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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

### Recent community meeting

On 28 February 2026 community members met at the Ottoway Hall to share their thoughts on the progress along the Loop and their hopes for future improvements. Here's a selection of comments from the day:

*...a safe place where you can play, learn, be creative, have fun with family and friends.*

*...somewhere we can live day and night - be inspired by nature, art & community*

*..open up the length of the rail corridor- connect north and south of Grand Junction Road*

*Connect the Community*

*Bicycle access including easy bike and pedestrian crossings*

*More green space...tree canopies*

*Beautiful places to exercise in our neighbourhood*

*Trees for cooling and shade*

*..a place where community & families can come, be together & connect with nature*



community members at the February meeting

### Vale Chris McPhearson

Greening Rosewater Loop group members were saddened to hear that Chris McPhearson passed away on 23 February 2026. Chris was integral to the development of the Community Garden at the Gillman Marshalling Yards. His extensive gardening and landscaping skills and knowledge assisted GRL at other parts of Rosewater Loop. Chris was also involved with other local community greening projects - in particular Seeds for Change and AAEE. Chris will be remembered fondly by all who met and worked with him. We will hold a commemorative ceremony in the near future. In the meantime, our condolences are with Chris's family and friends.

### The Loop is open!

In early March a section of the Loop between Russell St and Leader St opened for walking and cycling. A lawned area with picnic tables is being established near Leader St. DIT has undertaken planting of local native species on the northern side of the path. There are still some finishing touches to be completed in the next week or two.

People have been out walking, cycling and scooting on the Loop with many commenting that it looks so much better than this time last year.



### Summer on the Loop



The plantings along Hardy Street have survived well over the long hot summer thanks to the local community members and Rail Care volunteers who came out to water and mulch the plantings.



Port Environment Centre is running a Backyards for Biodiversity Series of events in April and May, including

- Native birds in your backyard
- Habitat gardening at home
- Native gardens for small spaces

You can find out more here: <https://portenvironmentcentre.org.au/events/>

or visit the Port Environment Centre at 27 North Parade, Port Adelaide Wed-Fri 10-3

## Working on the Loop



On 22 February 2026 a team of locals were out on the Loop at Marine Terrace, shifting mulch to conserve water around the plantings and cleaning up rubbish.



We are pleased to see that the sign at Gillman has been replaced

## Final thoughts...

We'd love to hear how you are finding the Loop. Is your family enjoying getting out for a walk or a ride?

GRL group has prepared a snapshot of the volunteer contribution made in and around the Rosewater Loop (including Gillman Marshalling Yards) by our amazing community in 2025. Check out the graph and notes.

Thanks to everyone who contributed. 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:

[info@greeningrosewaterloop.au](mailto:info@greeningrosewaterloop.au)

## Clean up Australia Day

Greening Rosewater Loop members were pleased to take part in Clean Up Australia Day again (1 March 2026), focusing on the Gillman Marshalling Yards as we did last year. After we separated recyclable items, there were 9 bags of landfill and numerous items too large to bag, including an office chair and other broken furniture. Group members were disappointed to see that dumping has continued. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who braved the weather and helped clean up our patch of Australia.



some of the local residents at the Clean Up on 1 March



dear little Peggy Barbara is one of the valued community members who regularly helps at Loop working bees. She is looking forward to meeting new friends on her walks along the Loop.



During our Clean Up at Gillman our volunteers found a bird's nest which included strands of plastic. You can see the coloured plastic strands in this photo. Local birds need our help by keeping plastic waste out of the environment.

Sadly dumping of waste is continuing along the Loop. We have noticed that while there is less dumping than in the past we are still faced with dumped items as we are working along the Loop.

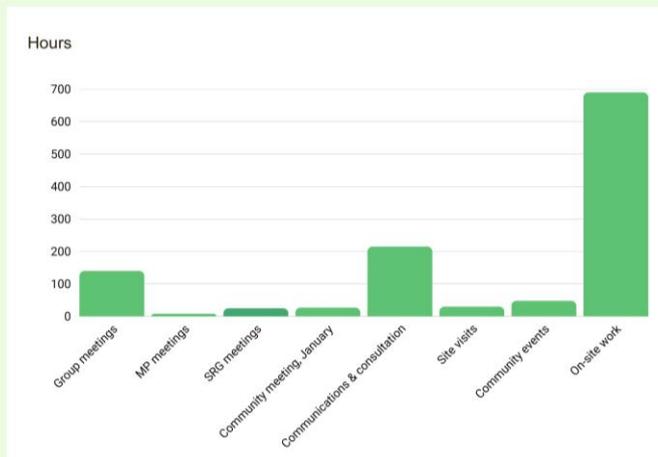
People are encouraged to dispose of items properly, including *Unplug and Go* for electronic and electrical items and Council depots for hazardous waste. Please report dumping to DIT or your local politician's office. And let's get the message out - Rosewater Loop including the Gillman Marshalling Yards are 'No Dumping Zones'.



recent dumping at the Gillman yards

## Greening Rosewater Loop

Community member volunteer contribution by hours  
1 January to 31 December 2025



**GRL\* group Meetings** - 140 hours

**GRL members meeting with MPs** - 8 hours

**Stakeholder Reference Group** - 25 hours

**Community meeting 18 January 2025** - 27 hours.

**Communication and Community Consultations** - 215 hours  
website set up, postcard design and letterboxing (40 hours), regular email correspondence, community surveys (50 hours), Website updates (25 hours), 'In the Loop' (8 editions at 10 hours each), designing flyers (10 hours)

**On Site visits - GRL members attending site visits** - 30 hours  
PoANT members, SRG members  
PAE Council officers  
Walking the Loop with community members

**2025 Events - GRL organising, hosting and presenting** - 48 hours  
Dockside Festival, Clean Up Australia Day, Port Environment Centre, QT Hub  
Walking the Loop - guided walking tour of the Loop  
Aussie Bird Count -  
Community End of Year Gathering at Gillman

\* the activities listed above involved key GRL members

**GRL On Site Rosewater Loop** - 690 hours  
Cleaning up rubbish, weeding, planting, mulching, watering

NB: more than:  
- 90 community members participated in on site work  
- 70 community members attended the community meeting in January  
- 110 community members have joined the GRL email list

**Total community volunteer hours - 1,183**  
1,183 X \$50.50 (SA/NT volunteering rate, August 2025)

**\$59,741.50**

**Value of community contribution to Rosewater Loop Project in 2025**