



## Excellence in dental practice design

**D**ental Excellence, located in the Perth suburb of Mount Hawthorn, is owned and operated by Dr Spiro Agapitos. Dr Agapitos joins a growing list of dentists and dental specialists around Australia that have engaged Medifit for multiple practices. Medifit completed the fitout of Dr Agapitos's original practice in 2003 and the project was covered in the September/October 2003 edition of this magazine. A further upgrade was undertaken in 2016 as Spiro had outgrown the original practice and this project was again featured in May/June 2017

The original Dental Excellence was located in a narrow tenancy covering just 76m<sup>2</sup>. Through careful planning, the space was designed to feel much larger than its relatively tiny footprint and the patient base grew steadily over many years.

Eventually, Spiro outgrew the upgraded space and when a larger building became available nearby, he seized the opportunity to re-establish Dental Excellence in a space worthy of his success.

Dental Excellence had built strong links in the community through dedicated involvement with local sporting clubs and organisations. The new premises were formerly a community hall, centrally located in the community and well-known

to many locals. Importantly, the new premises offered more than four times his original practice space.

With a floor area of 316m<sup>2</sup>, the new Dental Excellence is now a 7-chair practice with a range of treatment rooms, a generous waiting and reception area, centrally located sterilisation room and dental laboratory and several offices for senior staff. The practice also contains a staff meeting and training room and recovery rooms for patients undergoing dental procedures.

As his third practice setup started to become a reality, Spiro was clear on what he wanted and needed from the new space.





Mount Hawthorn, a well-established suburb just 4km from Perth's CBD, has always been a desirable area to live and the local population is a mix of professionals and families. An expanding clientele with increased demand for cosmetic dental treatments in addition to general dentistry meant that the new practice needed to evoke a higher-end feel.

Gone is the traditional community hall feel, replaced by a contemporary look that would not be out of place in a major world city like New York or London.

The design aesthetic is modern, loft-inspired with architectural dado concrete finishes and face brick providing a trendy warehouse feel. This is carried through with details including aged iron I-beams at the base of the reception counter and exposed beams throughout which lend the practice an industrial feel. Purpose-built bespoke light fittings created by the Medifit construction/manufacturing team further express the industrial look.

From the outside, an impressive steel patio with angular panels for signage gives the building a striking streetscape. The patio is anchored to a nib wall of raw brick, foreshadowing the brick walls inside while concrete dado finishes to the front façade of the building echo the interior finishes.

Entering the practice, the modern lines and clean construction detail draw you in and pendant lights throughout reception lead patients to the angled reception counter.







Leading away from the reception area, a corridor takes patients to the individual treatment rooms. Glazed panels are carefully framed in black whilst white walls and bulkheads contrast with black ceilings to further the industrial feel. The floor to ceiling heights of up to 4.2 meters throughout the practice creates a unique setting not often seen in Australian dental practices.

A centrally located steri and lab is easily accessible from each treatment room ensuring that the day-to-day operation of the practice is efficient. Viewing windows also surround the steri showing off the cleanliness as well as creating a view into the corridor for the staff. Patient refresh is catered for with a dedicated station along with a comfortable and spacious waiting area.

The overall result is a stunning new practice that positions Dr Agapitos for continued success and prosperity.

So as a returning client, how does Spiro rate the Medifit experience? "Medifit has made my vision a reality. From the first day I went to see them, I felt completely confident," he said. "Their understanding of dental design and construction was exceptional. I was able to concentrate on my dentistry while they took care of the entire project. I highly recommend them to any dentist who requires a professional fitout from beginning to end."

Medifit's Sam Koranis added: "I have known Spiro for more than 20 years and was delighted when he once again chose Medifit to help create his new practice. Our pedigree is without equal in the industry and we work hard to bring real value to our clients in terms of productivity and the high-quality practices that we deliver. Medifit has the experience across a full range of services to help dentists and specialists put their best foot forward in a competitive marketplace. It was a challenging project due to the age of the building but the final result that we achieved for Spiro speaks for itself and we wish him well at the new Dental Excellence."

## Summary

### The Practice

The Practice	Dental Excellence
Principals	Dr Spiro Agapitos
Type of Practice	General
Location	Mount Hawthorn, Perth, Western Australia
Size	316 square metres
No of chairs	7

### The Team

Design	Medifit Design & Construct
Construction	Medifit Design & Construct

### Equipment

Dental Units	Planmecca Compact i
Autoclaves	Mocom B Futura 22 MOCOM Extreme Plus
X-ray	Planmecca Pro
CBCT	Instrumentarium OP300
Compressor	Dürr Quatro Tandem
Suction	Cattani Turbosmart B

