



## St Clair – Timeline

This suburb's name is a controversial one, as it has no historical links with the area. Originally it was the name given to a residential housing development established in 1970 by the Latex Finance Company, a subsidiary of the Cambridge Finance Company which went bankrupt in 1976. The whole area was formerly called South Creek and consisted of several large land grants. It was later, unofficially, known as South St. Marys, with the southern section being Erskine Park. The Land Commission of New South Wales acquired the land after the bankruptcy and extended the area to create a large suburb. The Geographical Names Board eventually made the decision in late 1981 to divide the area into two separate suburbs named St Clair and Erskine Park, rather than call the whole area Erskine Park as many people wanted.

1804	12 August	Land grant to W. M. Kent – Lansdowne Place
1804	15 August	Land grant to Samuel Marsden which he named Mamre
1818	8 May	Land grant to James Erskine of 3000 acres which he named Erskine Park
1823	30 June	Land grant to John McHenry of 1600 acres south of the Great Western Highway
1881		Part of John MacHenry's land is subdivided as the Mountain View Estate
1970		Latex Finance Company (part of Cambridge Finance Company) name their new residential subdivision St Clair
1975		The name submitted to the Geographical Names Board
1976		Cambridge Finance Company declared bankrupt
1977		Landcom (Land Commission of NSW) acquires the land owned by the Latex Finance Company. 2000 homes initially developed
1981		Clairgate Public School opened
1981	17 March	Stage One of St Clair Shopping Centre begun
1981	3 July	St Clair Shopping Centre opened
1982	13 January	Erskine Park suburb declared by the Geographical Names Board
1982	26 January	Blue Cattle Dog Hotel opened
1982	5 April	St Clair Public School officially opened
1983	25 March	St Clair Community Centre opened