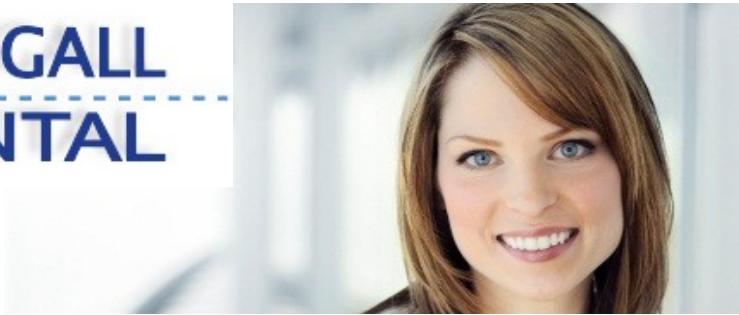




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# *Are you entitled to free dental treatment through Medicare?*

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Patients who are under a care plan from their GP for certain medical conditions are entitled to over \$ 4 000 of dental treatment through Medicare. These medical conditions include those that have been or are likely to be present for at least six months including, but not limited to, asthma, cancer, cardiovascular illness, diabetes mellitus, arthritis, mental illness, musculoskeletal conditions and stroke. To qualify, a patient must meet certain eligibility criteria and be referred by their GP to a dental practitioner.

Greg Dougall Dental is pleased to announce that we Bulk Bill the majority patients covered by this plan and we are happy to extend this offer to patients of the Kedron Park Medical Centre. This current offer applies until the end of December. If you have this care plan in place, or believe you may be eligible for a care plan, please speak to your GP and give us a call on 07 33579600.

### ***Christmas is coming- is there any dental treatment you've been putting off?***

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We've lost track of the number of patients who have had a tooth become really painful over the Christmas break. Sometimes this is unavoidable, however often the problem arises from a tooth that has been previously diagnosed with a weakness or decay, or that patients have themselves noticed as 'niggly'.



Many Dental Surgeries in the Brisbane area shut down for approximately two weeks between the end of December and the beginning of January. Unfortunately this often leaves people with dental trouble in a tough situation; paying a lot more for emergency dental treatment and being unaware of the quality of treatment received.

Fortunately, this is easy to avoid. If you have any niggly or sensitive teeth give our office a call as soon as possible. Our appointment book fills quickly over the holiday period; however at the moment we can still arrange to fix most problems before our Christmas break.



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### ***What is the importance of regular Active Maintenance appointments?***

Regular dental examinations are important to ensure that your oral health is kept at a high level and that any dental concerns are detected early. Early detection usually means a simple solution. This is the best way to keep your mouth healthy for life. Preventive dentistry is holistic and involves more than regular cleaning appointments. An oral cancer check and periodontal health check is included in every exam and clean appointment.



The team at Greg Dougall Dental specialize in quality preventive dentistry. It is now widely accepted that the best preventive care comes from a combination of professional cleaning from a qualified Oral Hygienist in conjunction with a Dentist. Greg Dougall Dental embraced this trend early, and has been providing this service to our patients for over five years. Having healthy teeth for life is achievable for everyone, by achieving a balance between good diet, good home oral hygiene and regular professional care.

### **Roadwork Update:**

The Kedron area is continually changing due to the Airport Link infrastructure. Some of the usual routes to access the Medical Centre have now changed. Listed below are the simplest directions to reach the centre for your convenience. If you are travelling:

<b>Northbound on Gympie Road</b>	<b>Take Homebush Road- the first street on the left AFTER the Medical Centre then turn left onto Clarence and left onto Brookfield Road.</b>
<b>Southbound on Gympie Road</b>	Turn right at either Strathmore Street or Cremorne Road. Turn left on to Turner Road. At the T intersection, turn left onto Broughton Road then take the second right onto Clarence Road. Take the second right onto Brookfield Road.
<b>Westbound from Leckie Road</b>	Continue North along Leckie Road and turn Left onto Castle Street. Continue straight through the Gympie Road intersection into Strathmore Street. Turn Left at the roundabout onto Turner Road. At the T intersection, turn left onto Broughton Road then take the second right onto Clarence Road. Take the second right onto Brookfield Road.
<b>Eastbound from Stafford Road</b>	Turn Left onto Clarence Road which is the last left before the Gympie/Stafford Road intersection. Turn right at the roundabout onto Brookfield Road.