

Rosewater Railway Project Update

October 2025

The South Australian Government is converting the disused railway line through Rosewater and Ottoway into vibrant community space.

It will better connect the suburbs of Rosewater, Ottoway and Gillman with the Outer Harbor Greenway and Port Adelaide centre and create a vibrant outdoor area for the community to enjoy.

What's happened

Earlier this year we established the Rosewater Loop Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) which is comprised of residents and relevant groups. The SRG, whose role is to advocate and work with us on behalf of the local community, met again for the fourth time in August 2025. Their contributions and feedback have helped to guide the project to best reflect the communities' wishes for this space.

With support from the SRG and the local community, we have successfully held a clean-up and planting day. In June, over 1,200 native species were planted by volunteers and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport; carefully timed to align with seasonal conditions to give the plants the best chance to establish and thrive.

The wider community play an important role in maintaining the Loop by reporting illegal dumping, so we can ensure the area remains safe and clean.

Vegetation

Green Adelaide Landscape Board has provided valuable assistance in developing a diverse native planting list tailored to the Ottoway environment, along with technical advice on biodiversity and suitable plant communities for the project.

Areas along the southern side of the rail line between Russell Street and Leader Street will be prepared for volunteers to continue to plant within the Loop. Two water points have been installed, with three upcoming points planned for installation. These water points will support continued community planting in the area.

The Greening Rosewater Loop Group regularly holds community planting days with support from Rail Care. To get involved with the Greening Rosewater Loop Group, please contact: info@greeningrosewaterloop.au

Want to volunteer with Rail Care? Sign up online via the [South Australian Government - Volunteer Application](#) page.

What's next

Contractors will start works in the coming months. Planting will be scheduled to align with optimal seasons for their best opportunity to thrive.

This will include installing additional water points, lighting, an unsealed path, sealed connections, local native landscaping, a picnic area, and a community mural.

The project will include upgrades to the existing sealed connection at Eastbourne Terrace, and two new connections spanning Kelmscott Street to Leader Street, and Henry Street to Neptune Terrace.

Lighting upgrades to existing infrastructure have been planned at all three connections with the addition of one new light pole on Kelmscott Street to improve safety.

A picnic area has been planned for the area near Campbell Street, featuring a table and hydroseeding to enhance the landscape. We are working with local schools to design a community mural to brighten the area and create a welcoming environment for families to play outdoors.

What to expect

Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to take care when travelling through the area. For safety reasons there may be some restricted access. Where required, signage will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists to alternative access and/or detours.

Further information

If you have any questions or would like to register to receive project updates, please

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