



The likelihood of one sprouting an artesian well is remote. In fact, the chances are one in a 100, says Tim Giffin.

But, last Tuesday, in Castleford, Tim and his father Hill came upon such an occurrence while drilling a well near the junction of County Road 3 and County Road 20.

Jim and Pat Enright were also helping out but it was Tim who first noticed that the rare phenomenon was arising out of the ground.

The tables had turned for the Giffins. Instead of looking down for water, the water was coming up to them.

The well drillers had been drilling for about an hour June 18, going down about 95 feet when the artesian well sprouted loose.

An artesian well is one in which a shaft penetrates through a layer of ground into a water-bearing material from which the water rises under pressure. The well overflows.

"They're not that common," says Tim. When the Castleford phenomenon occurred water was flowing at seven gallons a minute. Tim says several beer companies, especially the Heidelberg firm, brag about using 'pure spring water' for their brew and adds that they are always looking for property that sprouts water from an artesian well.

The Giffins were using a rotary drill when they hit the rare well on property owned by the Barker estate. The property is being rented by Doug Brown.

The spouting water is an artesian well uncovered by Tim and Hill Giffin at Castleford June 18. The men were drilling for about 55 minutes and finally hit the rare well when they touched 95 feet below the ground. Tim is on the right while his father, Hill looks admiringly at the well. On the left is Jim Enright, who was helping the Giffins. 1974