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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Survey feedback

Thank you to all the friends of the Loop who completed our recent survey and continue to send their thoughts and concerns.

This response from community members as well as ideas collected at our community meetings and gatherings has been compiled into a list of priorities which the Greening Rosewater Loop group recently presented to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

Summary

Timeliness is crucial. Greening Rosewater Loop Group is seeking immediate, visible and positive changes. This will ensure community trust is fostered and, in turn, turbo charge community involvement and ownership. We want residents surrounding the Rosewater Loop, including the Gillman Marshalling Yards, to be proud of these open spaces.

Our priorities for the Loop

Water Points - accessible and secure

Greening - trees, shade, biodiversity, native plants. Design including landscape design and planning.

Active Transport Corridor - accessible, linking community members, walking and cycling moving towards a loop.

Pollution Reduction through planting in Gillman yards to reduce light and dust pollution.

Planting the Loop – 28th June 10am

For the past six months Greening Rosewater Loop members have been working hard to promote the idea of **greening** the Loop - transforming a neglected area for the benefit of our environment and the community.

We have been joined along the way by a growing number of locals who have shared the vision of a cooler, greener Rosewater, Ottoway and Gillman.

It has been a long time, but at last that day is coming soon!!

We hope it is the first of several community planting days during these cooler months.

GRL will be setting up on the Loop near the corner of Hardy street and Eastbourne Terrace, Rosewater on Saturday morning to start planting the south side of the Loop along Hardy street with local species. We are hoping that many community members will join us for this first planting effort.

There will be people on hand to help 'newbies' learn how to plant, with gloves and planting tools available. Remember to wear long pants and enclosed shoes. Here's a little [video](#) with tips on planting out.

Rail Care team members will be there to help with the planting and the sausage sizzle. You can sign up as a Rail Care volunteer [here](#) or join on the day.

This event is supported by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)

Clean - regular rubbish collection and anti-dumping initiatives. Remove unnecessary railway infrastructure.

Art Works and Accessible Public Use Spaces - spaces to activate and inspire the community.

Community Activation - through direct involvement in education and greening, including establishing propagation groups.

Safety - keeping spaces safe through lighting and ensuring that site lines enhance safety.

Innovation - trialling initiatives such as Woody Meadows and productive use of stormwater. Be a positive example of DIT and community working towards innovation in a collaborative way.

Community and local groups continuing to work collaboratively with agencies and government.

GRL at Nature Night



Greening Rosewater Loop group was pleased to host a propagation workshop at the Port Environment Centre 'Nature Night' on 11 June.

It was a lively workshop as visitors heard from GRL members about our hopes for the Rosewater Loop (including the Gillman Marshalling yards). Everyone then 'got their hands dirty' as Deidre from GRL and Seeds for Change demonstrated native seed propagation and how to work with native seedlings.

Home made soup on a cold winter's evening capped off a great night. Thanks to our friends at Seeds for Change and the Port Environment Centre.



Information about upcoming events facilitated by the Port Environment Centre can be found [here](#)

Project Update

Residents living near the south side of the Loop recently received a Rosewater Loop Project Update in their letterboxes.

You can also read about planned work along the Loop in the coming months on the DIT website [here](#).

Cleaning up the Loop 21 June 2025

On Saturday 21 June community members held a cleaning and weeding blitz along the Rosewater Loop, between Newcastle Street and Eastbourne Terrace. On a beautiful mid-winter morning, 30 community members joined DIT and Rail Care officers for a pre-planting site clean up.

Rubbish, rubble and weeds were cleared before we enjoyed a home made morning tea. After final site preparation this week, planting will commence on Saturday 28 June at 10am.

Please join us as we start Greening Rosewater Loop



Thank you to the local community members who helped with the clean-up on 21 June.

Temporary surveillance cameras have been installed near the Hardy and Canning street sections of the Loop to discourage dumping.



If you see dumping along the Loop you can report it to DIT at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au



How different does the Loop look after the clean-up compared to six months ago when the weeds were waist-high?

Did you know?...

Green Adelaide has a Youtube channel with some great webinars on a range of topics.

With recent talk of Woody Meadows – a new approach to urban landscapes, you might want to catch up on the webinar [here](#).



One of our fabulous helpers at the clean-up

Final thoughts...

Do keep sending your thoughts and suggestions to the Greening Rosewater Loop team so that we can keep working to develop our community vision for the Loop.

You can contact us at:

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or see us at the planting day on 28 June

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