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In the Loop

an update from Greening Rosewater Loop

Around the Loop

GRL has continued to be busy these past few months, with plenty to do around the Loop.

In late July a large group turned up for National Tree Day and planted more than 30 trees as well as understorey plants at the Russell St end of the Loop.

These included: *Acacia pycnantha* - golden wattle, *Allocasuarina verticillata – drooping sheoak*, *Banksia marginata* - silver banksia and *Eucalyptus porosa* - mallee box, trees of the open woodland. We are looking forward to the shade these trees will provide in years to come.

We also had working bees at Hardy St in August and the Gillman yards in September.

In October GRL members attended the Rail Care 10th anniversary afternoon tea.



Volunteers at Russell Street for National Tree Day

GRL wins Green Adelaide Urban Landcare award!



GRL members at the Landcare awards

Greening Rosewater Loop were the proud winners of the **Green Adelaide Urban Landcare Award** at the recent SA Landcare conference at Murray Bridge. The award is for '*restoring degraded urban land into a biodiversity corridor through community action, partnerships and native planting*'. Sounds like us!!

Sincere thanks to the Rosewater and wider Port Adelaide community who have contributed to the work along the Rosewater Loop. Part of the prize was a beautiful, framed print of a pelican by local artist and State Landcare coordinator Rebecca O'Leary of Happy Echidna Art, which is now on display at the Port Environment Centre.

Nature Festival on the Loop

On 10 October GRL welcomed more than 30 guests to the community garden at the Gillman yards, with a focus on the festival theme 'Seed' and being in nature.

We enjoyed a range of activities including making seed 'bombs' from local species to take home, creating chalk drawings of seeds and leaves along the bike path as well as sharing hopes and ideas for the future of the Loop.



A highlight was the AUSLAN tour for our friends in the deaf community. Many thanks to Sarah who stepped in at the last minute when our guide became unavailable.



Chalk drawings based on the seeds, flowers and leaves of local species created on the bike path during our Nature Festival event.

Flowers on the Loop

We have been enjoying a wonderful display of flowers on the Loop in spring.



Lotus australis has a white pea-like flower, although you might be lucky to spot a pink one.



Dianella revoluta, Black-Anther Flax-Lily has tall, strappy leaves and bright blue flowers. After flowering we are starting to see deep blue-purple berries appear.



The *Wahlenbergia stricta,* Tall Bluebell, has been gorgeous near Russell and Canning streets. The paler blue flowers of *Linum marginale,* native flax, can also be seen nearby.

Loop Mural

Walkers and cyclists along the Loop have been enjoying the recently completed mural near Eastbourne Tce.

The work was designed and painted by artist Ella Simpson working with Yr 6 students from Pennington Primary School. It includes images which reflect the Loop's railway history and the native plants now growing nearby.



detail - white flower of *Myoporum parvifolium* – creeping boobialla, a native groundcover which is thriving along Hardy st.



We are also pleased to note that the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council (PAE) has been looking after the picnic area at Campbell Ave, with more trees planted, as well as regular mowing and watering now taking place.
Local residents were also happy to see that PAE has installed pedestrian signs, where the Loop crosses over Canning and Newcastle streets.

Join us on the Loop!

Saturday 21 November 10 am-12
Hardy st working bee.
Meet at the corner of Eastbourne Tce & Hardy St.

Thursday 26 November 4.30 pm -
meet at the corner of Evans St & Marine Tce. (north side of the Loop)
iNaturalist workshop – find out how to use the app to learn about local species. If you can have the app on your phone, it will help you get started. Kids welcome.

Sunday 13 December 10am - 12
Gillman yards working bee - meet at the corner of Evans St & Marine Tce.

Aussie Bird Count

GRL members were back out on the Loop for this year's bird count.

Our first count was at the Gillman yards with 10 species identified and 55 birds counted. Different from our count in 2025 were the appearance of 2 wood ducks, 2 crimson rosellas and baby birds in our new bird boxes...2 baby galahs and 2 baby rainbow lorikeets. Let us know of any more sightings.



At Hardy Street we identified 13 species and counted 59 birds. Rainbow Lorikeets were up in numbers compared to 2025. We are very pleased to share the news that in postcode 5013, there were 52 Aussie Bird counts submitted, with 50 species identified and a total of 1,794 birds counted.



Bird watchers at Hardy st

Final thoughts...

Do keep sending your comments and ideas for the Loop to the GRL team.

We recently received these thoughts from Julie...

'I am a resident of some 30 years in Ottoway. Can I say it has been an absolute dream to see the vision of the people come to life... Thank you all.'

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