



## New home in Toowoomba Dental

Having worked in Toowoomba for over 2 years within private practice, Dr David Baker and his wife Danyell saw themselves living long term in the town and that eventually it would be a prime location to run their own dental practice. In November 2014, that dream took the first step towards reality as they commenced planning to build a new practice.

With a young family and the vision of starting a family-oriented practice, David and Danyell knew that finding a free-standing building was high on the agenda. They secured a tenancy in Herries Street and shortly thereafter, the decision was made to name the practice Toowoomba Dental.

Having spoken with a number of dental fit-out companies, Toowoomba Dental engaged Michael Heaney of Rise Developments and Construction, Toowoomba for the build. Engaging Rise Developments allowed them to support a local business along with having greater involvement in the design and fit out of the practice. Budget savings on the construction side gave them greater flexibility for dental equipment, which can sometimes be overlooked.

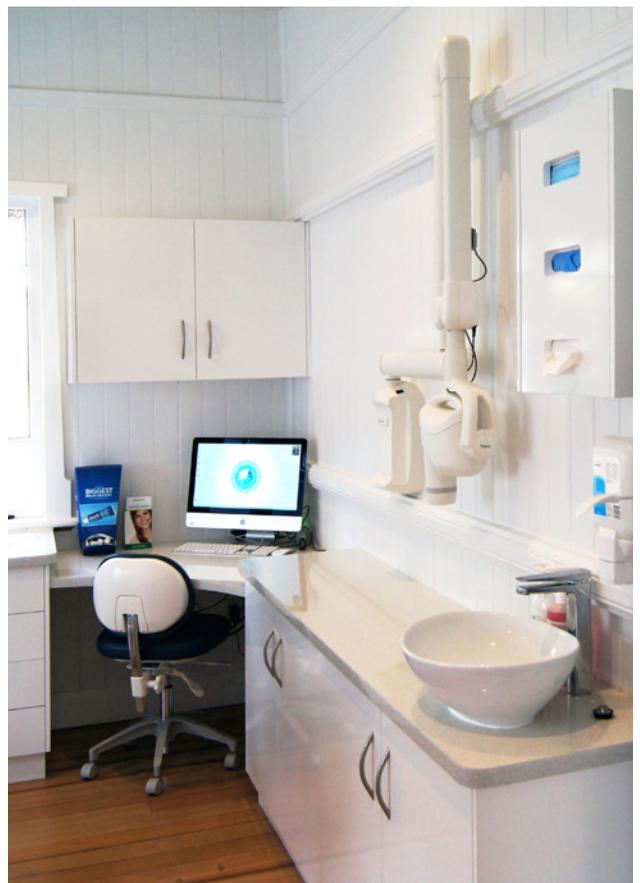
David had trained on A-dec chairs and had used A-dec since graduating, so this was his first choice for a dental unit. He had looked at other brands of equipment, however cost was a significant factor when choosing his equipment, as was reliability.

“I knew Adec was reliable and you’re getting a product with a reputation of high quality,” Dr Baker said. “The other issue of course was that I’m left handed. For my brother, being right handed, this wasn’t an issue as all chairs come right handed. With one other company, the chairs had a very limited left-handed range and they weren’t easily convertible from left to right. With A-dec we can switch them over in a very short time.”

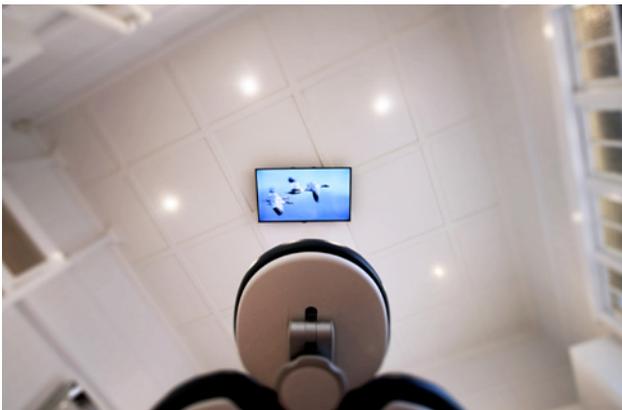
Cattani was chosen for the plant, NSK for handpieces and Progeny X-ray systems with integrated sensors completed the schedule- again, all chosen due to their reliability and the outstanding warranty on the products.

After choosing the equipment, a *Google* search led them to Dental Depot.





“I had a little bit of time, and Danyell and I were down in Brisbane so we started looking for places that had showrooms because we wanted to look at the equipment in its physical form,” Dr Baker said. “There were a couple of places that had showrooms and Dental Depot was one of them. After visiting Dental Depot, we saw some of the other companies, did a bit of research, went through all the options and found the service and the equipment Dental Depot could provide was the best way for us to go.”



## Summary

### The Practice

Practice	Toowoomba Dental
Principal	Dr David Baker
Type of Practice	General
Location	Toowoomba, Queensland
Size	140 square metres
No of chairs	2 + 1

### The Team

Construction	Rise Developments and Construction
Installer	Dental Depot

### Equipment

Units	2 x Adec 400 with 2 x W&H Electric Motors per chair and EMS LED Scalers
Sterilisation	NSK iCare
X-Ray	Progeny Preva X-rays with Progeny Clearvision Integrated Sensors
Compressor	Cattani K300
Suction	Cattani Turbo Smart A
Software	Exact

“We’re very happy with how things turned out. We had an idea of what services we wanted to provide and how we could provide it. As far as the design went, there were a few things that were designed to alleviate frustrations from experiences in previous workplaces. So far we have found that these small additions have improved workflow.”

Toowoomba Dental is now up and running as a general practice providing the Toowoomba community with all aspects of modern dentistry.

“We’re excited now to be working and paying off some bills! We’re getting everything running properly, sorting out any teething issues and just providing the high quality of service that we wanted to.

“So far, two surgeries are completely fitted out - one for me immediately, and the other for Michael, my brother, in another 6 months or so. There’s provisions for a 3rd chair, with all services in the sub floor.

“We’ve also made provisions for a cone beam CT system in the future so that we can provide complex extraction and implant services.

“Three chairs under this roof is probably a nice number. You have to look at waiting areas, staff access and parking. We might have squeezed four in with an extension on the back but if it gets that busy and demand is high, we would probably have to look at somewhere else.”