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“Spring is here. I’m so excited that I wet my Plants” (So said the sign at the legally opened nursery.). Our Springtime is about new and also uncertain beginnings. Wattles and blossoms have almost come and gone. I wish COVID-19 would go too. Now all our bugs and grubs are healthier and the weeds are growing nicely. Put away your beanie and scarf. It’s time to start living like your glass is half-full. Get ready to say hello to the warmer weather.

Noel Halford Says “Why I Love Smiths Beach”

It is now over twenty-five years since Marjorie and I made an impulsive purchase of our house in Waikiki .Crescent. It was on a hot January day in 1994 and we were enjoying a holiday at a relative’s house down the road. We decided to walk to the Smiths Beach Store and passed a ‘For Sale’ sign which immediately attracted our attention.

Strangely, it was for a vacant block of land but on contacting the estate agent, he asked if we would be interested in a house.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained, and we agreed to inspect it and immediately fell in love with it. Smiths Beach to us has now been very special for a long time.

Beach holidays are never forgotten and the generations in our family have enjoyed with us the unique, relaxed nature of an unspoilt environment.



It’s where we have learnt to surf, enjoyed boating, walking, riding and most of all the company of those with whom we have met along the way.

The underlying factor that makes Smith Beach so special is its environment. Clearly, the early residents of this so-called “working man’s” holiday retreat have been able to instill this special feeling in all those that followed them.

There is no finer example of a community spirit than our Smiths Beachcomber Association which has provided the link between the residents and the

various authorities which administer our area and preserve that environment. I will always be thankful for the contribution from all those involved in that association over many years who have laid such a special foundation which make Smiths Beach what it is today.

Our walks along the cliff tops, the magnificent seascape panoramas from over Express Point and on to Cape Woolamai, the rugged beauty of YCW Beach looking out to Pyramid Rock We will have views that will all remain with us forever.

n.b. Noel Halford is a Life Member of the Smiths Beachcomber Association and has previously served for sixteen years as our Secretary.

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