

Middleton

Middleton community vision for A2040

Middleton is a relaxed, family-friendly coastal town known for its surf, whales, and wild beaches. We cherish our peaceful lifestyle and green environment, striving to preserve it as a surf mecca and environmental haven for future generations.



Middleton Town and Foreshore Association members collected boards and bikes to dress up Middleton for the Santos Tour Down Under Best Dressed Town competition

Centrally located between Goolwa and Port Elliot, Middleton provides kilometres of accessible, scenic coastline, excellent surfing beaches and whale watching in winter.

The Middleton Town and Foreshore Association is dedicated to engaging residents and fostering the town's community-minded culture. Middleton is an attractive destination for young families, surfers, and coffee enthusiasts. It is known for its charming atmosphere, local pub, and diverse accommodation options, including a caravan park, luxury stays, and beachside homes. Its proximity to the coast and welcoming environment also makes it a sought-after tourist destination.

Quick statistics

 People	Total population 1,057 people > <15 Years 168 people (15.9%) > >65 Years 288 people (27.2%).
 Dwellings	> Private dwellings 1,140 > Occupied private dwellings 432 (37.9%) > Unoccupied private dwellings 708 (62.1%).
 Employment	> Volunteers 210 people > Total working population 466 > Top industries of employment (residential population): • Health Care and Social Assistance 66 (14.2%) • Education and Training 59 (12.7%) • Construction 58 (12.4%) • Accommodation and Food Services 49 (10.5%) • Retail Trade 47 (10.1%).
 Language spoken at home	> Speak only English at home 990 people (93.7%), Japanese 8 people (0.8%), Cantonese 7 people (0.7%), Greek 6 people (0.6%), Filipino 6 people (0.6%), German 5 people (0.5%).

Community ideas for our township

Through the Village Conversations, community members from Middleton identified ideas that they would like for their towns. 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
	Sustainably manage Council finances to reduce future rate rises	Ex D
	Protect green spaces separating towns	A
	Esplanade cycleway connections	Ex
	Recycling bins in public places and free hard waste collections	Ex
	Streetscape greening and township canopy cover	Ex
	Improve stormwater management	Ex
	Improve public toilets	D
	Awareness of Ngarrindjeri cultural places	P
	Support local Fleurieu businesses	Em
	Middleton skate park and playground upgrades (multi-generational)	P
	Community-led and business opportunities: > plastic free town > street parties and events > child friendly café > open gardens > community garden > resident hop-on-off annual cockle train tickets .	Em P A



Council planned new and upgrade capital works

- Chapman Road stormwater upgrade
- Middleton Master Plan outcomes
- Stormwater management improvements.

Council initiatives 2020-2024

- Approximately 300 trees planted
- Breaker Court stormwater upgrade
- Dover Road Stormwater and parking improvements
- Dover Road kerbing
- Completed tennis courts resurfacing and refencing
- Commenced draft Middleton Master Plan
- Encounter Bikeway Community Engagement
- Footbridge repairs from storm event

- Kessell and Boetcher Roads stormwater upgrade
- New irrigation system at Abbotts Reserve
- Middleton pedestrian crossings
- Protuberance removal Ocean Road and Goolwa Road
- Provision of free waste dumping vouchers for storm event affected Middleton residents/business
- Skatepark concept design
- Stormwater event hydrologist report
- Supported public art of the recreation of a mural from the 1960s by artist Helen Fuller commemorating the importance of surf culture
- Supported public artwork of the Southern Right Whale mother and calf sculpture by sculptor Silvio Apponyi commemorating how special these marine animals are to the township of Middleton.



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