industry; however we have finally sourced bio-degradable barrier wrap, replacing traditional plastic.

Having thought about how many plastic toothbrushes make their way into our landfill each year, RDG now has environmentally friendly bamboo toothbrushes available. These brushes come with beautifully soft carbon bristles and are a pleasure to use.

### DIGITAL IMPRESSIONS

We have recently purchased a digital impression scanner. This fabulous piece of equipment eliminates the need to take conventional impressions for most crown, bridge and implant treatment. As well as being a much more comfortable procedure for our patients it also incorporates eco-friendly dentistry eliminating impression taking and model

pouring materials as well as reducing carbon emissions

by transferring information to our city laboratory electronically rather than by



courier. The digital scanner also aids in shade selection for crowns The technology is quite amazing and we have posted a link to a video demonstration on our Facebook page for anyone interested in learning more. It's well worth viewing. RDG is one of the first practices on the Mornington Peninsula to embrace this technology.

### TAYLA QUALIFIED

It has been a year since Tayla started her combined traineeship with RDG and Dr Paul Hanks Orthodontics. We are very proud to announce that Tayla has passed all of her assessments with flying colours and is now a qualified dental assistant. Tayla has shown fantastic enthusiasm and commitment during the past year, mastering both clinical and reception duties. We are now very happy to have her continue her employment as a valued, and now qualified, RDG team member. Congratulations Tayla



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### SEEING EYE DOG SPONSORSHIP

Ivy is a seeing eye dog in training and we are lucky enough to see her at frequent intervals at the clinic. We love watching her progress and she has brought to our attention how great a cause the Seeing



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Eye Dogs are, so RDG has started sponsoring her. We receive regular letters about Ivy's progress and hope that she graduates as a seeing eye dog once her training is complete.

### CDBS CLOSURE UPDATE

When the federal government confirmed in April this year that it intended to close the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) and replace it with the Child and Adult Public Dental Scheme (CAPDS), the scheduled date for cessation of the CDBS was 1 July. However, the announcement of a federal election for 2 July meant that both houses of Parliament were immediately dis-



solved and the government was placed into caretaker mode, postponing all legislative changes until parliament resumes some months after the election. Since schemes like the CDBS can only be terminated by a legislative change, this means that it remains in operation until such time as parliament sits again and a vote to decide whether it continues or not can be taken. This has been confirmed by the Department of Health which has announced the following via its website. Given this status, dental practitioners are being encouraged by the ADA to continue to see patients under the scheme until such time as a vote place and the final fate of the CDBS is determined.



The ADA's intention is to continue the fight to save the CDBS.

RDG also agrees that the CDBS is a far more beneficial scheme than the proposed CAPDS and we invite people to sign the petition "Save The CDBS"

A link to the petition can be found on our Facebook page or at [www.ada.org.au](http://www.ada.org.au)



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