

Greenbank Family Dental

WE LOVE TO MAKE YOU SMILE!



Whats in a name?

What's New

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NEW DENTURIST!

WHEN SHOULD CHILDREN VISIT THE DENTIST?

We are pleased and excited to announce that Accu Dental will be known as Greenbank Family Dental from here on out. Why do we feel the need to change our name?

We are a new business that is still trying to make a name for ourselves in our community. What that name reflects is very important to us. Here at Greenbank Family Dental we are a family-owned and run business. Family is very important to us and we strive to treat all our patients as though they are just an extension of our family.

We also want you to know that our staff is all still the same wonderful people that have served you in the past and will continue to provide you with the outstanding service you have come to expect.

We also want to thank all our wonderful patients. We have loved meeting you and getting to know your families.

Happy smiley customers are my goal!

Louis was born in South Africa. In 1985 he gained his qualification as a dental technician. He moved to Australia in 1998. At this time Louis worked as a dental technician and also had his own laboratory. He did additional studies in Brisbane and qualified as a dental prosthetist in 2011 and his my own clinic on the Gold Coast since that time. We are very excited to have Louis Join the Greenbank Family Dental team. "Happy smiley customers are my goal!"



GFD would like to welcome Robyn Taylor to our staff.

We are happy to announce that Robyn Taylor has joined our staff. Robyn has 7 children most of which are grown. She has lived in the area for the last 15+ years. She has a cheerful, sunny disposition and is looking forward to helping you, our patients, anyway she can.

When should children start visiting the dentist?

Many parents have asked us, "When should my child first see the dentist?" This is a great question!

Experts recommend taking him or her within 6 months of the first tooth coming in (erupting), or by about 12 months at the latest. What would the dentist be looking for at this early appointment? He will likely give you information on:

- Infant feeding practices
- Baby bottle tooth decay
- how to clean your child's teeth and mouth
- teething
- finger-sucking habits
- pacifier habits

Your child's first visit is also about helping your child feel comfortable with the dentist. This first visit will often last about 30 minutes. Depending on your child's age, the visit may include a full exam of the teeth, jaws, bite, gums and oral tissue to check growth and development. If needed your child may also have a gentle cleaning which will include polishing teeth

and removing plaque, tartar and stains. Your dentist will show you proper cleaning techniques and advise you on the need for fluoride. Failure to get teeth cleaned for a day or two may not have severe effects. The problems likely to be encountered include bad breath, tartar, and plaque build-up. Food particles find their way in between teeth and on the surface of the teeth. These particles are broken down by the bacteria found in the mouth. The bacteria use the particles as their food leading to the formation of acids.



These acids damage the outer covering of the teeth called enamel. The corrosion leads to the formation of holes in the teeth called cavities. It is usually painful when anything gets inside the holes.

What can happen if you don't take your child to the dentist? 40% of children suffer from preventable tooth decay. This is because of not brushing their teeth properly or not brushing at all. It leads to many other problems, which include pain. Poor dental hygiene may lead to difficulty when chewing, thus poor food digestion. Dental problems can cause damage to the permanent teeth too. Some kids develop speaking and pronunciation difficulties. The good news is that all of this is preventable with early and regular trips to the dentist. It is also never too late to start good oral hygiene. A visit with the dentist can be fun and rewarding for the child and having a healthy smile will make them feel so much better.