

Reason to Smile Again

Dental Implants have been in use for over 35 years, but remain a well-kept secret. Annie* (42yrs) is so enthusiastic about her implants that she wants to share her experiences with the public. We sat in a Henderson café and asked Annie how dental implants had changed her life.

She grins.

“...my life has changed so much. Before I had my implants, I wouldn't smile in public, couldn't eat properly...stuck my hand over my mouth when I laughed (she laughs) I was missing some back teeth and one on the top left side near the front.” Annie went to see Dr Alex McIntosh of Implants West Auckland on a personal recommendation from her friend.

“It was the best thing I ever did. To think I could have had this fixed so easily years ago...it's just incredible what Dr McIntosh was able to do.”

Annie has three implants, two supporting a bridge at the back of her mouth and one on the upper left side. “They look and feel like natural teeth” she exclaims, “You just can't tell the difference...I'm not afraid to smile now. Having dental implants has given me my old confidence back. When I found out about dental implants, I knew I would have them no matter how much they were”

We asked Annie about her implant procedure. “It just wasn't an issue for me” she says. “The procedure took on one and a half hours and went really smoothly. The nurse made sure I was comfortable, and I didn't feel anything because I was numb the whole time”.

“I had a new tooth placed on my implant a couple of weeks after the procedure. Now that's pretty good because some people have to wear partial plates for months before they can have the tooth put on the implant”.

Dr McIntosh explains “Annie is referring to a new advance in implant treatment called ‘same day teeth’. With ‘same day teeth’, patients who have teeth extracted or knocked out can have an implant placed straight away and a new tooth bonded within two weeks. These cases are great because we were able to restore Annie's smile straight away, and she was ecstatic with the result”.

“We also place implants for people with dentures as a way to fix them in place and prevent them from slipping around” says Dr McIntosh.

“I recommend Alex McIntosh to anyone with missing teeth” says Annie.

**Implants West Auckland is located at McIntosh Dental Centre on Lincoln Road in Henderson.
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