

- Trees, trees, trees
- A safe place to walk
- First Nations recognition
- Clean up the Loop
- Engage the community
- Stop neglecting our suburbs



an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Imagine

...a cooler, greener Rosewater, Ottoway & Gillmar



Community members were asked to **Imagine** how they would like to see the Rosewater Loop developed. On Saturday 18 January, 70 people met at the Ottoway Community Hall, to share their ideas for the development of this long-neglected space. Local knowledge was invaluable and an abundance of ideas were generated.

There was unanimous support for the development of the Rosewater Loop. Major themes raised were:

- trees and shade
- cycling and walking trails
- safety and security
- recreation
- waste and rubbish

From the hundreds of ideas shared at table discussions we have included those that were most frequently mentioned and most directly related to the concept of the Loop as a pathway.



Community members sharing ideas at the Ottoway Hall
photo: Ian Buckland

Report from residents' meeting 18 January 2025

The idea for the residents' meeting was to invite community members to share their hopes for the Loop. People gathered at tables in groups of 6-8 to talk, share and record what they imagined the Loop could be. The desire for a better local environment was the common concern, along with the frustration of waiting so long for change.

Trees, trees, trees!

Hopes for a greener environment were repeatedly expressed as the need for trees.

*'...Trees, green, nature, shade...
lots and lots and lots of tree planting
...rewilding...large trees for cooling,
large trees for the marshalling yards
...urban forest...'*

Further suggestions included:

*'...native plants...drought resistant,
green & grassy areas,
...butterflies, habitat for lizards,
homes for birds, nature playground,
...drinking water fountains, shelter
sheds, seats
...remediation of soil and site for
planting and recreation,
living green environment (like St Clair)
...restore biodiversity ...model of
excellence for sustainability
...minimise or reduce 'industrial' feel
green up close to warehouses,
...water conservation
...wetland in the current 'drain'
incorporate water sensitive urban
design professionals
...decent uniform fencing along the
railway line'*

*'...we want the means to move
without cars...'*

A path for the community

*'...a walking path with shade, ...a
safe place to walk...a cycling path'*

*'I want... a pathway to unite all
neighbouring suburbs together,
resulting in a more tight-knit
community*

*...a place to walk the dogs with
plenty to look at
...use the existing walkways where
people have walked for years
...a path to replace the waste of
space that it is now
....a pathway will make this area
look 100 times better as this area
has so much potential
...natural paths'*

*'link to the bikeways and to the
community
...the Loop has the potential to link
residents from the suburbs, safely
off the roads
...permeability...starting with
removing all fences now
consider access for the disabled
...crossing over the spur line so we
can walk to Port Adelaide'*

First Nations recognition

Local residents expressed the importance of acknowledging Kurna land and history

- important to hear from Aboriginal & Torrens Strait Islander people about their interests, views and significant cultural sites
- work closely with local First Nations organisations
- listening posts that provide local Aboriginal history
- connecting with Indigenous history including plants and stories from First Nations
- how to link to new cultural centre in the Port



Light pollution at Gillman yard, December 2024

Waste and rubbish

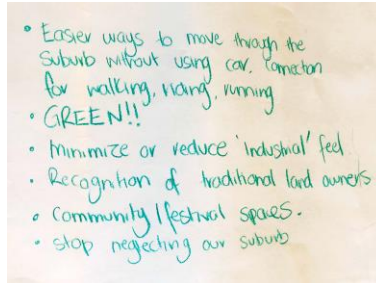
- ‘...less dust/snakes/weeds,
- monitoring of illegal dumping and rubbish control on a more regular basis
- weeds to be removed including caltrop, boxthorn and long grass
- clean up tunnel under Red-Hill bridge
- ‘Adopt-a-spot’
- tree border along Gillman yards to block noise, dust and lights from industry...’

History

- ‘Keep an element of history....
- ...Indigenous, rail, plaques of interest on the track
- Link up to the Port Adelaide Historical society’

‘...reduce the stigma of being a ‘rough’ suburb’

‘...the Loop will be a safe way for the community to be linked up...’



suggestions from residents’ meeting

Safety and security

- safe open spaces for all age groups
- places for kids to safely ride bikes/scooters
- family friendly areas
- better lighting, solar powered lighting
- safe access for evening walking
- safe place for dogs

‘...consider the flow of pedestrians and cyclists with roads...incorporate crossovers with Grand Junction road’

‘it’s our turn...don’t let Rosewater and Ottoway languish in the dust’

Recreation

- ‘...an active space
- spaces for community to connect
- adventure playground
- play equipment
- exercise equipment
- smaller yards and blocks mean public space is crucial for quality of life
- fishing lake in basin,’

Final thoughts...

Thank you to the community members who attended the residents’ meeting and shared their hopes for the Loop. This report aims to capture the diverse range of views and calls for action expressed on the day. These will be shared with our local representatives and those on our email list.

What next?

Our local MPs have organised a community information session - Saturday 15 February 10.30-11.30am
Rosewater Bowling Club, 132-134 Grand Junction Rd
(entrance via Kelmescott St)



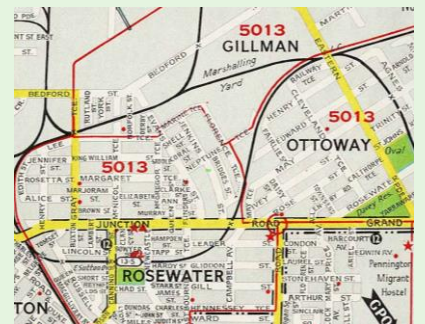
Gillman, November 2024

Community engagement

Frequent among responses was the community’s interest in being more involved in developing the plans for the Loop...and the opportunities for the community to come together along the Loop.

‘...capacity for locals to volunteer & contribute to project...planting etc
...represent diversity, spaces for the community to connect
...community planting, monthly working bee, community garden
...clean-up days with Council providing a rubbish collection truck’

‘...potential for outdoor events, eg music in the park, community picnics, community/festival spaces
...engagement with local organisations, First Nations, bicycles, environment, arts
...communal areas for planting, workshops/talks
...community gathering to walk on the loop area...
community engagement and getting to know your neighbours
...murals along the walls in the Gillman yard’



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