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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

A view from PortBUG

The Port Adelaide Bicycle User Group (PortBUG) has promoted the Rosewater Loop and closely related Gillman Rail Yard pathway since conducting an ‘on the ground’ survey in 2014 with Ottoway residents to explore community use of several local disused rail corridors. These included the informal ‘made’ pathways in the old Gillman rail yards and the disused Rosewater Loop rail line.

We subsequently requested that a connected, shared-use pathway comprising a repurposed Rosewater Loop corridor combined with a formalised east-west pathway through the Gillman Rail Yards be incorporated into the PAE Bike Plan (now Council’s ‘Walking & Cycling Plan’). PortBUG then worked with Council to develop recommendations for construction of the Rosewater Loop with a focus on safety, community access and effective connection to key destinations along the way.

The resulting overall ‘circuit’ would provide transport-isolated Rosewater and Ottoway residents with much-needed high-quality walking and cycling connections to shopping, service and community centres, rail interchanges and to the Port CBD and Outer Harbor Greenway (OHG). Development of both pathways would also provide longer-term opportunities for establishing invaluable ‘green-space’, as well as secure access to existing and new recreational facilities, particularly for younger folk.

PortBUG proposal for shared-use pathway >



Locally made path in the Gillman yards. source: PortBUG

We understand that PAE is now actively considering funding options for the Gillman Yards pathway. If funding bids prove successful it is hoped that a new ‘formalised’ path from McNicol Tce - the current end of the paved pathway - through to Florence Tce, will be built in the 2025/26 financial year and then finished as far as the Cleveland/Railway Tce junction (and connection to the Rosewater Loop) in the following year.

Completion by Council of this 1st ‘Gillman’ stage will provide significant

new linkages for residents to the Port CBD’s services and the Greenway. It must also provide additional encouragement for State Government to fund the more challenging Rosewater Loop project, especially given the growing interest of local residents in its funding and development. The PortBUG will continue to support the project with Council, State Government and the local community!

Sam Powrie, Secretary, [PortBUG](#).
March 2025.



Thoughts from the Loop

Our part of Adelaide has a significant history. Many people have travelled through these lands for millennia. While we have different experiences, one thing unites us – we all pay taxes, and we all pay council rates. From GST on the iced coffee at the Rosewater Foodland, to the hundreds of dollars per year of council rates, to the state government levies – we all contribute to a centralised pool of money. This ensures our libraries, parks, green and community spaces, roads and train stations are built and maintained to *(what should be)* the highest standards. It is a good thing.

Through this project, we have an opportunity to carve a space for ourselves that positively touches on so many wonderful areas. A space that can improve our mental health, that can mitigate the effects of hotter and more unpredictable weather patterns, that can improve our air quality, that can educate our children on biodiversity and environmental management, that can give us safe spaces to spend time with those dear to us, that we love.

We know that the current scope and budget is entirely inadequate in achieving what our elected officials, public servants and councillors have stated is needed to remedy the issues of antisocial behaviour, lack of shade and community facilities may others in Adelaide readily enjoy.

We deserve community green space. We deserve access to community amenities that are in line with our very reasonable expectations. We deserve a Rosewater Loop that delivers real change. The way we can achieve that is by continuing to work together. Our collectivism is our strength. Get involved by reaching out to us: info@greeningrosewaterloop.au

Miranda, Rosewater

New! Urban Greening Strategy

The State Government has recently launched an **Urban Greening Strategy for Metropolitan Adelaide**.

You can view and download the strategy [here](#). Here are the 6 priority areas for action, included in the strategy:

1. **Cooler, greener and healthier development:** Facilitating good design outcomes for development that protect existing trees and provide sufficient space for new urban greening.
2. **Government leading by example:** The role of state and local government in driving better greening outcomes and to show leadership in this space through trialling new ideas, commissioning research and implementing innovative solutions for greening the land that they own and manage.
3. **Building nature back in:** Protecting and improving biodiversity in urban environments both on public and private land.
4. **Future-proofing our urban forest:** Making sure our urban greenery is resilient to the impacts of climate change through increasing diversity of plantings, diversity within species and ensuring adequate water supply.
5. **Improving greening equity:** Making sure that all residents across metropolitan Adelaide have access to urban green spaces and the benefits they provide from a cooling, productivity and health and wellbeing view.
6. **Scaling up impact by working together:** Different government and non-government organisations working together to enable greening action to happen at a metropolitan scale and have collective impact.

... now what was it we have been saying about the Rosewater Loop?
All of the above!!



some of our local residents at the Loop catch up on 5 April



local species growing happily in Rosewater

Greetings from the Seeds for Change Team

More than 90 local plant fact sheets have been created for the metro Adelaide area as part of the Seeds for Change project.

Find a local native plant to suit your purpose!

Seeds for Change fact sheets are a 'one stop shop' describing our native plant species' form, colour, ecological function, as well as propagation and planting seasons. Just click on this link to access the fact sheets.

Seeds for Change



Final thoughts...

Have you completed our Loop survey? As GRL members participate in the Stakeholder Reference Group and seek improvements to the preliminary plans for the Loop we need your help and ideas. You can find the survey [here](#) or scan the QR code



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