

MIDDLETON BEACH ELLEN COVE JETTY LINK

15th April 2022 - 10th May 2022

Please let us know what you think of the Middleton Beach Foreshore upgrades completed to date.

COMMENT

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| 01 | LOVE, LOVE, LOVE them! I'm an all year round swimmer and the new beach showers are fantastic, especially with Covid making indoor ones less appealing. The decking, new shelters and improved access and bike rails are all really well placed and thought out. The stone walls are of course the star of the show. |
| 02 | Expectional Upgrades in general |
| 03 | Great work ! But , build a few wind-breaks. People are staying away because of the wind! |
| 04 | I think they're fantastic - gives the whole area a lift, they look great and love the stone walls, rocks and wood. The new shelters look great too.
Awesome Job |
| 05 | The upgrades have been done really well and have exceeded my expectations. The upgrades have been done really well and have exceeded my expectations.
But, I am concerned that there is an ongoing deterioration of the natural beauty and environment of Middleton beach with an agenda to give the area a 'metropolitan' and 'very developed' feel to what is a stunning beach - beaches are natural environments and Middleton has an amazing natural beauty which it is in danger of losing - it is a fine line between providing amenities and access and ruining the natural environment. |
| 06 | Nice to see the area upgraded. I'm not a fan of the space age butterfly shelters, these are not to a human scale and tend to eject rather than entice. Likewise the attempted wind breaks ... don't break the wind. Our old but not beautiful rotundas offered more wind protection. Seems we are in denial about our albany environment... this isn't balmy Perth. I guess all this looked good on paper....I'd love to be able to share a meal on the lawns or furniture with friends and out of the wind. Even the scruffy rustic twig and palm frond shelters on the North Freo foreshore offer more actual shelter from the elements. The playground works well, tho once again for overseeing parents there is little respite from the constant wind. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, tho it's probably a bit late to be effective. I'm guessing there was a substantial community feed-back phase in planning the nature of the shelters and spaces though. |

07 I think what has been completed to date has been very well done. It seemed to go on forever, as someone who works in tourism it was disappointing to see our main beach look like a construction site over consecutive peak holiday periods, and see families confused over the playground being fenced off, but the end result is great.

08 YEAH LOOKS OK , BUT STILL SEEMS LIKE A HUGE AND EXORBITANT COST FOR WHAT I SEE DONE . THE BEACH IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE FOCUS POINT , NOT AN EXPENSIVE SEAT OR POLISHED CONCRETE PATH . HOW ABOUT WE USE OUR FULL BRAIN , AND FOCUS ON CLEANING UP SEAWEED OFF MIDDLETON BEACH . SO I AND TOURISTS ALIKE CAN SEE LOVELY WHITE SAND , AND NOT STINKING SEAWEED , THAT STOPS ACCESS INTO THE WATER !! A NO BRAINER I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT !! START A REGULAR BEACH CLEANING PROGRAM . BUY A MACHINE OR WHATEVER . OUR RATES PAY FOR MOST THINGS ANYWAY . SO SPEND THEM ON SOMETHING PRACTICABLE ND USEFUL . AND ALSO A CLEANER OR MACHINE TO CLEAN THE PATHS OF FALLEN NORFOLK PINE BRANCHES . MESS EVERYWHERE ON THE NEW PATHS ! START A PROGRAM NOW .

09 It looks fantastic! So many people using it, kids, couples, walkers, cyclists, picnickers. Love it!! Well done to the stonemasons for building those fabulous walls. I do wonder if the new covers over the seated areas will be big enough to keep us dry though - time will tell.

10 Great Job , Looks Fantastic especially stonework, artwork & amenities

11 Outstandingly beautiful and a fantastic tourist attraction for Albany.

12 They look great 👍

13 I love the new upgrades. Very kid and family friendly

14 Overall aesthetics are pleasant. Stone walls are beautifully constructed x marvellous to see local stone used, suitable to that space. Walkways are effective and well positioned. The tables and barbecue areas are really great but the roofs are impractical. They look good but that's where it stops. They may be effective for shade - not something we need too frequently - but they're useless against inclement weather. The artwork on the road retaining walls is really welcome, as are the murals on the toilet block. It would be nice to see more of this.

15	Terrific, enjoying the facilities everyday
16	Absolutely lovely.
17	I think they look wonderful-in keeping with the area with use of granite and native planting. Great access for all and I've noticed more families using this lovely space
18	I am really impressed with the meticulous planning and attention to detail by Anthony McEwan and Nick Walker. This is a first class project and enhances the foreshore. Congratulations
19	Fantastic, A lovely open accessible family recreation area. Beautiful rock work and landscaping
20	Very happy with the foreshore upgrade. 10/10!!!
21	Aesthetically pleasing, with interesting details. Stunning stone work. Loss of Parking is a real issue for regular users / local residents of Albany. The impending hotel build will put even more pressure on that, which is a real concern.
22	I think it is ok. One of the reasons visitors come to this area is because of the natural beauty. the upgrades make it look more like every other beach in Australia. It could have been worse.
23	I am pleased with the overall presentation of the developement , but am a little concerned how the upgrade will stand up to the winter conditions at Middleton Beach .
24	Upgrade is very good. An upgrade and expansion to the swimmers change rooms would be appreciated.
25	Well designed but an overuse of jarrah timber
26	The protective beach wall (under the sand) is greatly appreciated as a protection needed for future storm events .The rock work, pathways, seating, shelters, bbqs and lawn areas are lovely and much enjoyed by visitors and locals - well done. However, it is a very 'artificial environment' - that has taken away the natural beach that so many had loved at Middleton Beach. This is why it is even more important not to further develop the last remaining natural coastal aspect with the jetty link.
27	OK - but Lawn area in front of Surfclub is not being maintained

28	Overall the current upgrade looks great and attract a lot of people to the area for picnics etc. The shelters however are too high and don't shelter from the wind or rain. Very disappointing. Form over function. They do look good and the extra seating is great especially for large groups
29	Ok. A lot of money spent and major inconvenience for very little. The shelters look pretty but are useless, still get wind and rain on the tables The childrens playground is boring. Get a new designer.
30	Looks great
31	This is an asset to the Middleton Beach and has been done very well. I enjoy using the new facilities.
32	Fantastic
33	It's fantastic all round! The design, workmanship artworks, ease of access have contributed to this area of Albany that we can all be proud of.
34	Excellent! Love the foreshore upgrades completed to date. I spend everyday at Middleton Beach. Swim, run, cycle and walk. Also an active volunteer of the Park Run every Saturday morning. The development has been great for the locals and great for tourists.
35	Generally good except for shelters that don't provide sun rain or wind protection and please no more heritage stonework covered with paint.
36	Very Good
37	The upgrades at Middleton Beach are very sophisticated.
38	Overall a bit disappointed- Too much stonework (although the stonework itself is stunning)_ Preventing the vista from the carpark to the beach and limiting the amounts of grassed picnic area. I have concern for the jarrah platforms/ seats and the upkeep of the wood also the possibility of splinters and damage. The height of the jarrah areas preventing most people from access and comfort. LACK OF PARKING, LACK OF PARKING
39	Excellent Modern upgrade of Albanys iconic Beach
40	Design did not take into consideration the local weather patterns....the design will require constant maintenance for removal of sand blown in by the easterly winds. The removal of the existing car parks has created a lack of parking that will continue and get worse when the hotel is built.
41	The Beach foreshore upgrades are good, easy access for all. There is not enough parking ,going into the future.

42 The upgrades are looking good, although I am not sure that the shade sails which are decorative and fairly robust, will really provide much shade. I had morning tea with friends at the tables nearest to the Ellen Cove green benches area on a sunny morning recently and we were struggling to find shade (none at one table).

43 An enhanced, welcoming and usable space that is aesthetically pleasing.

44 It is pleasing to see how well the newly completed precinct is used by locals & visitors alike. The areas for picnicking, walking, cycling, swimming seem to work and flow well, and look great, with plenty of places to sit and relax. Well done all!
There are still some issues, I understand, with showers working properly but I'm sure these will be addressed.
The provision of new, clean ablution facilities is anxiously awaited by the many locals and visitors who swim and shower daily at Middleton Beach, so I sincerely hope priority is placed on completing that project in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Surf Club. It will be a much needed complement to the well used Middleton Beach

45 Interesting - I like the shelters except for the one to the right of the staggerd old picnic tables area!! It is out of proportion given the relative size of the picnic structures and compared with the over large swooping shelter rook which claims the eyes attention. Plantings while predictable, seem suited to the environment. The long walk way from teh grass to the beach is inconveniently long for those whod love to be able to leap down 30cm? edging wall to the sand.

46 Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this project. Overall the new work at Middleton Beach looks great but I have concerns over the plans for the new Middleton Beach jetty link.

47 In general I am pleased that our foreshore is upgraded.,The playground is great, thank you. However the areas created for picnicking, tables etc, do not provide cover from the prevailing winds or rain. Speaking with one of your representatives at the beach recently, I was advised that tests were carried out to ensure that the so called "wind breaks" actually cut down the wind. As it was a windy day, I strolled over to the wind breaks and tested the theory. I experienced absolutely zero protection from the wind.

47 The overhanging outdoor shelters that have been erected are not effective either, nor do I appreciate the aesthetics of these chunky and rather brutal objects in the landscape. I am surprised that with all the resources that are available to consult (online, real life consultants etc) we still cant create a space that is human friendly and which operates on a human scale, which "invites" and which offers actual weather protection, especially considering that our Albany weather is fairly severe with often cold wind throughout most of the summer.

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Please let us know what you think of the proposed Ellen Cove Jetty Link Walkway project?

COMMENT

- 01 Do not support proposed due to the following: 1 putting a walkway into intertidal area retaining wall will be undermined and be an expensive maintenance item. Storms will cover with seagrass and algae. Putting wak trails onto beach is contrary to good coastal planning practice. 2. There are more important capital items need doing, including disabled access in the City. 3. The Jetty is not wheelchair friendly with timbers / wetness. * I feel the option of decreasing the present hill gradient should be explored - I feel 2 metres off the hill could be achieved without impacting on the peppermints + paperbarks.
- 02 Very supportive. I was the victim of attack by a pissed-off sting-ray when walking out of the water recently. A car full of blood and a morning in ED and now I enter and exit via the jetty when there is a lot of weed around as its an experience I never want to repeat! The current access is a bit circuitous and I see a number of people rock-hopping to make the route shorter. I think the link would benefit a wide range of people and give the jetty more use.
- 03 Retain the natural look - no need for jetty link and no need for bollards / fencing - the Darwin signs were obtrusive
- 04 It may suffer water damage Funds could possibly be directed to boardwalk, military sites.
- 05 I think it's great, as long as it matches the rest of the already completed project (which it seems to). I like the idea of a lower walk way to the jetty.
- 06 Looks good, keep the trees.
- 07 I think a jetty link walkway takes the development to the next step, the shoreline is lost and it becomes an overdeveloped area losing the few remnants of natural beauty which are remaining around the beach. There is already a walkway to the Jetty and the access appears adequate for most abilities, I qualify this comment by saying I am fully abled, my father however was in a wheelchair and we could take him to the Jetty - the surface near the Jetty entrance could be improved for ease of access. But, I understand not everyone can access the Jetty. They can however access all the grassland areas, pathways, and walkways and see the Jetty with the rocks and trees next to it - which is really pretty. I am concerned another path removes the natural amenity.

08	<p>This rocky corner of the beach is the last remaining vestige of a wild and untamed environment on our town beach. The infrastructure on the foreshore currently serves to frame this treasure. To run a built and taming pathway right over and through this space, I believe, will degrade its loveliness and at the same time, reduce enjoyment for the many families with toddlers who enjoy the shade and rocky interest in this tiny local sanctuary. There have been some great suggestions from responders to the project suggesting we instead investigate levelling and improving current jetty access for mobility challenged citizens while at the same time revegetating the grassed and degraded ridge area with native plants. I'm told by City employees that if there is not general public support for this project, it will not proceed. I hope the city is listening well. Of the dozen I spoke with, none supported this proposed pathway position, all wished for a less brutal option to be put forward for consideration.</p>
09	<p>I don't understand why the existing path is not being modified to suit? Can it not be flattened so that we don't end up with a duplicate pathway next to it? My children have always enjoyed exploring the rocks in the cove that look like they will be inaccessible/covered by the new path. Every time I am at Ellen Cove I see other families at this space - I have also seen people turn up and be disappointed that another family is already in their preferred location. I think to lose this aspect of the cove will be disappointing. It is a safe place for kids to explore nature, in view of their parents and this is much better than finding your kids on the rocks over behind the jetty (where you cannot watch them from the grass/steps area). Whilst I agree that an accessible pathway is something to be considered, I am dubious to how much demand there actually is for access to the jetty. I am far from convinced that the high expense, and disruption to the natural cove environment is justified for the amount of people that the walkway will exclusively cater to (ie those that have no other way of reaching the jetty currently via the existing path). I would much prefer the path that has already been put in place be modified to suit and the sheltered rock area be left alone for families to enjoy.</p>
10	<p>Agree with others posting on the CoAs Facebook about preserving the existing ecology in the cove. I believe a better opportunity exists to regrade the existing track down to the jetty, however this would remove access to the boardwalk and jetty for a period while work was completed. A tricky issue, no doubt.</p>
11	<p>Am against this particular project as last remnant of native vegetation and natural rock formations. Used by families for shade and shelter. Also think project will be subject to erosion.</p>
12	<p>I have fully inspected the site and assessed the plans provided and agree it as an absolute necessity to have it constructed. We need to make the jetty more accessible to all people regardless of their physical capabilities.</p>
13	<p>Leave it the way it is . Natural and private place to sit out of the east winds. We already have an ugly drain put in a beautiful spot. When you mess with nature there is always a cost. Can't see you keeping all the trees even if you do, disturbing roots trees die.</p>
14	<p>I am against the proposed changes to Ellen Cove, and changing the foreshore any further including removing the tea tree and the rocks. I would like a different solution to be found to improve the wheel chair access to the Ellen Cove Jetty</p>
15	<p>Is it really necessary? How many people are going to benefit from this. A small group. Can spend the money better on more cycle paths, foot paths. Disabled don't have access every where eg Granite Sky walk, Bluff Knoll. I feel a lift would better suit this space and have a less environmental impact. Most disabled people have a card this could be used for lift access. Other alternative is to come off the board walk further up and a zig zag angle back towards 3 anchors and back to the jetty. Similar to the bridge from the Albany Entertainment Centre to Stirling Terrace.</p>

16	<p>I think this area should be left as it is and not interfered with further. It is quite beautiful with the limited vegetation and the rocks that are naturally there, providing a scenic touch to that corner of the cove. For the very few that might gain and want access, it seems unnecessary to do that amount of damage to the remnant natural surrounds. I have had difficulty with walking for years and cannot access everything that I used to. I accept that.</p>
17	<p>totally against making any changes to this corner, last remaining untouched area of Ellen Cove, please leave it alone. stand alone wheel chair lift could be installed off board walk to the jetty level, with swipe card access, this will not destroy the natural coast rock formation and trees. Just because you have the funding, bad choices should not be made. I love Middleton Beach and Ellen Cove.</p>
18	<p>I have concerns about the impact on the natural rocks and vegetation that will be impacted. I think there may be ways to improve accessibility without that impact.</p>
19	<p>I support the concept and strongly believe all access path to the jetty should be constructed. The plan looks to be low impact with the bulk of the rocks and boulders remaining-I hope this is the case. Hopefully most of the existing trees can also be retained. I believe a pathway will sit nicely in this landscape as opposed to a lift which would be an eyesore</p>
20	<p>I am very sympathetic to the wishes of disabled, elderly and mothers with prams to be able to access the jetty at Ellen Cove. However having been to the presentation of the proposed walkway and having revisited the marked path and studying the plans again I cannot support this project. This tiny idyllic little cove ..with natural granite rocks and patches of deep shell beds in the sand ,is the only stretch of Binalup / Middleton Beach which remains untouched by man. It must be preserved at all costs forever.</p>
21	<p>A wonderful concept allowing access to our disabled folk. Low impact and will certainly add another dimension for those less able to enjoy the iconic jetty. A place to contemplate and reflect on life for those who cherish the ocean.</p>
22	<p>Love the idea. Hopefully rocks can be reused and the area will continue to look natural. Would be good if the calm area of water on the far side of the jetty could have some disabled access into the water. The rocks there don't look original so could easily be moved and would be great for people with limited mobility to have somewhere calm and sheltered they could easily get to in the water.</p>
23	<p>The principal is admirable. However, the rocks currently nestling in the corner of Ellen cover are beautiful and it is the natural environment. The proposed walkway looks as if it will substantially disturb what is currently part of the cove. I personally feel it should be left alone.</p>
24	<p>I think it is unnecessary and the more natural we leave the beach the better. Surely people can already get to the jetty with existing path. Please do not wreck the natural environment as that is why many visitors visit this area.</p>

25	<p>I am totally opposed to the proposed Jetty link walkway . To interfere in any way , shape or form with the natural landscape of this last remnant of untouched area is unthinkable . That small area of granite rock is precious to the natural beauty of Ellen Cove and if anything at all , it should be Heritage listed . Being a born and bred Albany boy , I feel horrified at the thought of any proposal to touch the area in any way .</p>
26	<p>I don't think it would be used by wheelchairs much as they don't use the beach water access much. If it has to happen then the proposal seems aesthetically ok but definitely do not make a lift.</p>
27	<p>Please don't make a pathway through my favourite part of Middleton beach. For 25 years I've loved walking through the natural rock, sea grass and shell pathway to the jetty. Why would you want to destroy it. ??? So many people love that spot.</p>
28	<p>The need for All Ability Access to the jetty at Ellen Cove has long been on my conscience – I have previously endeavoured to push both prams and wheelchairs to the jetty, and found it extremely difficult and risky. Since then, I have observed the site whilst swimming and discussed the proposed design with regular swimmers and realised my initial assessment and tentative support was erroneous. Please reconsider the design. The small area of natural rocks and native vegetation is the only 'untouched' aspect of the beach front left – with all the earthworks and beautification recently completed on the foreshore, and with the boardwalk completed many years previously, nearly all of Middleton Beach and Ellen Cove has been developed and is now a man-made landscape. Please consider redesigning the walkway to go behind the rocks and vegetation to lessen the slope and allow for alternative All Ability jetty access that does not impact the last remaining natural landscape at our precious beach. I sincerely hope that City leaders take this matter seriously – it is important to have disability access but it is also important to preserve the last remaining 'natural coastline' we have at Middleton Beach.</p>
29	<p>I have looked at the plans on the website and they do not clearly indicate the extent of man-made interference that will be required to achieve the Jetty-link in its' current design from. When one is swimming in Middleton Beach/Ellen Cove the only remaining natural landscape near the beachfront is the small area of Peppermints and rock boulders in front of Ellen Cove. Please reconsider ways to install a jetty-link that does not compromise this natural landscape. Please reconsider ways to install a jetty-link that does not compromise this natural landscape. The photos on website showing the construction of Ellen Cove Board walk show that the ground can be dug out as it was done 30 or so years ago when the boardwalk was first constructed - this was when the steep slope to the jetty was created. Now it required the existing pathway behind the rocks and trees to be redeveloped at a lesser incline and with seamless access to the jetty suited to all-abilities. Please do not shift or cut into existing boulders or remove or construct in front of the vegetation. It is precious natural landscape with immense social and cultural value. Socially, many generations of beachgoers fondly recall playing and sun basking on the rocks, and picnicking in the shade of those trees. Culturally, the rocks lead to a fishing ground a little further past the jetty - before there was a jetty.... this precinct is worthy of long-lasting heritage protection. Please reconsider All- ability access to the jetty is very important but please achieve it with a design that goes behind the natural coastline</p>
30	<p>Disagree with proposed route (only one option given) as it impacts on natural rock surrounds which once cut etc can never be remediated . Disappointed that the community were not consulted prior to defining the route - Seems to be a focus on outcome / expenditure by June 30 than genuine commitment to community input</p>

31	<p>Though it's great to see the city's commitment to providing all ability access to Middleton beach, I feel it's way over the top to destroy the ambiance of that sheltered corner. Not to mention the destruction of the natural environment! As I read it some trees will be removed and the boulders covered or damaged. A sea wall created to protect what is already naturally protected is ludicrous. Please Leave it alone for the many to enjoy and not for the few who may want to visit once in a while.</p>
32	<p>I want to let you know how concerned I am about the proposed Ellen Cove to Jetty link. When I first heard of the concept some time ago I did say to Anthony and Nick that it would be a shame to interfere with such an iconic landscape feature. Now that the foreshore enhancements are substantially complete it is even more evident that the proposed link will compromise the last remaining natural feature between the surf club and the jetty – all the rest is man-made. If you have a sense of history and a sense of place you will appreciate that this little corner is quite special – all those early photos showing an unchanged landscape, whilst all around it alters over time. Covering and/or cutting rocks, plus the proposed retaining wall on the seaward side, are major, irrevocable interventions that will have a big impact on a small landscape. I urge you to recommend pausing the project while alternative options for jetty access are explored, and the public comments given due consideration. I hope this can take precedence over any push to spend the funds before the end of June.</p>
33	<p>Don't like it. Leave it as it is.</p>
34	<p>Good idea</p>
35	<p>Definitely DO Not agree with the proposed development. It will FOREVER change the land scape for every other generation to come. Please do not proceed with the proposed scarring of the landscape. Once the proposal is done, there is no turning back, the damage is done. Surely there are better and less damaging alternatives for the Ellen Cove micro ecosystem. I am sure that the existing boardwalk could be re-developed to reduce the footprint on the environment, like reducing the incline on the existing pathway to the jetty, for wheel chair access, if this is the sole purpose of the proposed development.</p>
36	<p>Leave the natural rock and beach facade and construct a lower path excavated adjacent to the current path that meets the jetty profile in level.</p>
37	<p>I have had at least six contacts (phone, text and email) regarding the proposed walkway to Ellen Cove jetty so I thought I would flag those comments with you. I'm copying in the correspondents who contacted me by email and am encouraging them to put their comments through the Middleton Beach Group which is co-ordinating the feedback. Basically, the residents who contacted me are against the plan as it stands and, if it is deemed vital for all-abilities' access to the jetty (which could be debated), that an alternative solution be investigated. In brief, the main objections are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing some of the last of the natural landscape (rocks and vegetation) on the whole beach front. • Losing some of the history of the Cove which has played a significant part in European history ever since ships docked in the bay from 1827 on. • This history and usage has been well documented in photos since the beginning of the 20th century. • Altering more of the tidal and water movement patterns in the bay which have already been tampered with significantly. • Impacting the site which has some indigenous significance as part of the Middleton Bay camp used during the salmon seasons. <p>The overall view of these residents is that we have landscaped the rest of the beach area (with more to come with the impending hotel) so the chance to leave some of the natural features there should not be missed before it too late.</p>
38	<p>The Jetty Link project seems like a great idea but unless there is a way of not interfering with the existing landscape - rocks and trees, then it shouldn't go ahead in the presented form.</p>

39 We wish to protest the planned access link to the Middleton Beach jetty . This plan is touching the untouchable . To consider interfering in any way with the only remnant of untouched area at Ellen Cove is nothing short of vandalism . This precious area is natural beauty at its best . We can not comprehend why anyone would consider doing such a thing . If an All Ability Access path to the jetty is a project of such importance , then there has to be a better way . We respectfully ask that considerably more thought be put into the plan before going head on into such an ill thought out project. If anything , this small area should be Heritage listed to stop any development in the future .

On behalf of the Middleton Beach Group members, thank you for the opportunity to discuss this proposal with City of Albany staff onsite, and to provide input to this project.

We have had a strong response from our members and have collated their feedback in this submission.

The overwhelming response (68%) is for the project to be modified from what is proposed. 14% of respondents did not want the jetty link walkway to be built at all, and 18% of respondents were in support of the proposal as presented.

There is strong opinion to protect and preserve the natural environment of rocks and trees in this corner of Ellen Cove. As it is, that area offers a high value scenic vista, represents significant heritage value of indigenous use as well as social value of generations of families playing around and on the rocks and trees whilst picnicking in Ellen Cove.

This is evidenced by historical photos in the Middleton Beach Book, in the WA Museum collection and by local residents over the years.

This small area remains the only intact natural foreshore in the Foreshore Development Area, which is dominated by introduced infrastructure. Praise has been received for the functionality of the new development, so these comments do not intend to detract from that. However, just further reinforce the need to retain this small section as is.

40 Suggestions for alternative options (not necessarily embraced by all) include:

- A regraded access ramp behind the rocks & trees to include a low incline ramp or switchbacks to access the jetty
- A lift access from the boardwalk, with key available from Three Anchors as is done for the beach wheelchair
- A wooden walkway over the sand and water, meandering around and out from the foreshore to the jetty from the stormwater drain start point.

Other comments include:

- The proposed work is within tidal & storm areas, will alter the natural flow and attract ongoing maintenance from negative impact, including seaweed entrapment.
- The existing rocks and trees seem to hold the area together and naturally restrict tidal & storm damage
- There are many needs for all ability access areas, including basic footpaths for which such funds could be better used
- Just cover the stormwater outlet with decking to enhance and finish off that area
- Improve the vegetation below the existing ramp to the Boardwalk by new plantings and don't remove or impact what is still there

In summary, the iconic rocks and trees of Ellen Cove remain a small portion of the Middleton Beach area that should be retained.

Please consider alternative ways to enable enhanced jetty access without compromising the natural landscape.

41	<p>I agree that all people of all ages and abilities should have access to the jetty. Providing it can be achieved with minimal disruption to the existing environment, then I believe it should go ahead.</p> <p>The steepness of the access to the jetty has only come after the structure of the boardwalk. This in itself has been an amazingly well used link between the town and the beach so now it's time to link the jetty with Ellen Cove facilities.</p>
42	<p>Sorry, I don't agree with disturbing and changing that part of our natural landscape for a wheelchair path. I love the way it is. Would like the authorities to explore other options for those that a wheelchair bound.</p>
43	<p>Totally opposed to any work-in this area. Please lets leave a little bit of nature. children also love this as is. This area has also been used by many generations.</p>
44	<p>Agree with others posting on the CoAs Facebook about preserving the existing ecology in the cove. I believe a better opportunity exists to regrade the existing track down to the jetty, however this would remove access to the boardwalk and jetty for a period while work was completed. A tricky issue, no doubt.</p>
45	<p>I would like to see the link walkway proceed but would like the walkway to include steps to access the water, especially to be able to access the water from the platform which is proposed on the outer edge of the jetty, that way being able to get in the water beyond the jetty and avoid all the weed.</p>
46	<p>I don't feel the Jetty Link walkway is appropriate. Although I agree improved access to the jetty is a good idea, I wonder if this could be achieved in a different manner. The proposed pathway sits very heavily in the last remnant of natural environment at Ellen Cove. The rocks and trees in the corner of the beach provide such a wonderful opportunity for kids to immerse themselves in nature - discovering new sea treasures and opportunities to test their rock climbing skills in close proximity to amenities. The pathway in this form will change this small pocket forever.</p>
47	<p>If there is limited wheelchair access to the jarrah platforms at the beach why is it necessary to have wheelchair access to the jetty?? Is the alteration necessary? I walk the boardwalk about 5 times every week and seldom see people with wheelchairs or walkers. Please do not ruin the natural edge of the boardwalk - the trees, rocks and boulders by building a formal structure and ruining the natural bank. Please consider reducing the slope to the jetty and keeping the approach in the same position_ much simpler and natural.</p>
48	<p>Done properly can be successful. Over many years of observation to do whats planned the way sand is moving the jetty will be without wate. The trees in the proposal are so old and deteriorating and to be successful need removing. To do the plan properly the jetty needs to be moved further north into deep water and trees removed. From choldhood I have seen the deterioration of the beach and foreshore</p>

I think with the enclosed alternate route it can be achieved. If it lies to be down where the pegs are or visual over and around rocks forget it. This small line of rocks are iconic to Binalup and should not be compromised by a visual manmade construction. 1. Path could start at thin piece of rock (concrete) and notice small peg! Path to follow markers@ Possibly only need to remove one peppermint tree and branch off another. 3 Path will end up at same rocks as where the proposed path is marked with pegs and white paint. Path would continue from there to end of jetty.

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50 These are my thoughts and proposal for the idea of building a walk way through the trees and inbtween the existing granite boulders. The reason for this walk way is to reduce the slope down to the jetty thus making it easier for wheelchair access. A 10degree slope is commonly the required angle for wheelchair access and for the walking public. If you built the current proposal you would havve to close down the and remove the existing footpath you cannot have two access points to the jetty so close together. My proposal would be to remove the existing cement and butumen footpath, I'm sure that once that path has been removed and the existing dirt and rubble also has been taken away, you may find that you could design and build a walk way that will achieve the same access to the jetty. Myself and I am sure many other people are opposed to a pathway through the trees, loss of branches, changing and bringing in other rocks to construct that boardwalk. Thats the last section of beach that many older locals ause to swim and play when they were kids sheltering from the Easterlies. I also have a issue withthe proposal because the City of Albany is proposing to build this infrastructure "closer to the Ocean" Lets not forget "Storm Surge", Large Waves", "Sea Grass" and now a "Drain" out onto the beaach (Fore now). This storm water drain is just about at sea leel now with sand and seagrass blocking the exit. If you extended that drain closer to the ocean even by a few meters you will be in trouble.And Im sure the locals would not like to see a storm water pipe protruding out onto that section of beach, for that matter. I believe after a few winters that storm drain behind the sea wall will eventually silt up with sand and stop the storm water from running out at the exit. Then yu will get flooding in the carparks, if water corp can piump sewerage from Eyre park up to get treated then Im sure "Landgate" can work out hw to pump storm water from the carparks across to the lake systems, Eyre Park Lake or Lake Seppings. "Langate" can pay for that after all the seawall was their idea as they moved the Hotel site closer to the ocean. So summing up. Re-design the original pathway leave the trees and granite rocks alone, and use that money (whats left) to construct a pathway down to the beach at Surfers beach.

51 Put the money into better facilities at Peace Park like picnic shade shelters and furniture or into historic gun emplacements along the boardwalk preservation & interpretation - new path isnt necessary

52 Access to Jetty is less important than access to beach / water / swimming and jetty isnt friendly to wheelchairs in its current state.

53 Public path would ruin the private and natural character of tis corner wich is very popular with the elderly as a swimming beach access and change/towel lay down spot which is shaded by trees, protected from most wind directions is shallow and gradual sand beach entry and is protected from swell and waves.

54 When weather is bad and the seaweed is in the area around the jetty is the best place to get in and out of the water so if a landing and steps or ramp could be put in instead of a path

55 Like to idea of easier access to the Jetty but not at the expense of changing current setting of the corner / start of rocks and trees

56 Stormwater drain outlet looks a bit unsightly still could it be improved

57 This area would suffer from intrusive built elements (post + rail fence, path balustrade, retaining walls) and should be left natural

58 Suggest to hide drain by building a deck over it and fix degraded areas, but not a priority, happy to leave asis and have money go elsewhere

59 Area could do with a clean up - looks a bit untidy in corner near drain after the sea wall construction - hasn't gone back to how it used to look which people liked

60 Avoid hign walls which take away from natural look and use of a private beach

61	avoid construction in sand / wet beach tidal areas as will lead to assest damage and maintenance issues and etra costs
62	Demand - how many disabled people have requested this path and where did the idea come from it is not enough towarrant changing the whole area. The project is happlily finished as is
63	will lose a lovely area used by families , private swimmers who like to swim discretly and it's the ONLY shade on the beach - please leave it alone
64	the drain keeps blocking up - sort it
65	please think of a different way to access the jetty not through this lovely treed area. If it stays the same please put in a hand rail to assist walkers up and down the slope
66	not necessary but better access to the jetty would be good, but do not touch this area put walkway up further
67	Unnecessary! Path exists to jetty. Waste of money. Trees will die! Upsetting the roots of old trees will only result negatively. Old photos show this area as it is today...untouched!! Let's leave nature natural for a change. This is an area that we can get out of the easterly wind....with a path through the warm corner will be lost.
68	<p>A broad range of views were presented in my role as Chairperson of the Middleton Beach Group. However I would like to submit my personal views on this proposed project.</p> <p>The natural environment of that corner is delightful both visually and as a natural playground for children & adults alike. I feel it needs to be preserved as is, with alternative ideas considered to enhance all abilities access to the jetty if the demand exists.</p> <p>I was surprised to learn the Access & Inclusion Working Group were not consulted nor aware of the project. I would have imagined they were the ones driving it.</p> <p>I would be pleased for a timber decking (as suggested in the existing proposal) to be built to cover the unsightly storm water drain outlet, and finish off that little nook where a few random left over rocks are strewn near the steps.</p> <p>There are many areas available around local Albany for all abilities access to jetties for fishing. The beach wheelchair and 'surfing with the disabled meets' during summer at Middleton Beach already provide access to the actual water for those wishing to be immersed.</p> <p>My priority in this small corner of Middleton Beach is for the retention of the natural environment as a valued picturesque, heritage and socially significant area worthy of protection</p>
69	<p>Shocking proposal, I often ride there and always see children scrambling over the big rocks, looking for little things on the sand around them.</p> <p>Access for wheelchairs is an issue, but please do not destroy any further natural features.</p> <p>Surely a system from the pathway can be designed in this 2022 that will not murder any more of our natural foreshore.</p> <p>Have you done a survey to see how many wheel chair users will use this awful proposed walkway.?HHVI</p>

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While I am very much in support of providing access for all abilities, I am very much concerned at the prospect of losing one of the last bits of heritage environment in that area of the beach. The old trees and rocks are a reminder of the past, they fit with the green tables and benches in that corner and look very attractive and appropriate from the water, the beach and the boardwalk. I am sure that an alternate route closer to the existing path could be devised to allow protection of this iconic area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the plan.

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I would like to comment on the proposed pathway to the Middleton Jetty for people with different abilities.

First of all I understand their need for access, I have a family member in a wheelchair and elderly family and friends, and it would be great for them to have access to all our amazing sites. However, they and we know that while we can do our best it is impossible for them to have complete access.

Secondly, I love the environment and am a regular beach goer and understand the impact that we as people have on the environment, and so it is from these sides I am coming from.

Here are some points I would like to raise:

1. Your path that has been planned has a highly significant impact on the use of that area. Many families use that area as a natural play area.

2. The aesthetics of the beach will be significantly impacted as that is the only part left at that end of the beach which has trees and natural boulders which add to the beauty of the beach. It is the last remaining 'bush nature' section of the beach. This is also valuable from a heritage perspective.

3. Could you put in beach matting which they have at the Burleigh Heads beach and supply some floating wheelchairs for access. See <https://automobility.com.au/wheelchair-accessible-beaches-across-australia/>

If necessary, if you were able to build a wooden/floating structure to build around this area to minimise the impact on the land and water that would be great.

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I thoroughly understand the wish to provide wheelchair access to the jetty and boardwalk but I question the concomitant destruction of the dignified, timeless trees some of which I assume will be removed. Frankly I feel it is a high price. Your artist impressions don't clearly demonstrate which trees will go which will stay or what the replacement trees will be. I think this is further step in a process which foregrounds human intervention in an inherently stunning environment. Yes people need wide ranging access and a range of activities but the environment should be dominant.

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The twisted paperbarks and peppermints hanging over the natural boulders and the sand at the site are of great aesthetic value, provide the only shade and protection on the beach, which is constantly in use, and now form the only natural edge of the beach, now that the sea wall has been built. The four paperbarks are the only riparian vegetation remaining in the area and the boulders and sand also attenuate the actions of the ocean. It would be a great loss to lose this natural edge and everything needs to be done to retain it. Could I please have some clarification about which trees you are proposing to remove; on the plan, the path just skirts all of the tree trunks and is located in front of the trees, except the first paperbark would still need to be removed as it is hanging too low to walk under. On the artist's impressions the path seems to be located behind the trees and boulders, but the pegs that are actually in the ground (seen on Tuesday 10 May) seem to imply all paperbarks and boulders will need to be removed. The proposal of a solid concrete path and granite retaining wall against the beach would be too much concrete and granite when extensive granite walls have already been built, and it would cause erosion on the beach. If the path needs to be in this location (preferably behind or between the paperbarks) perhaps a timber walkway on posts would be better. Maybe the timber from the Norfolk Island pines is available? The other alternative would be to build a new path at the right grade right up against the boardwalk path, leaving the trees and boulders untouched. I understand this would be very tricky fitting a 1:10 slope in here and it would mean a substantial retaining wall. It would also be best to leave the boulders free standing, without any construction mortared onto them. While I appreciate the general use of natural boulders and granite walls in the precinct design so far, I think the surface of granite boulders should be left untouched. None of these options seem like the right thing to do to this site and I am asking you to please consider whether the loss of this little microclimate is worth the gain of an all access link to the jetty. This spot is a water's edge in itself, visible from the existing boardwalk path, just as valuable as the water's edge from the jetty.

We support the need for a wheelchair-compliant gradient to replace/modify the current steep access descent from the start of the boardwalk proper down to the Ellen Cove Jetty.

However, for the following reasons we do not support the beachside sections of the proposed new boardwalk which extends from the drainage pipe and then climbs up to the rear of the 'large rock' and deck structure before descending to the jetty:

- The small section of beach from the drainage pipe towards the 'large rock' is popular especially for families with young children/infants and also with more elderly users. The area offers a degree of safety, seclusion and privacy not found elsewhere on Middleton/Binalup Beach. It is also an area of considerable natural beauty :- figure 1

- This section is currently shaded by the adjoining peppermint trees and is also generally sheltered from prevailing winds and their associated chill factor. These few trees provide the only shade on or fringing Binalup Beach.

- However, it is inevitable that 3 trees would be removed altogether, damaged during walkway construction or modified - due to on-going management and public use.

- This same section (roughly circled points 5, to 15 in the legend of the City's proposal cover page) is less than ~1m above natural sea level and consequently will be at serious risk of damage from storm surges and high swells, especially from the east/NE.

- Furthermore, under such storm or swell conditions, or even less serious high tides, there will be a potential risk to public use which could well raise duty of care management incumbent on the City of Albany.

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- If the new 'enhancement' as proposed was established it would inevitably also be used by cyclists, Segways and, as now seen during recent weeks, electric scooters which travel at speed and are silent

ALTERNATIVE PARTIAL RE-ALIGNMENT

We believe that a compromise design is required which commences using the existing gently sloping uphill concrete path approach to the boardwalk (about 15-20m east from your poster display area) and then contours across the open grassy slopes to the rear of the 'large rock' and deck structure. Your currently proposed alignment would then be joined down to the jetty:

View from rear of 'large rock'. Behind the post with yellow ribbon there are 3 trees – one in front and two behind. The realignment could go between the two rear trees if the front tree was removed. Alternatively the far right darker stemmed tree could be removed and the realignment would go below the front tree.

- This alternative partial re-alignment would then leave the beach and associated shoreline peppermint trees intact along section 5 to 15, thereby retaining family beach usage, shelter from wind and summer shade.

- It would also avoid potential liability issues for the City as the entire alternative alignment is safely above high tides and abnormal storm risks and high swells.

- The proposed alternative would require removal of one peppermint tree depending on the preferred alignment chosen to reach the rear of the 'large rock'.



75	<p>Applaud improving accessibility. Queries/concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what other options have been considered to maintain natural elements and reduce increase use of concrete structures? e.g. how could the existing ramp access be adapted? - plans seem to diminish/'downplay' the heritage aspects of the area/beach - what consideration has been given to the impact on waves/erosion and also the seaweed in Ellen Cove beach area?
76	<p>I don't have a positive feeling about the proposed Ellen Cove Jetty Link, as I feel it is unnecessary, there is already an upgraded path to the jetty. Environmentally it is not a well thought out idea as it would interfere with the water flow in that corner, already a problem with weed not flushing out with the existing tides.</p> <p>It would impact in a negative way with the existing rocks and beautiful old paperbark trees that are there, which help to retain some of the feel of our natural beach environment. Lets not overdue this existing restructuring of Middleton Beach to the detriment of what is natural and a pleasing area to walk past daily and enjoy.</p>
77	<p>I am completely against the proposed Ellen Cove Jetty Link Walkway. I would like to see COA focus on conservation of the natural environment. This area is a natural ecosystem and should not be interfered with. It provides an aesthetic screen from the boardwalk and many generations have enjoyed this special corner of Middleton Beach. Also use of all the construction materials would have a double negative impact on the environment.</p>
78	<p>I'm in favour of the proposed Ellen Cove Jetty Link Walkway as long as none of the rocks and vegetation in situ are removed as they are original in the area and to remove them would destroy the natural aesthetics of our iconic beach. I swim most days and would miss the trees and rocks near the jetty.</p>
79	<p>This rocky corner of the beach is the last remaining vestige of a wild and untamed environment on our town beach. The infrastructure on the foreshore currently serves to frame this treasure. To run a built and taming pathway right over and through this space, I believe, will degrade its loveliness and at the same time, reduce enjoyment for the many families with toddlers who enjoy the shade and rocky interest in this tiny local sanctuary. There have been some great suggestions from responders to the project suggesting we instead investigate levelling and improving current jetty access for mobility challenged citizens while at the same time revegetating the grassed and degraded ridge area with native plants</p>
80	<p>I do not support this proposal. City of Albany, please consider levelling and improving the current jetty access for mobility challenged citizens while revegetating the ridged and grassed area with native plants. This granite corner is a precious reminder of earlier times and these vestiges are part of our cultural landscape. And this newly landscaped headland area will also act as an entry statement to the Ellen Cove Walk. Please reconsider!</p>
81	<p>Awesome, pushing a wheelchair up that jetty hill is serious effort!</p>

82	Agree with others posting here about preserving the existing ecology in the cove. I believe a better opportunity exists to regrade the existing track down to the jetty, however this would remove access to the boardwalk and jetty for a period while work was completed. A tricky issue, no doubt
83	What's wrong with using the existing walk path as we have been for the last 100 years? Can't we leave anything natural? It's bad enough that the beach is getting bigger and bigger and the water depth at the jetty is decreasing. Perhaps something should be done about that.
84	Could it please have wheelchair access
85	in years to come we wont have a jetty it will be all sand so pointless putting a "boardwalk" in dredge the swimming enclosure make it deep again take sand to emu point area and bring back the pontoon forget this walkway it is environmental madness
86	You may have considered elements attached to the jetty to make entering the water easier for wheelchair users and frail? Sit and slide platforms, non-slip stairs with a hand rail? Having given them easy access the the jetty, why not help them into the water too? This would be particularly useful when the weed is very thick. You're probably onto this already, just didnt see it in the plans:-)
87	I do not agree with the proposed link walkway as it ruins the whole look of Middleton beach. Kids love to look and climb on the rocks. I do not want anymore viewing platforms while I have my peaceful swim. All trees and rocks need to remain as they have been there forever
88	<p>I just read in the Albany Advertiser, a letter to the editor regarding a new path from Ellen Cove to the jetty. I share the lady's concerns about ruining the last little bit of natural landscape on the beach.</p> <p>Surely it's easier to just realign the existing pathway to accommodate mobility challenged people? Just do a bit of a zig zag thing with the existing path and you'll have achieved your goal. It's not a bad idea anyway because that little steep bit is very steep. If the surface was any smoother, there'd be people stacking it all the time. You might need to build a ramp sort of alongside the boardwalk but surely that's not too hard.</p> <p>Now about that bit of remnant rocks and vegetation, I'm sure your landscape designers could do a lovely job of revitalising it back towards natural vegetation. I would actually be in favour of a natural pathway through there for the kids to explore. I remember as a child we used to think we were exploring when we played around in there.</p> <p>Now, please don't ruin that last little bit of natural environment.</p> <p>By the way, all the other landscaping you've done at Middleton Beach is spectacular! Chris Burnell, when is he going to receive the keys to the city? For all he's done to make our town look good.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinions. p.s. how's the mountain bike tracks getting along?</p> <p>p.p.s. Thanks for supporting the Midds Surf Reef</p>

48	Good overall including width of promenade Would have liked to see more ramp accesses in walled areas. Concern for future with hotel on small footprint - more concrete and impinging on natural environment with car parking challenges plus impact on shade on beach and overall vista.
49	The upgrades to date at Middleton Beach have been done well and at a high standard and have met a need. This is evident in the amount of families and general public that are now seen using the area. A big increase in numbers due to the amount of seating and shade provided and generally pleasant surroundings.
50	I would like to now see an emphasis on conservation at the beach. There are no longer any shorebirds such as the red capped plovers and oyster catcher birds due to dogs frequently taken off lead on this beach and heavy equipment periodically used to remove seaweed and sand. Last year in Spring 90 tip truck loads were dumped just a little further along the beach where the vulnerable plovers nest. Since then there has been no sign of these birds in this area after many years of them feeding, nesting and raising their young on this beach.
51	The foreshore upgrades have improved the look of the park and I love the etched fish along the pathway.
52	It is looking very good, love all the seating and extra BBQs
53	By the way, all the other landscaping you've done at Middleton Beach is spectacular! Chris Burnell, when is he going to receive the keys to the city? For all he's done to make our town look good.

MIDDLETON BEACH ELLEN COVE JETTY LINK

15th April 2022 - 10th May 2022

Do you have any suggestions for future works at Middleton Beach?

COMMENT

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| 01 | 1 Better Shelter for users from the strong Easterlies. 2 Fix Emu Point as a priority - Middleton Beach is not as stuffed up as Emu Point and it needs to be improved |
| 02 | better facilities for disabled - change rooms with a hoist and change bed also please extend the wheelchair access ramp - its great but not long enough |
| 03 | Volleyball poles detract from beach amenity , you would see poles on perth beaches all year round - investigate seasonal removal. Leave terraces at Ellen cove as is - no steel or glass balustrates - no further built additions - it is important to community even if not on state register. Memorial plaques on picnic tables are obtrusive - ok on boardwalk (ok in certain areas) |
| 04 | Why do people feel that a memorial plaques need to go in public places - it looks cluttered and tacky - especially when they put plastic flowers on them - absolute eyesore! Midds is not a cemetery |
| 05 | Restore military sites, along the boardwalk Most countries wouldn't let that history sink into disrepair. 2 build a few wind-breaks. People are staying away because of the wind! |
| 06 | Yes! Please consider redoing the tiered area in Ellen Cove to match the walls that have recently been completed. Updating of the tables, or even removing them completely? This area now lets the rest down a bit unfortunately. It's the last section that would finish the whole project off perfectly! |
| 07 | There are 2 places where the stonework is either broken or unfinished. I'm glad the toilets were left alone, it is very rare to find self-contained and private toilets with a sink, toilet and shower in 1 room. The current one at Binalup is a disabled toilet but very frequently and commonly referred to as 'everybodys toilet' by parents who don't want their children going into the dark and dingy mens or womens shared toilet.

PLEASE UPGRADE THE TOILET BLOCKS TO ONLY HAVE SELF CONTAINED BATHROOM/TOILET so that everyone can always have a private facility rather than the smelly shared toilets of 2 generations ago. There is nothing nicer than going for a swim and being able to get showered and changed in a private space rather than the dodgy DODGY urine smelling toilets. This is an absolute positive for Binalup and should be expanded. |
| 08 | Improved wind protection for grassed area users. Better signage about the need for dog owners to have their pet under their control at all times and not in the vicinity of small people and the elderly. |

09	Is the public pontoon ever likely to return to our beach? I would love to see it back in place.I would also suggest extra (even if temporary) bins be available particularly over the Dec-Feb summer holiday period as they are not visible enough, resulting in litter being left at the tables or they are too small for peak season usage.
10	START A REGULAR CLEAN UP OF SEAWEED AND NORFOLK PINE LEAVES/LIMBS.SEAWEED - EYESORE AND SMELLY . PINE BRANCHES - EYESORE- SLIPPERY AND DANGEROUS . NEED A PART TIME GARDENER/ MACHINE OPERATOR AT SEAWEED (MIDDLETON BEACH) NOW !!
11	I had heard that with the difficulty of accessing the water via the accessibility mat in front of the surf club, that consideration would be given in this project for a permanently accessible water entry point. Are you consulting with the disability groups?
12	No, other than to say let's keep the good work going.
13	The mural needs the trees cutting down in front and to the sides. The trees are hiding this wonderful artwork. New and or upgrade to the public toilets/ showers at the surf club. There are a lot more people swimming all year (through the winter) nowadays.
14	some solar lighting along the boardwalk please - for early winter walking and evenings and while I am here - a toilet along the boardwalk would be great - many thanks
15	the amitheatre needs a refresh - don't chage it - its nice to keep something that looks old old, but maybe redo the stone capping with a concrete edge to match the promande (but not slippery) and paint the existing tables etc black or charcoal - I love the totem tree , it feels like a special little place.. The stairs are fine but it would be great if they continued the stair up the mt adelaide over the road..
16	Increase the size of the shark netted area. Increase plantings of native trees in the car park
17	Improve shelter from the elements. Upgrade the shower/toilet facilities at the surf club - they are tired. Please use proper taps
18	More lighting on the boardwalk to allow more nighttime walking.
19	No,I can't see any need at this time
20	Perhaps the ablution facilities could be upgraded, a bit crowded with early morning swimmers at times. Sure do appreciated the hot shower through the colder months.

21	The work already done along the foreshore has destroyed all natural components of this beach front. The fact that Middleton was an untouched beach front was part of its charm. Anything else will really detract from what makes Middleton so unique.
22	Please don't do anything else
23	Fix the toilets and changerooms at the Surf Lifesaving building
24	Remove weed more often
25	Don't do anything more.
26	can something be done about reducing the speed limit of cars coming up and down the hill - too many people crossing the road now on a virtual hwy!!
27	When are Darwin Signs returning to boardwalk
28	As a regular swimmer I find the outdoor showers to have poor pressure - it is awkward to wash feet as one has to stand very close to the shower upright - more pressure needed please! The change rooms, showers and toilets at the surf club are inadequate and shabby - an upgrade of these will be greatly appreciated.
29	Outside feet washing bays with more pressure, improved showers and toilets and underground parking immediately west of the surf club to allow more beachgoer access.
30	bikes and scooters need to slow down coming in / off boardwalk - very dangerous for pedestrians and dogs
31	Well used , (hot)showers at surf club need to be upgraded /expanded as use has increased considerably
32	An upgrade of the public facilities at the surf club. Some wind and rain protection around the shelters
33	Don't build high rise. It's beauty is it's Tranquility. Leave it for the locals, as soon as a hotel goes there locals (and their dogs) will be not welcome and no space for them.
34	No Surf Reef
35	consideration to a permanent all abilities access to the water as part of the proposed modifications for this project as the beach matting fails as it gets covered in sand and weed and does not go all the way to the water. Has this been considered or not? I feel that now is the time to incorporate it, and it would be an oversight not to build that into the design.
36	Would love to see a good extensive outside gym. Scarborough Beach has a very good facility. The 2 smaller gyms at Emu Point are good but 1 bigger one at Middleton Beach would be awesome ☺
37	Possibly gym workout equipment Proper shelters please
38	No. I think enough had been done. I like the picnic area as it is.
39	MORE PARKING, MORE PARKING, MORE PARKING Regular removal of beach seaweed so that access to our iconic beach is without hazard or deterrent

40	Reclaim the hotel site for the people of Albany (50,000 by 2030) Offer hotel company site over Flinders parade A much better site - achieve a much better outcome
41	Fix edging on promenade - it is tooo slippery and quite dangerous
42	money is better spent on upgrading the surf club toilets and giving more disabled changing rooms - those toilets need to be a lot bigger like scarborough / floreat - put one of those changing places at Midds for the disabled
43	remove the volleyball posts if they arent being used - so ugly
44	bring back the poontoon
45	Speed of cyclists and scooters is excessive and dangerous - walking pace only signage and even dismount before entering Ellen Cove signage
46	restore do not replace anything in the ampitheatre area - keepit natural
47	Return the car park and DON'T build the hotel
48	Protect the beauty that is there. Stop trying to recreate an awful Perth or city beachside.
49	Id like more interesting public art perhaps that will follow - Kati Thamo - granite etchings - Exploratory sculptures and STOP intervening at this stage at least! Apart from interesting art -(no whales or dolphins please)
50	I swim regularly at the Jetty. The undercover area beneath the boardwalk, and adjacent to the Jetty entrance, would make a great spot to sit or to set down towel etc. if there were some decking. I think it would be a wonderful addition to this area to have a deck built under the jetty, including perhaps some raised planks for seating. It would also be great to have a ceiling to funnel rainwater from the above boardwalk away from the seating so that on rainy days one could get cover from the weather. This would also work as a space for youth to gather - as they already do in this space - but with some comfort.
51	Please when permanent signs for no dogs on this section of the beach are made state that \$200 penalties apply if this is breached. Both Bunbury and Mosman Park Councils have signs with the \$200 penalties and dont have the serious ongoing problems of people taking their dogs - usually off lead and out of control into our limited supposedly dog free zones in Albany. People need to have the choice to be able to enjoy genuinely dog free areas in Albany without the risk of being harrassed or injured by dogs.

Maintaining the beach area in the vicinity of the net - build up of seaweed detracts from comfortable use - albeit the rack is natural.
Better, not necessarily more, signage re dog exercise area.
Inconsiderate use and lack of compliance inhibits enjoyment for other's recreation (although we are dog lovers)-it seems the area of beach given to dogs exceeds 'dog free' area.

52 Maintain play area near 3 Anchors - adds to vibrancy of the area and family use
Address concerns re parking.

53 Bring the pontoon back if safe to do so.

54 more dog control or at least a threat that there could be a fine too many dogs!! Also those drain grates are very dangerous little feet could get stuck and it is a trip hazard 2 proper shelter please -at least one!! Those things arent shelters Kings park has nice shelters full back and sides quite classy and practical not like those things Midds has