

Horrocks Glance Over Lookout



The Glance Over Lookout is an example of how members of the community working together can transform an unused space, encouraging people to take a moment to observe the beautiful coastal scene, and it has increased community connectedness.

Transforming the area with a sundial, paving, seating, native vegetation and accessible pathways means visitors can watch the whales breaching, ospreys raising chicks and the boats moored in the beautiful bay next to Horrocks. It is the ideal spot for enjoying sunrises and sunsets, practising group yoga or just sitting and reflecting.

The Horrocks Town Team, established in 2021, received a \$10,000 grant from the RAC

Connecting Communities Fund and a small grant from the Northampton Lions Club and transformed this unsightly area. The group did additional work that was not covered by the grant, such as marking out pathways, planting seedlings and assisting contractors.

Community members put their skills, labour and time into this project. Examples include concept designs, running the competition to name the area, and providing updates and involvement opportunities. Donations by local businesses and community members of items and labour meant the lookout project progressed quickly. The sign was made by a local business, contractors working on other projects in the area volunteered on their weekends, using their equipment.

The council donated the gravel for the paths and mulched the existing dead woody vegetation (from a fire). One local collected seed and grew the 3,000 seedlings to revegetate the area. Stage 2 is already designed, educational signs are planned, and certified drawings have been done for the new footbridge, which will further enhance this area, creating additional recreational areas for the community to enjoy.

