



## Upwey Dental now state-of-the-art

**D**r Robert Oblak was drawn to dentistry as a natural extension of his talents for science and a desire to create something with his hands. Graduating with a BDSc in 1987 and becoming a Fellow of the RACDS in 1992, his skills as a dentist were not being adequately reflected in his dated practice environment. In 2009, after 15 years at Upwey Dental, he decided the time had come to update the practice.

Over the course of the previous 6 years, Dr Oblak had seen Medifit at various industry expos and trade shows and held several conversations with Sam Koranis, Medifit's Managing Director who was able to provide advice and feedback for many of his ideas and enquiries. When the time came to update the practice, Medifit were engaged to complete the design and fitout.



Dr Oblak wanted the design to accommodate the latest in connectivity to ensure that relevant systems within the practice were integrated efficiently. Medifit's designers were able to effectively plan the new practice with this functionality as a priority.

"From an IT and data perspective, Upwey Dental is one of the highest technical specifications that Medifit has ever undertaken," said Sam Koranis. "State-of-the-art C-Bus and Smart Wiring throughout the entire practice provides Upwey Dental with an integrated IT system framework that is as future proof as possible. We are very pleased with the end result."

The fitout of the new surgery was completed in a tight timeframe - just 8 weeks from gaining access to the site to handover - despite the high level of finishes and the demanding technology specifications.





A key requirement in the new design was to optimise the efficiency of the practice in the day-to-day operations and this was achieved with the use of a centralised sterilisation area and pass-through cabinets. The central steri provides easy access to essential equipment from any of the consult rooms and saves Dr Oblak and his staff time and energy every time they need to use it.

In order to bring the practice into compliance with National Construction Codes, disability access was improved and disabled restrooms were introduced into the final layout. Plant equipment was relocated from the main practice building into an adjoining secure structure, minimising any noise distraction and delivering a more pleasant audio environment for staff and patients.







## Summary

### The Practice

Principal	Dr Robert Oblak
The Practice	Upwey Dental
Type of Practice	General
Location	Upwey, Victoria
Size	86.5 square metres
No of dental chairs	2

### The Team

Design	Medifit
Construction	Medifit

### Equipment

Units	Kavo 1065S Centro
Sterilisation	Mocom Millenium B+
X Ray	Gendex Expert DC with Gendex eHD Sensor
Compressor	Cattani K300
Suction	Cattani TurboSmart
Software	Oasis
Software	Dental for Windows

The aesthetics of the practice were designed to project a professional, yet friendly image that also merged with the leafy environment in the Melbourne hills. The texture and colour of the timber floor was carried through to the front of the reception counter to create a natural sense of warmth and provide an inviting ambience. Bold navy blue walls provide impact and matching luxuriously padded waiting room chairs lend a sense of comfort and style.

Further into the practice, the light coloured walls and ceiling visually open the space and give a sense of lightness. The timber floor ties the common areas together and continues down the corridor that forms the backbone of the practice. A patient refresh station is conveniently located along the corridor for patients returning to reception following treatment.

The cabinetry in the surgeries is modern and contemporary with dark blues and slate colours contrasting with brilliant white counters and cream walls. Minimalist handles and fixtures are efficient without distracting from the clean modern lines throughout the surgeries.

The centralised sterilisation area has been designed for maximum efficiency. Stainless steel counters and racking allow for easy cleaning and maintenance of this busy area. Storage throughout the practice is provided with first class cabinetry below the benchtops and overhead in the surgeries and steri.

A staff area including a kitchen and seating completes the layout.

With the transformation of the practice complete, Dr Oblak is now operating in an environment commensurate with his skills and the level of care provided at Upwey Dental. Medifit are justifiably proud of the end result.

