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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Views from the Loop

Here are some words from volunteers who took part in the planting day on 28 June.

How great to be part of transforming what had been a barren area, full of rubbish. It was fantastic to be there with other people, all committed to greening their neighbourhood. Having excited kids there was a real bonus. I look forward to seeing birds, butterflies and all sorts of other critters make their home in their new neighbourhood.

Jane - local community member



'What a great and productive morning, and fabulous way to meet local folks!

Everything you could ask for an awesome community planting collaboration - augers aplenty, enthusiastic residents - two and four legged, delicious home snacks, two Ministers, Railcare team and lots of lovely plants to improve this fabulous space, topped off with an inclusive sausage sizzle! Can't wait for the next one'

Jo - local community member

NB: There is also a project update and photos of the planting day on the DIT website [here](#)

Rosewater Loop - Ready, Set, Plant...

Preparations for the first planting along the Rosewater Loop commenced the week before we planted. Community members had held a successful clean up and weeding session between Newcastle Street and Eastbourne Terrace on 21 June. Earth works prepared the ground and compost was incorporated. We had some welcome rain shortly before the scheduled planting.

On Saturday 28 June approximately 45 adults and 10 children joined Rail Care and DIT officers to plant 1,200 native plants along that section of the Loop. In perfect winter weather volunteers got down to work and planted. An officer from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield arrived with a water truck and ensured the plants were watered in. Ministers Close and Szakacs joined the planting day and thanked volunteers.

Volunteers enjoyed a sausage sizzle, home-made cakes and fruit after they downed tools. This was also an opportunity to talk about their hopes and plans for the Loop. We are pleased to say that the rains after the planting have ensured the plants are settled and enjoying their new home. Thanks to everyone who helped in this first successful planting session.

LATE NEWS!! More planting the Loop on Saturday 26 July – see next page for details.



The wonderful band of community volunteers, DIT & Rail Care officers at the planting day
photo courtesy DIT

Views from the Loop cont'd



photo courtesy DIT

Local Rosewater residents John & Warren enjoyed being part of the first targeted planting along the track.

Warren said he *'appreciated the efforts put in by everyone to make the morning go so well'*, while John said, *'Having lived opposite the Rosewater Loop for 30 years, it's exciting to see the transformation starting to happen.'*



Will you join a GRL propagation team?

The land available for planting in the Loop is extensive and to revegetate it will require lots of suitable plants. GRL wants to focus on local native plants as habitat for local fauna as well helping to educate residents about our local eco-systems.

You can join a group of people (or do it yourself) to learn a bit about and propagate these plants for the Loop. GRL can provide the materials and expertise to make this happen.

Please contact Steve at bbb.aaee.sa@gmail.com if you are interested and we'll organise a training session.

What we planted...

On 28 June a selection of local native species including low shrubs, grasses and groundcovers was planted.

These included:

LOW SHRUBS

Acacia acinacea - Wreath Wattle
Atriplex cinerea - Coast saltbush
Enchylaena tomentosa - Ruby saltbush
Goodenia amplexans
Maireana brevifolia - Short-leaf bluebush
Maireana oppositifolia - Salt bluebush

GRASSES

Dianella brevicaulis - Short-stem flax-lily
Dianella revoluta - Black-anther flax-lily
Isoplepis nodosa - Knobby club-rush
Themeda triandra - Kangaroo grass

GROUNDCOVERS

Atriplex semibaccata - Berry saltbush
Carpobrotus rossii - Karkalla, Native pigface
Disphyma crassifolium - Round-leaved pig face
Hardenbergia violacea - Native lilac
Myoporum parvifolium - Creeping boobialla

It was not possible to obtain all the plants on the wishlist for the first planting, but we can add to this over time.

It is intended to plant trees on the northern side of the railway line to provide shade to the path that will be created on that side.



HELP PLANT THE LOOP Saturday 26 July

We'll be finishing the planting on the western side of Newcastle Street, (near the oval) as well as some weeding & tidying up along the Hardy St section

10-11.30 am – hope we see you there!

Food on the Loop?

GRL hopes to establish a variety of habitats for fauna including some rare/threatened species. For example,

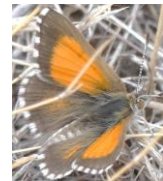
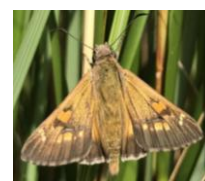


The **Bitterbush Blue Butterfly** (above) relies solely on the Coastal Bitterbush (a small/medium shrub) which is now substantially absent from Adelaide's coast.

Many coast care groups have planted bitterbush in our dunes as well as further inland but much more needs to be done to preserve this species in our region.

The **Yellow Sedge Skipper Butterfly** (below left) relies solely on the Gahnia filum thatching grass sedge. This butterfly became locally extinct due to the clearance of its host plant as well as the use of insecticides.

Community groups and the SA government are supporting efforts to reestablish the plant and reintroduce the butterfly.



The **Chequered Copper Butterfly** (above right) relies solely on the small herb oxalis perennans which remains in small pockets of Adelaide. Reestablishment of the plant will hopefully result in more frequent sightings of the butterfly.

Final thoughts...

Do keep sending your comments to the Greening Rosewater Loop team so that we can keep working to develop our community vision for the Loop. If you are on our email list, we'll let you know when we have further information about future clean-up and planting days.

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