

THE VICTORIA SPARK



Next Meetings

Thursday 3 April 2025 – Joint breakfast meeting with Welshpool Rotary – 7.00am for 7.25am start, Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale.

Monday 28 April 2025 – Board Meeting – Time and venue to be advised.

Club News

The Club held its AGM on Monday 16 December 2024 at Bella Rosa in Carlisle. Election of Office Bearers for 2025/26 resulted in: President, Wilfred Hendriks; Secretary, Vin Nairn; and Treasurer, Morris Stevens. Membership Certificates and badges were presented to Colin Lear and Morris Stevens. Volunteers that help at the Sunday Market and parking events were also present as a thank you for their efforts. The Club has welcomed 2 new members and a returning member this year.

Food and Market stalls for the Boorloo Bridge Opening were coordinated by the Rotary Club of Victoria Park. All stall fees were collected and retained by the Club as well as a management fee. This resulted in a tidy sum towards our Community Account. We have also received payment from the Town of Victoria Park for coordinating parking at the Summer Street Party and the Summer Soiree at Raphael Park.

Upcoming Events

Vic Park Market - Sunday 30 March, Sunday 6 April, Sunday 13 April, Sunday 27 April. No Market on Easter Sunday 20 April. Venue: John Macmillan Park, Sussex Street, East Victoria Park – 8am – 12 pm.

Note: Sunday 27 April – This is a special **Arts Market** in conjunction with the Town of Victoria Park Arts Season Launch.

We are also seeking **volunteers** that may be able to assist with the set up and pack up of the market, or run activities during the market. Activities during the market will contribute to a vibrant event. If you can help, please call Wilf on 0403 121 543.

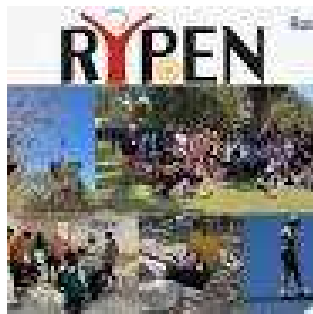
Saturday 29 March 2025 – Parking Management at Taylor Reserve for the Town of Victoria Park Art & Culture Fest. Assistance required between 4.30pm and 9pm.

Saturday 5 April 2025 – District 9423, District Assembly. Venue: Willetton Sports Stadium 8.30am to 2pm.

Friday 25 April 2025 – Anzac Day Breakfast. Rotary Vic Park will be doing a sausage sizzle. Venue: Vic Park Town Office and Memorial Park, Albany Highway – 4am – 7am.

Youth

The Ron Letch Award honours the Student of the Year who exemplifies leadership through their actions. Late last year, we congratulated two deserving winners, Hayden and Harry, for their outstanding contributions as boarders and for consistently upholding the Rotary Residential Colleges expectations.



The club has agreed to sponsor 3 students from the Rotary Residential College to participate in RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) in May 2025. A further student may be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Welshpool.

A request has been received for sponsorship of the Vic Park Raiders Junior Football Club. Rotary Vic Park is happy to provide sponsorship and hopes that the Raiders are able to promote Rotary and the Vic Park Market in newsletters etc.



The Rotary Residential College has forwarded a proposal to purchase a small car for student transport where it is not practical to utilise the larger college buses. The Club has decided to work towards providing a contribution for this initiative.

Vocational

The Town of Victoria Park has opened its Business Grants for 2025. The Club intends to apply for a grant to conduct a number of Business Networking Events.

International

Rotary Vic Park has contributed \$523.00 to Shelterbox and \$500.00 to Mama Respond for Wheelchair Support. We continue to support James Spence with his project in Nepal.

Community

Home (Hope Opportunity Mutuality Empowerment) Karawara is a food relief program operated from the George Burnett Leisure Centre in Karawara with assistance from the City of South Perth, Second Bite and others.

As Rotary Vic Park has a money spinner at Village Green in Karawara, 50% of the income from the spinner is being donated to assist Home Karawara with their operations. So far this year \$371.90 has been donated.

Australian Rotary Health has been the recipient of \$600.00 from Rotary Vic Park this year. These funds are possible from the proceeds of the money spinner at the Vic Park Market.

Other beneficiaries of donations or contributions from Vic Park Rotary include:

- Vic Park Soup \$220.85 – Bread rolls and ingredients;
- Town of Victoria Park Business Awards \$500 – Sponsor of Excellence in Professional Service Award;
- Umbrellas and Footprints \$500;
- Technology Museum WA \$500 – Assistance for a roof over container storage;
- Ability Heroes \$100;
- Kent Street Senior High School \$400 – Meritorious Teacher Awards;
- Victoria Park Men's Shed \$1,020 – Replacement Flooring.

Humour

- **What kind of tea is hard to swallow?** Reali-tea
- **What is a cloud's least favourite exercise?** Yoga. It struggles to feel grounded.
- **I'm on a seafood diet.** I see food, and I eat it.
- **What snack never gets mad?** Pickles. They're cool as a cucumber.
- **Why did the robber jump in the shower?** He wanted to make a clean getaway.
- **What classic bar game do swimmers always win?** Pool.

And.....Last but not least, please give Wilf a ring on 0403 121 543 if you can help us with events or the Market, or know someone who can.