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Spring is here. I'm so excited that I wet my plants. So said the sign at a Nursery. There's a touch of warmth in the breeze, gorgeous blossoms in the trees. The bugs and grubs are healthier and the weeds are coming along nicely. The nesting birds are singing more sweetly and it's time for some spring cleaning. Spring is full of pleasant surprises as well as getting our Shire rate notices and doing our income tax. Enjoy the change of season.

Smiths Beach Rescue Base

It's here at last. It's been a long time coming. At 10.30 am on Friday 29th June, former SBA Secretary Noel Halford, my wife Lyn and I had driven to a special event to be held on our beach. The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) had arranged this occasion for a very well-planned Opening Ceremony. In wintry weather, we walked down to the second level on the ramp from the car-park and we were inside the top level of this well-designed viewing area for on-duty lifesavers.



With lift-up windows, they would be able to have this panoramic view supervising an entire beach full of safer and happy beach lovers. The impressive and good-looking facility would also have provision for first-aid and some shelter for the volunteer lifesaver patrols from the WBSLSC. On this day, their Club officials and members had been busy setting up a marquee on the sand at the foot of the ramp for the ceremony and for refreshments later. The Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for Emergency Services, Hon James Merlino MP was present to celebrate and perform the Official Opening. The construction of our Rescue Base was made possible by a \$250,000 Grant from the Victorian Government as well as generous donations from the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club, other local groups and individuals.

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