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an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Around the Loop

During the past two months there has been plenty of activity along the Loop, including considerable weeding and mulch-shifting.



along Hardy St

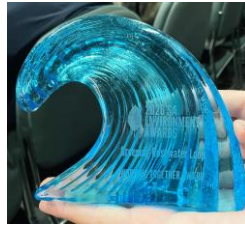


at the Gillman Marshalling Yards

In May we also held our inaugural **'wheelbarrow run'**...several GRL members met at the Russell Street end of the Loop and wheeled our way along to Newcastle Street collecting assorted glass, plastic, wire and other rubbish. We have also been removing the tree guards where the plants are outgrowing them.



GRL wins SA Environment *Working Together* award!!



The GRL team are thrilled to share that at the SA Environment awards on 5 June our group was presented with the *Working Together* award. Sincere thanks to the many community members and groups who have worked with and supported GRL over the past 12 months, and the PoANT tree group who nominated us. We are proud to be recognised for our efforts to improve our local environment.

If you want to go fast go alone. If you want to go far go together.

Bird and wildlife boxes in the Gillman Yards



If you are walking through the Gillman Marshalling Yards, look up and you will see some bird and wildlife boxes in the established trees. After researching, Don hand-made these boxes using recycled materials. Will installed them according to the best orientation and height.

We look forward to welcoming breeding birds and critters to nest in these purpose-made boxes. Thanks to our creative GRL members.

You can see them if you come along to our next working bee in the Gillman Marshalling Yards on Saturday 4th July from 10 am.

Community meeting in March

On the evening of 31 March local community members met at the Junction Community Centre to talk about possibilities for the north side of the Loop in 2026.

Presentations from GRL included talking about biodiversity and the connections between local plants and fauna, as well as weed identification.



A selection of plant giveaways shared on the night

Join us on the Loop!

We would love to see you at one of our future working bees:

Sunday 14th June 10 am

Meet at the corner of Hardy St & Eastbourne Terrace, Rosewater. (south side of the Loop)

Saturday 4th July 10am

Meet at the corner of Evans St & Marine Terrace, Rosewater (north side)

Adelaide National Park City group visits the Loop



On 20 May the Greening Rosewater Loop team welcomed the Adelaide National Park City Community of Practice group for a tour of the Loop. Our visitors included staff from Green Adelaide, local metropolitan Councils and community members from across Adelaide working in a range of environment-related disciplines and projects.

Our tour took in community plantings in the Gillman yards, work in progress with the bikeway, the sections of the old railway line north of Grand Junction Road, which are still awaiting improvements, as well as the path and plantings along the south of the Loop.



At 'whistle-stops' along the way, GRL members talked about their involvement in various aspects of the project to date and their hopes for future progress.

As part of our information sharing, we compiled a small booklet which documents the work of Greening Rosewater Loop over the past year. Back at the Ottoway Hall, team member Melanie prepared a comprehensive display of our newsletters, flyers and photographs of GRL events and activities; to illustrate the various ways our community has come together along the Loop.

Greening the Rosewater Loop is a powerful example of what can happen when a community doesn't wait but simply begins: creating change on the ground while building the relationships, confidence and collective energy that carry it forward.

resident comment April 2026

Some of the feedback we received...

Please pass on my thanks to all the GRL folk who assisted today. The work done to date is so impressive and the future is full of potential. We work hard in our dune care group, but we never had to start from scratch like this project.

We do know what it takes to engage a community. It was so great to see how local people are taking stewardship of various patches. The GRL story has been so well documented as well. Congratulations to you all. Inspirational.

Sandra Dann,
Semaphore Largs Dunes Group

Gillman Railyards Path



The cycling and walking pathway through the Gillman Yards between McNicol Tce and Florence Tce is taking shape. A long-awaited improvement on the north side of the Loop.



Final thoughts...

We hope you can join us for one of our working bees:

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corner of Hardy St & Eastbourne Tce,
Rosewater. (south side of the Loop)

Saturday 4th July 10am
meet at the corner of Evans St &
Marine Tce, Rosewater (north side)

We'd love to hear your Loop stories.
How have you been enjoying the Loop
with family and friends?

We always welcome your thoughts at:

info@greeningrosewaterloop.au

Meeting with our local MPs

Greening Rosewater Loop members were pleased to meet with local politicians Joe Szakacs from Cheltenham electorate and Cheyne Rich from Port Adelaide electorate in May 2026.

GRL members outlined progress in 2025 and welcomed the funding commitment for 2026. We stressed the need for funds to be allocated in areas still to be greened, such as north of Grand Junction Road. Safe crossings were stressed and we raised the need for a proactive approach to dumping along the Loop.

Our local MPs were invited for a walk along the Loop, and they are planning to do that in the near future. We are looking forward to working collaboratively, along a co-design model, to enhance this public space for all to enjoy.

We are looking forward to further information about the additional \$1.5 million promised for this year's budget and news about future works to take place in 2026.



The ruby saltbush, *Enchylaena tomentosa*, has been vigorously self-seeding among last year's plantings. We love the assorted colours of the berries...yellows and oranges through to bright reds and rubies.



Late news!!

A possible tenant has been spotted checking out a newly installed bird-box in the Gillman Yards!!