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Best Practice Software acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognise their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters, and seas and their rich contribution to society. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present, and emerging.

Best Practice Software respects Māori as the tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Right: Ginmine design from corner, radiating outwards.

Designed for the Bp Bundaberg Operations Hub Mural Project, 2021

Artist: Nicole Wone

Addresses themes of: Evolution – Adaptation of Universe and traditional Indigenous beliefs across the globe.

Beginning of time, darkness. Movement in the cosmos. Rainbow Serpent – Creation being. Ancestral lineage without our DNA



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Mastering Your Practice's Digital Presence: What Patients Really Want and What Works

Mick Carney

Mick is a Digital Marketing expert, from HeartBeat Digital Marketing, who specialises in the Australian healthcare industry. With extensive experience in all aspects of digital marketing, Mick's insights will provide valuable perspectives to help navigate the complexities of digital marketing in today's dynamic landscape.



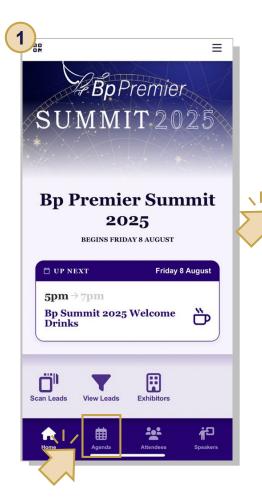


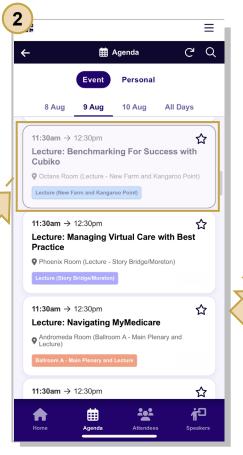
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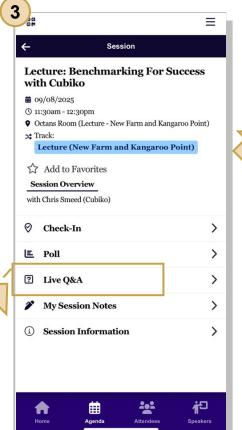


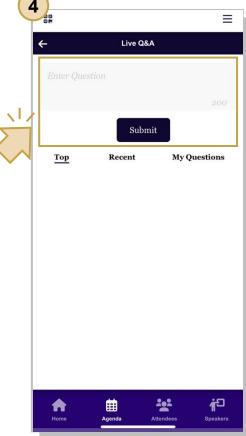
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Who We Are

HeartBeat Digital: A team of digital marketers who understand healthcare in Australia and its climate.

We work with dozens of clinics and GPs across Australia, and know what patients respond to, and importantly, what they *don't* respond to.



Visit Our Website



Lachlan McPherson OWNER & FOUNDER



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Mick Carney DIGITAL MARKETING LEAD



Why This Matters

83% of Australians Google a clinic before calling. And many never make it to the phone.

We surveyed a pool of over 10,000 Australians to understand what makes them click, trust, and book.

We've used those insights, plus real clinic data, to shape this session



What You'll Get in This Session:

What patients are actually looking for online

Why some clinics convert... and others don't

The biggest turn-offs that cost you bookings

Simple changes to boost trust and visibility

Real-world results from clinics just like yours



What Patients Actually Want Online



- Clear, current, and modern website
- Google visibility
- Real images and doctor bios
- *Social media that feels alive
- Detailed services
- Easy bookings

Social media can be a touchy subject for healthcare professionals. Responding to reviews and your personal social media is something to be wary of.



So, What Is Your Digital Presence?





Which Would You Trust With Your Health?





Stock photography / no profile photos...

The Team at



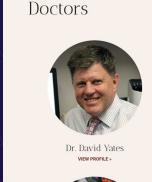




Registered Nurse
View Profile +



- Practice
Nurse
View Profile +













Dr. Anita Dey



Dr. Renee Robarts



Dr. Melissa Weston



Dr. CK



Dr. Caitriona Duffy



Dr. Nicole Schmocker

Clear photos, click for their credentials



What Stopping People from Booking?



- Confusing website or booking
- Outdated info
- No team photos or bios
- Inconsistent branding
- Bad mobile layout
- You feel untrustworthy (even if you're not)





Let's Talk About Google Again



Google Search (SEO): Appear when patients search, eg "GP near me". No spend required, but results take time.



Google Business Profile: Free, visible in search and maps. Shows services, hours, location, reviews and booking link.



Google Maps: Patients often choose clinics that are easy to locate. Helps build trust.



Google Ads (Search & Display): Pay to appear at the top of search results instantly. Ideal for promoting new doctors or key services.



Google Analytics (GA4): See how people use websites; where they come from, pages they visit, and if they book.



Google Tag Manager: Tracks user behaviour, eg. clicks on booking buttons, visits to service pages.



Google Reviews: One of the first things patients see. *Be careful in healthcare



What New Patients Click (In Typical Order)

Most patients follow a predictable path *before* booking. Here's what they look at:



1. Google Profile

They start with search, checking reviews, hours, and star ratings.

2. Your Website Homepage

They check your website to get a feel for your clinic, often within seconds.

3. "Meet the Team" Page

They want to see real faces and credentials. This builds trust.

4. Services Page

They look for service/information they need: skin checks, women's health, fees, etc.

5. Booking Button

If everything checks out, they hit the booking button (often on mobile).



How Much Does It All Cost?



SEO (Search Engine Optimisation): "Organically" appear in searches.

> Growth Maintenance

\$800 - \$2,500





Content Marketing: Establishing "authority", positioning a brand. \$500 - \$2,000

Maintenance

> Growth



Online Ads: Paying to appear for instant results. (inc. social media)

\$500 - infinite

Email Marketing: Don't let your customer base stagnate.

\$500 - \$1,000



Social Media: Engaging audiences through your story.

\$500 - infinite



Websites: A digital storefront, the hub of an online presence. (one off)

\$4,000-\$12,000+



Common Mistakes That Can Cost Money, Time, and Reputation



- Clean mobile website
- Clear "Why us?"
- Bookings front and centre
- Up-to-date clinic and staff information
- Real team and clinic photos
- Design that matches your real-life tone
- Consistent social media presence
- Regularly reviewed Google profile



- X Outdated hours and other information
- X No photos of your actual premises / team
- X Generic or "busy" content
- X Hard-to-find or clunky booking process
- X Inconsistent branding across platforms
- X Website not loading well on mobile
- ➤ Ignoring common patient questions online (FAQs, phone queries, etc.)



Tools to Track What's Working

If you don't know how your online performance is tracking you won't know what changes need to be made, and you won't have a baseline to measure activity against. Google Analytics is FREE!



You can't improve what you don't measure".

Peter Drucker, management consultant, educator, and author.

What You Can Do Now

- 1. Update Google profile
- 2. Test your website on multiple phones
- 3. Ask a staff member to share a clinic story
- 4. Set a quarterly marketing budget
- 5. Book a session with a digital pro (HeartBeat Digital)

Book a Time to Chat





Digital Isn't Just a Bonus Anymore

It's an expectation.

Today, practices are expected to show up online with the same clarity, professionalism and care they offer in person. A strong digital presence is part of how patients choose and trust providers.

Why Digital Matters Today

- Trust Building: Patients see who you are before walking in
- Brand Awareness: Make your clinic visible, as well as discoverable
- Revenue Support: Attract, convert, and retain patients more easily
- Scalability: Grow your reach without growing your workload
- Tracking & Analytics: See what's working, adjust what isn't
- Data-Backed Decisions: Smarter choices with real insights
- Consistency: Align your online presence with your real-world experience



Wrapping Up

- Patients judge clinic before calling
- Online presence and websites must work together
- Trust builds through real people and clear info
- Digital presence drives bookings and longterm growth
- Starting small is ok, but start with a strategy

Book a consultation with HeartBeat Digital to get started.

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Any Questions?



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