

Yass Rotary Lookout

Rotary Club of Yass

Yass Valley Council

Funding requested: \$82,00

Summary: The Yass Rotary Lookout project will transform unused council land on Irvine Drive into a safe, accessible, and picturesque public space. Featuring a new access road, car park, raised viewing platform, and bench seating, the Lookout will offer panoramic views of the Yass Valley and provide a peaceful place for reflection near the Yass Cemetery.

Delivered in two stages, the project will include native tree and shrub plantings—featuring species used by First Nations people for food and medicine—to enhance the natural landscape and protect nearby residential privacy. Informative signage will highlight geographical, Indigenous, and historical landmarks, as well as the significance of native plants.

The initiative will revitalise a neglected area into a valued community and tourism asset, supporting local businesses during construction and through increased visitation. It will also provide a new outdoor space for community, school, and visitor activities, contributing to the mental health benefits associated with green spaces.

By creating a sustainable, educational, and inclusive facility, the Yass Rotary Lookout will enrich the liveability of the region and promote greater appreciation of Yass's natural and cultural heritage.

Community value: The Yass Rotary Lookout project will transform unused council land on Irvine Drive into a safe, accessible, and scenic public space. Featuring a new access road, car park, raised viewing platform, and bench seating, the Lookout will offer panoramic views of the Yass Valley and provide a peaceful place for reflection near the Yass Cemetery.

Native trees and shrubs—including species used by First Nations people for food and medicine—will be planted to enhance the natural landscape and protect the privacy of nearby homes. Informative signage will share details about visible geographical, Indigenous, and historical landmarks, as well as the significance of native plants on site.

The project will revitalise a neglected area into a valued community and tourism asset. It will support local businesses during construction and, over time, attract more visitors to Yass, boosting patronage of local cafes, wineries, and accommodation providers.

The Lookout will also contribute to the liveability of Yass by offering a well-maintained green space for community, school, and visitor activities. It will provide a new location for outdoor recreation and reflection, supporting mental wellbeing and fostering appreciation of the region's natural and cultural heritage.



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