

Minister opens Middleton Hall

About 350 people saw the new Middleton Pioneer Community Hall officially opened on Saturday afternoon.

The weekend's celebrations marking the opening were described as an outstanding success by hall association president Mr. Bob Coote.

Agriculture Minister and Member for Alexandra Mr. Ted Chapman, who declared the hall open and unveiled a plaque commemorating the occasion, spoke of the progress from the Institute to the new hall.

He congratulated the hall association on its fine new hall.

Hall association treasurer Mr. Lou Langdon unveiled the foundation stone, while Mrs. Jean Michelmores unveiled a plaque in memory of her parents

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Other speakers included Mr. Coote, Mr. Alan Higgins who spoke on



At the opening of the new Middleton Hall on Saturday were, from left, president of the Hall Committee Mr. Bob Coote, Victor Harbor Mayor, Mrs. Joy Beer, treasurer Mr. Lon Langdon, Mrs. Jean Michelmore, Agriculture Minister and Member for Alexandra, Mr. Ted Chapman and managing director of Thorpe Builders in Association with Marshall and Brougham Pty. Ltd., Mr. Michael Thorpe.

behalf of Middleton ward
councillor Cr. Joe
O'Brien who was unable

**Miss Lesley Basham and
the Victor Harbor
Citizens Band.**

Among those attending

to attend, Victor Harbor's
Mayor Mrs. Joy Beer,
and the chairman of the

Port Elliot and Goolwa
District Council Mr. Roy
Galpin.

During the afternoon
musical items were
presented by Mrs. C.
Teakle, Miss Carol
Kohler, Mr.s Teakle and
Miss Lesley Basham and

the opening was
Middleton-born Mr. Ver-
non Padman, who had at-
tended a similar occasion
in 1901 with the Institute.

About 140 people at-
tended a service in the
hall on Sunday afternoon,
conducted by the Rev.
John Cameron.

Mr. Harold Dorrough
gave the first reading,
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Cameron spoke of the early history of Middleton district, including churches and schools.

Hymns were interspersed with musical items by Mrs. Rosemary Garrett and Mr. Bill Heinrich. Accompaniment was by Mrs. Bill Heinrich.

Donations given during the weekend totalled \$983.