

Guy Barnett, Minister for Health

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## Permanent general practice to be established in St Marys

The Rockliff Liberal Government is pleased to announce Ochre Health will establish a permanent general practice in St Marys, securing the continuity of health services for the community.

Minister for Health, Guy Barnett, said Ochre Health will begin operating a private general practice in St Marys later this month.

"This is an excellent outcome for the St Marys community," Minister Barnett said.

"While primary healthcare is the responsibility of the Federal Government, the Rockliff Liberal Government has again stepped in to support Tasmanians, ensuring the St Marys community has access to the healthcare services it needs."

This announcement is in addition to an agreement already reached with Ochre Health for them to provide medical services to the state-run St Marys Community Health Centre, an arrangement that commenced earlier this month.

"Our Government has worked closely with Ochre Health and the community throughout this process," Minister Barnett said.

"Ochre Health's commitment to opening a private general practice in St Marys provides certainty for the community and ensures continuity in the health services provided for the area.

"I would like to thank Dr Cyril Latt for his service to the St Marys community as a general practitioner for the past 16 years."

Ochre Health Co-Founder and Chairman, Dr Ross Lamplugh, said Ochre Health was pleased to be able to set up a permanent general practice in St Marys, providing continuity of care for the community.

"Ochre Health is looking forward to establishing a practice in St Marys to provide this vital service to the local community," he said.

"We recognise the importance of access to primary care services, particularly in rural and regional areas, and we are pleased that we can play such an important role in supporting the health and wellbeing of the people of St Marys and surrounding areas.

"We will work with Dr Latt to ensure a smooth transition of services to the community.

"I would also like to thank Minister Barnett for his support throughout this process."

The Rockliff Liberal Government is doing what matters for Tasmanians.