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Victorian SES celebrates official opening of new Whittlesea SES unit

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Bob Cameron officially opened the new SES headquarters at Whittlesea on Saturday.

The Whittlesea project is State Government funded, with the Unit costing in excess of \$650,000.

This SES Unit is located within an 'Emergency Services Precinct' with the CFA next-door and with the possibility of Ambulance Victoria becoming part of the precinct in the future.

Whittlesea has not previously had an SES Unit, with SES services in the past provided over many years by neighboring Units including Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Eltham and Kinglake.

Bundoora Rotary Club, who has been fundraising for the new unit since 2001, and has raised over \$18,000, will be attending the opening to see all their hard work come to fruition.

In the next few weeks, the Whittlesea Unit will also be the proud owners of a brand new storm trailer, which was sponsored by local electricity distributor, SP AusNet.

SP AusNet's Central Region Manager Craig Velt said SP AusNet often worked in tough conditions side-by-side with the SES in north and eastern Victoria to respond to storms in order to get customers' electricity back on safely and as efficiently as possible.

"The SES does a great job helping people get their homes and sometimes lives back on track after severe storms and other events, so SP AusNet is hopeful this storm trailer will assist them in continuing their important community role."

The official opening of the unit took place on Saturday 27 March at the new Whittlesea headquarters in Mernda.