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THE dentist services company 1300 Smiles has recorded a rise in profits from \$3.8 million to \$4.3 million – although the result was boosted by a \$535,000 pre-tax gain on a purchase made in the year.

Employee and finance costs also dropped at the Townsville-based business, but revenue rose from \$22.4 million to \$23.3 million.

The company has 20 facilities from Cairns to Toowoomba and yesterday spoke of opening new facilities and getting more practitioners on the books. 1300 Smiles paid a final fully franked dividend of 7.2¢ a share. Its shares fell 5¢ to \$3.15.