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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Where we were ...



old railway lines overgrown with weeds



dumped rubbish accumulated over many years



Community members sharing ideas at the Ottoway Hall in January 2025

Imagine ...a cooler, greener Rosewater, Ottoway & Gillman



A year on the Loop ...we look back on 2025

In 2025 the Greening Rosewater Loop Group started and ended the year with community gatherings. In January we held a public meeting at the Ottoway Community Hall, where 70 community members re-imagined the Loop through a workshop. On 30 November we gathered at the Gillman Marshalling Yards for an evening get-together, with food, music (thanks DonMo) and a guided walking tour of native habitats created by community plantings.

In between, 2025 has been a year of cleaning and greening parts of the Loop, connecting community members and planning for a safer, greener and cooler environment.

While DIT is undertaking construction work, we will be less active. We are looking forward to continuing work along the Loop in 2026.

Enjoy our look back at Greening Rosewater Loop in 2025.

Connecting on the Loop

Community members from Rosewater, Gillman, Ottoway and the wider Port Adelaide area have come together along the Loop during the year.



GRL welcomed PoANT Tree Group to the Loop for a site visit on 13 March 2025



Clean Up Australia Day event at the Gillman Marshalling yards, 1 March



The GRL crew at the Gillman Marshalling Yards on 9 August

Planting the Loop



Our local MPs Susan Close and Joe Szakacs joined us for our first planting in June. GRL members are proudly wearing their Rail Care shirts. Rosewater Loop now has more than 40 Rail Care members!



an aerial view of our first planting day in June



Hardy Street after the first planting

Greening the Loop



more weeding and mulching



community members tackling the weeds



planting on Newcastle Street in July



the plantings are growing well along Hardy Street (November)



Claire Boan, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Mayor, came out to help with weeding and see the work along the Loop. Thank you Mayor Claire, and those at PAE who have been working towards improvements along the Loop.



Myoporum parvifolium – Creeping Boabialla



'Karkalla' - *Carpobrotus rossii* in flower

During 2025 more than 90 community members have helped with on-ground work to establish more than 1400 local native plants along the southern part of the Loop.

Change along the Loop



Goodenia Amplexans – Clasping Goodenia
many plants are now happily flowering



the new path is taking shape

Work on the Loop will pause 15/12/2025
and recommence mid-January.

Still to be completed by March are:

- landscaping
- a picnic area near Campbell Street
- new connections between Henry Street and Neptune Terrace, and Kelmscott Street to Leader Street
- lighting upgrades



Community members participating in the Great Aussie Bird Count along the Loop



our community gathering on 30 November

Thank youto all the individuals, community groups and organisations who have supported and worked with Greening Rosewater Loop this year including:

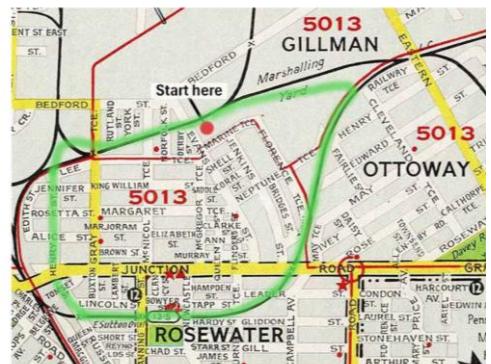
- Seeds for Change
- Australian Association for Environmental Education (SA chapter)
- Port of Adelaide National Trust POANT Tree group
- Port Bicycle Users Group - PortBUG
- Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group - PAREPG
- Port Environment Centre
- Junction Community Centre
- Treenet
- Clean Up Australia

We appreciated the efforts of our local MPs Susan Close and Joe Szakacs for their efforts in seeing progress made on the Loop this year.

Thanks to Rail Care for supporting Greening Rosewater Loop this year...and the fabulous high-vis shirts!!



Walking the Loop



Local residents have been taking regular walks along the Loop, getting to know the area and imagining future possibilities



Community members taking a walk around the community plantings in the Gillman Marshalling yards

Final thoughts...

What a year it's been!

Thank-you Rosewater, Gillman & Ottoway for the generous way you have come out on the Loop this year.

There has been much hard work: cleaning up, planting, weeding, mulching and watering. New friendships made, lovely morning teas enjoyed and a shared commitment to improving our local environment.

Many thanks also to the community members who have been part of the Stakeholder Reference Group working with DIT to provide community input to the Loop project.

Looking ahead...

We are looking forward to ...planting more trees...seeing work starting on the first stage of the bike path across the Gillman Marshalling yards, as well as improvements on the north side of Grand Junction Road.

If you would like to join our efforts in 2026 or have ideas to share, we always welcome your thoughts at:
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