

Media statement

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Intra-oral camera donation helping patients decide on their care

The Oral Health team at Caloundra Health Service (CHS) were very grateful to receive a generous donation of an intraoral camera from the Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary. It is changing dental patients' ability to manage their care.

Kim Moon, CHS Senior Dental Assistant, said that in the past it was very difficult for patients to visualise issues with their teeth, gums, cheeks, palate and tongue.

"Your mouth is very personal, and it is also very hard to see inside yourself.

"The intraoral camera is a small handheld device that combines an extremely bright light source with a tiny, high definition camera. It provides clear, high definition images from multiple angles.

"We now have the ability to quickly and safely show our patients the condition of their teeth and gum. A picture is worth a thousand words," Ms Moon said.

Another benefit is that digital images can be used to monitor a lesion in the mouth over time or can be sent to a specialist for a second opinion, this is particularly important for pre-cancerous lesions.

Mrs Claudine Hagan, Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary President, said she was glad that the hard work of the Auxiliary volunteers, including the running of its own successful Bardo's Bazaar opportunity shop and Mary Rose Kay Cafe, makes a tangible difference to the health care of the local community.

"This is a perfect example of how we all help each other. The public generously donates and purchases items from Bardo's and our cafe, then every penny raised is donated back to the hospital."

"Our community deserves the most up-to-date technology. We are delighted to be able to provide it for them," Mrs Hagan said.

Since the Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary was established over 30 years ago it has donated raised almost \$2 million for the Caloundra Health Service.

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Photo and interview opportunities are available with Senior Dentist Sean Currie and an Auxiliary volunteer.

When: Thursday, October 31 at 10:00am

Where: Caloundra Health Service, West Terrace Caloundra, meet at front reception

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