

Port Elliot (Ka:ntjinwald)

Port Elliot community vision for A2040

Port Elliot is a unique and walkable seaside village and holiday destination. We are passionate about sustainability and protective of our natural environment, beaches and heritage and welcome people through our community markets, events, art and activities.



Port Elliot is an idyllic seaside township nestled near the sheltered waters of Horseshoe Bay. Known for its scenic coastal walking trails, picturesque swimming and seasonal whale watching, Port Elliot has become a sought-after holiday destination and a desirable place to live. The township features charming heritage buildings, pubs, cafés, boutiques, bakeries, and galleries that reflect its unique character.

On the outskirts, the Hill Street precinct has evolved from an industrial area into a vibrant hub for dining, social gatherings, retail, and fitness. The township also supports a growing soccer club alongside established tennis, table tennis, and bowling groups.

Port Elliot provides a range of volunteer opportunities and community involvement, including roles with The Port Elliot Town &

Foreshore Improvement Association, the Country Fire Service (CFS), the community garden, historic societies, Waldorf education, crafting, surf lifesaving, and all-weather swimming groups.

With a beachfront caravan park, a hostel overlooking Horseshoe Bay, and diverse accommodation options, Port Elliot is a popular destination for holidaymakers and day-trippers throughout the year.

Quick statistics

 People	Total population 2,251 people > <15 Years 273 people (12.1%) > >65 Years 1,002 people (44.5%).
 Dwellings	> Private dwellings 1,550 > Occupied private dwellings 954 (61.5%) > Unoccupied private dwellings 527 (38.5%).
 Employment	> Volunteers 527 people > Total working population 743 > Top industries of employment (residential population): • Health Care and Social Assistance 150 (20.2%) • Construction 94 (12.7%) • Retail Trade 86 (11.6%) • Education and Training 82 (11.0%) • Manufacturing 61 (8.2%).
 Language spoken at home	> Speak only English at home 2,106 people (93.6%), French 8 people (0.4%), German 7 people (0.3%), Danish 6 people (0.3%), Spanish 5 people (0.2%), Italian 5 people (0.2%).

Community ideas for our township

Through the Village Conversations, community members from Port Elliott identified ideas that they would like for their town. The ideas that received the most support from other community members are listed below. Council will further these ideas within its role and financial capacity through ongoing services, asset renewal planning, grant applications and advocating to other levels of government.

A2040 Action Area	Idea	Council's Role
	Rate subsidy for household renewable energy (e.g. solar panels and batteries)	Ex
	Maintain green space between towns, limit building heights and encourage sustainable housing design	Ex A
	Awareness of natural and built heritage (including heritage guidelines)	Ex P
	Public transport including passenger rail between Victor Harbor and Adelaide	Ex A
	Walking and cycling paths (e.g. in town, Crows Nest Lookout, Port Elliott Road)	Ex
	Expand dog bin bag network to include more locations on The Strand and beaches	Ex
	Port Elliot Institute upgrade to make it a flexible event space	Ex
	Improve understanding of Ngarrindjeri cultural heritage	Ex P
	Community-led and business opportunities: > encouraging Steam Ranger for local trips > an arts hub or workshops > pickle ball games > more dinner options > street parties and live music > tai chi.	Em A



Council's planned new and upgrade capital works

- Channon Street stormwater upgrade
- Freeman Knob Lookout – Wall Renewal
- Montpellier stormwater upgrade
- Port Elliot Master Plan outcomes.

Council initiatives 2020-2024

- Accessibility improvements at Horseshoe Bay Reserve in Port Elliot, with new pathways to the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club and viewing platforms
- Battunga Avenue kerbing
- Cow sculpture at Ratalang Conservation Park
- Draft Port Elliot Master Plan
- Encounter Bikeway decking renewal – Tokuremoar Reserve
- Freeman's Knob Reserve shelters renewal
- Freeman Lookout in Port Elliot including drainage upgrades and the restoration of the 1936 Centenary Staircase
- Handby Street stormwater upgrade
- Horseshoe Bay Jetty remediation
- Horseshoe Bay Jetty and new path works

- Irrigation renewal works on Commodore Reserve
- Pathway expansion/upgrade – Charteris Street (North Terrace to Arthur Street)
- Pathway expansion/upgrade – Mason Street (North Terrace to Arthur Street)
- Port Elliot Road, Chiton – Pathway
- Port Elliot Oval irrigation
- Renewal of Port Elliot Institute / Library and the Port Elliot RSL including new air-conditioning
- Renewal and upgrade of public toilets at Horseshoe Bay
- Reserve playground shade sail
- Strangways Reserve irrigation
- Supported public art project mural on the Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum commemorating the agricultural history of the region
- The Cutting (Dolphin Apartments) retaining wall
- The Cutting pathway
- The Ratalang Basham Beach Dune Stabilisation Project completed while working closely with the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority on this important dune protection work
- Tour Down Under Stage 4 Men's finish 2024
- Upgrade of Port Elliot Flying Fish Reserve and Playground.



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