



Medea Park
Residential Care

Medea History

Historically, in the 1940's the current site of Medea Park Residential Care was the site of the Bush Nursing Centre. As time went on the building was enlarged, renamed as the Medical Centre which was managed directly from the Health Department in Hobart. As the community demand grew, the Medical Centre was relocated to the new site on the corner of Circassian and Cecilia Streets.

1960's saw the need to meet the demands of the St Helens community to provide accommodation for the aged. At the time there was a Federal Government offer of a 2 for 1 subsidy to build self-contained units. An association was formed at a public meeting, the association was named after Medea Cove. Officer bearers were Kelvin Viney, Rev. Ronald Fox, Geoff Cairns and Jack Press. The first task was to write a constitution and adopt the model of rules to apply for Incorporation, which was granted under the Companies Act in 1967. 3 units were built on land donated by Queechy Johnson to Medea Park, with the building of the current remaining 12 units.

The elderly who required long term permanent accommodation were unable to stay in St Helens. It was suggested the Medea Park building be handed over to the Medea Park Association. Running a Nursing Home was very different than self contained units. A committee was formed to be called the Medea Park Amenities Committee to raise funds, a very successful outcome.

Medea Park Nursing Home was established and opened in 1977 with 10 beds. Mrs Hinsby's cottage was purchased next door, currently providing overnight accommodation for staff who are required to travel long distances.

Nursing Home extension of a further 10 beds officially opened in 1983 (now 20 beds). 1988 plans for a proposed Hostel were passed, which was officially opened September 1989.

Upgrades to the Nursing Home commenced in 1990 and was completed April 1991 with an Open Day for the community 16th June 1991.

Today Medea Park has 55 beds, predominately single en-suited rooms. With plans to move forward with a new wing that will replace the current shared rooms. With a proposed completion in 2023, providing the community of St Helens and surrounding district with 53 permanent and 2 respites single en-suited room.