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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop



Recent Activities around the Loop

Greening Rosewater Loop members have been busy during the past month.

- 8 & 9 February GRL members attended the Port Dockside Festival and talked with community members about the Loop
- 25 February 2025 - attended as observer - DIT Rosewater Loop briefing to City of Port Adelaide Enfield councillors
- 1 March 2025 - Clean Up Australia Day event at the Marshalling Yards
- 3 March 2025 - Meeting with City of PAE Mayor and Ward Councillors
- 8 March 2025 - Meeting with Minister Close and Minister Szakacs
- 13 March 2025 - Site visit at Rosewater Loop with Port of Adelaide National Trust Tree Group

ROSEWATER LOOP - PROJECT SCOPE



Project Scope for the Loop project can be viewed at the DIT website [here](#)

Cleaning Rosewater Loop

Greening Rosewater Loop held a very successful Clean up Australia Day event at Marine Tce on Saturday 1 March 2025.

We welcomed 25 community members to the site, including a group from Seeds for Change. Dumping on this site has long been a problem and our volunteers found lots of dumped hard rubbish, as well as discarded litter. Bike tyres, shoes, ceramics, cylinders, tiles, and lots were collected, totalling 13 bags, as well as piles of hard rubbish.

Thanks to everyone who took part - the area looked so much better after the clean up.

We will look at further clean up activities in the future, so keep an eye out for GRL news.

Postscript - thanks to Seeds for Change for native seeds and Don Morrison for his CDs which they generously shared with volunteers.

A message from one of our helpers

'...It was great to meet such wonderful neighbours on Saturday. Look forward to the next clean up!' Jackie

NB: We hope to have a date for our next clean up soon!

When is a 'Loop' not a 'loop'?

Look closely at the preliminary plans on the DIT website and you will discover that what is currently proposed does **not** include greening all of the disused railway with limited tree planting in some areas along the path.

Community members have been contacting GRL about their concerns, as trees & shade were among the priorities at our first community meeting.

What do you think?

We encourage you to visit the DIT [website](#) and let us know your thoughts.

What do you think of the plans for the area closest to you?

What do you most want to see happening at the Loop in 2025?

We welcome your comments to: info@greeningrosewaterloop.au

MP Meeting Summary

Members of the GRL met with our local members Hon Susan Close MP and Joe Szakacs MP on 8 March.

The meeting went well in the sense that both Joe and Susan had clear updates on commitments they had made at the meeting, including discussions with Port Adelaide Enfield Council, Green Adelaide, Minister Koutsantonis and that the ongoing rubbish clearing lead by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) would continue.

We focused on 4 key points:

- Increased scope and budget - \$2.3m will not be enough
- Water supply commitment for the community garden
- Contamination transparency – provision of the report
- Project Governance – ensuring Council, Green Adelaide and DIT are collaborating and a robust terms-of-reference for the Stakeholder Reference Group is established

Joe and Susan were clear in that for this election commitment, there are no further funds that can be allocated. We are continuing to push for a project scope and budget that reflects the reasonable expectations of the community.

What was extremely positive is that Jo and Susan directly stated that *'nothing is on or off the table'* within the existing project budget, and that no funds have been spent so far.

A second meeting is scheduled for 29 March. DIT have begun consultation on the terms-of-reference for the stakeholder group – we are pushing for this to be as robust as possible, and especially look forward to having other members from our community join.

To find out more please contact us at:

info@greeningrosewaterloop.au

GRL Meeting with PAEC

On 4 March representatives of GRL met with Mayor Clare Boan and councillors Steve Vines and Joost den Hartog (councillor Mitchell was an apology) to explore local community ideas about the loop as a green space. Council heard that locals had been feeling pretty neglected over a long period of time.

They were fresh from a DIT presentation reporting these key points:

- the proposed space remains an active transport corridor
- the loop is not a loop, containing barriers to public access and
- DIT have no plans to irrigate the Loop

Council acknowledges community frustration about the lack of maintenance of the existing space and is very supportive of current community improvement efforts, particularly the community garden on Marine Terrace.

Council has acknowledged this work with a commitment to regular donations of mulch for the greened area. Council is clear that it is not the barrier to any redevelopment of the space and particularly supports the bikeway path.

GRL shared the commitment to working together effectively with all levels of government in the interests of the greater good. We all agreed that the health benefits of community access to green space are enormous.

PAEC will decide their formal position on the Loop at its April Council meeting.

Final thoughts...

next PAE Council meeting at 7pm on 8 April to discuss the Loop

Next community gathering

Saturday 5 April 10am

Corner Evans st & Marine Terrace.

(same site as our clean-up day)

An opportunity to meet community

members and continue our

conversations about the Loop.

Bring along a chair & a drink.



GRL welcomed PoANT Tree Group to the Loop for a site visit on 13 March, 2025. We showcased existing trees and the community garden at Marine Terrace, as well as lack of green space elsewhere.

PORT of ADELAIDE NATIONAL TRUST (PoANT) TREE GROUP

PoANT Tree Group was established in 2024 to advocate for significant improvement in tree protection and the need to increase urban tree canopy and understorey.

We are a small group and work with Port Environment Centre to promote community awareness of the importance of trees, shade and cooling, for maintaining biodiversity for our wildlife, healthy soils and air, and for the wellbeing of people to access healthy natural ecosystems in their neighbourhoods.

Recently at the Dockside Festival we showcased the LiDAR Heat & Canopy map showing people their streets and the amount of heat generated in summer and the tree canopy that has been lost and gained in their areas.

You can access an Urban Heat and Tree Mapping Viewer via the Green Adelaide website [here](#)



check out the Loop resources & info: www.greeningrosewaterloop.au