



## New home for GP Dental Partners

**G**P Dental Partners is a long-established partnership of six dentists providing services in the south western suburbs of Adelaide. Over its 50-year history, the practice has operated from a number of locations. Recently, the redevelopment of the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre where one of its practices is located, presented an opportunity to double the size of the current premises.

“Operating from a number of locations has given us the opportunity to build and revamp before, so we wanted to proactively address any issues that may have come up in the past,” said Dr Peter Craven, one of the partners in the group.

“It was also critical to find a company who could perform both the design and construction phase. We wanted to minimise downtime and using one group from start to finish would mean that the building part of



the project as a whole could be planned much earlier, and minimise any confusion or unnecessary delays. It would also leave us free to just concentrate on operating our business, rather than tendering, liaising and supervising a build project at the same time.

“We first heard about Medifit through other dentists who’d used and recommended them. We did our homework on them by visiting many practices and assessing style, finishes and function. We also discussed the experience of working with both Medifit and other contractors.

“Medifit’s managing director, Sam Koranis, also made a number of special visits to Adelaide to address the partners so that any concerns and issues could be discussed. We were very confident after performing our research that Medifit could achieve the completed project quickly and to a high standard.”



Once the decision was made, Dr Craven said that working with the Medifit design team was “lots of fun”. A collaborative approach was used, incorporating design ideas from the partners and their staff with functional improvements from Medifit. This ensured that the feel of the new practice reflected the personality and philosophy of the practitioners.

The general design philosophy was to create a uniquely tasteful and modern interior that would represent the location being ‘by the sea’ whilst maintaining a professional service that would appeal to the local families in the small community.

The practical requirements were for four treatment rooms, a central sterilisation and lab area, refresh area, practice manager’s office, reception and waiting area with drinks bench, child-friendly play area, room for an OPG in the future and a staff kitchen.





On entering through the large double glass doors, patients are greeted at the specially designed Corian and Stacked Limestone reception desk. The reception and waiting area are naturally well lit with a fully glazed shop front which aids in emphasizing the interior elements. The bright wall colours with large 3D swirls, golden wood tones and lineal textures create an engaging environment.

The colours in the materials and finishes selected are based on the existing GP Dental Partners logo whilst including a range of textures that work in to add interest. The use of lighting under the seats and in the ceiling acts to highlights these features.

A designated children's play area has been incorporated into the waiting area to allow parents to watch or share an activity with their children whilst they wait.

Beyond the Reception is the central corridor with featured horizontal windows and full height framed glass doors leading to the treatment rooms.

Staff amenities include a fully functional kitchen and the staff area is located at the rear of the practice to allow staff to feel as though they are away from the working area of the practice and this can be closed off for privacy.



## Summary

### The Practice

Principal	Drs Peter Craven and David Fuller
Type of Practice	General
Location	Hallett Cove, South Australia
Size	155 square metres
No of chairs	4

### The Team

Design	Medifit
Construction & Joinery	Medifit

### Equipment

Dental Units	Sirona and A-dec (existing)
Autoclaves	Siemens Validator Plus and 2 x Statim 2000
X-Ray	Sirona Heliodent
Compressor	Medic Air
Suction	Cattani
Software	Exact

The treatment rooms work well with neutral coloured benchtops and under-bench cabinets along with the aluminium-look overhead cabinets. The minimal use of colour allows for a bright coloured feature wall which lifts the room and ties it into the overall theme of the fitout.

“Working with Medifit was a pleasure,” said Dr David Fuller, another partner in the practice. “Communication was very clear and concise throughout the project and they were very proactive about addressing any potential issues.

“Once the design was finalised, we were given a fixed quote and a 10-week fit-out schedule. The billing was very clear and concise and received in a timely manner. We funded our project through a lease and Medifit were cognisant and understanding of the drawdown process. The work was completed a couple of days ahead of schedule, and we started seeing patients the following Monday!

“The management of our project was very professional. Even though the office was remote, there were strong local connections; especially the experienced trade teams who all worked very well with each other (and us!). There

was no difficulty sourcing materials. The co-ordination of both was excellent. The Medifit team were always available both locally or at Head Office to answer any questions or concerns as the build progressed. Their executive staff from Perth visited a number of times during the build to provide support to their local team. We were regularly given updates with regard to the progress and we were really impressed with the high quality of materials and finish.

“We couldn’t have asked for the project to be handled more professionally and would use and recommend the services of Medifit to anyone looking to refit their practice.”

