

THE VICTORIA SPARK



Next Meetings

Monday 23 June 2025 - Rotary Victoria Park Board meeting – To be confirmed

Thursday 5 June 2025 - Joint breakfast meeting with Welshpool Rotary – 7.00am for 7.25am start, Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale.

Saturday 14 June 2025 – Rotary Western Australia Changeover – 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Leederville Function Centre. Cost \$55 for 2 course dinner and 1 drink. RSVP by 9 June 2025. Details in Club Runner.

Sunday 13 July 2025 – Rotary Club of Welshpool Handover – 3 course lunch \$75.00, further details to be provided on venue. Victoria Park members welcome to attend.

Sunday 31 August 2025 – Wireless Hill Open Day

Club News

Vic Park Market – The market on **Sunday 25 May 2025** was a special Market to enable the Town of Victoria Park to distribute native plants to residents as part of the Towns Urban Forest at Home initiative.



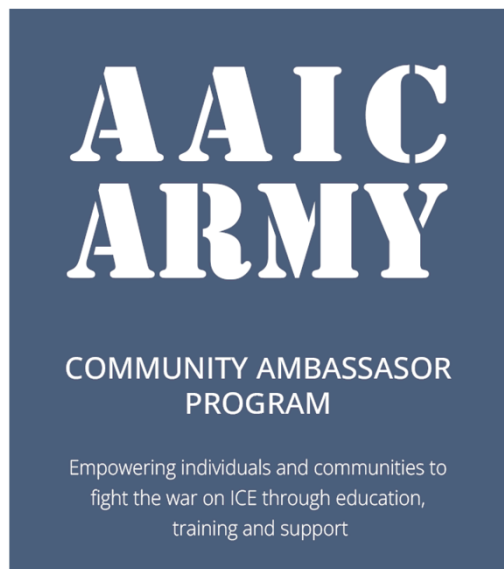
And a visit from the Kalamunda District Pipe Band. Always welcome.



Upcoming Events

Vic Park Market – Sunday 1 June, Sunday 8 June, Sunday 15 June, Sunday 22 June, Sunday 29 June. Venue: John Macmillan Park, Sussex Street, East Victoria Park – 8am – 12 pm.

Youth



Australian Anti Ice Campaign (AAIC) – Rotary Vic Park has agreed to join the AAIC as a Foundation Community Ambassador with a \$500 contribution. The Australian Anti Ice Campaign (AAIC) addresses challenges through Ice-specific education, training and support programs delivered by trained AAIC presenters and "lived experience buddies"—individuals like AAIC Founder and CEO Andre'a Simmons who have overcome Ice addiction and are in long-term recovery.

Research from successful mass media Ice awareness programs conducted by the Australian and Western Australian governments in 2015 highlights the effectiveness of using real recovery stories to engage young people and shift their attitudes toward Ice.

While these campaigns were highly effective, they were run over very short time spans, and have not been repeated since 2015 due in part to the incredible cost associated with mainstream media campaigns.

The AAIC Community Ambassadors Program aims to leverage the social media reach of an army of concerned individuals, businesses, organisations, clubs - anyone with a Facebook following - to make AAIC's potentially life saving education, training and support services permanently and freely available and accessible for all Australians.

Vocational

Business Awards – Rotary Vic Park has agreed to be a Silver sponsor for the 2025 Victoria Park Business Awards. Sponsorship will be for **Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality**. Awarded to a business in the tourism and hospitality industry that has made an overall contribution to the local or wider community.

Community

Vic Park Soup –was held at the Broken Hill Hotel on Monday 19 May 2025, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. There were some fabulous local greening projects pitched at the [Vic Park Neighbourhood Soup](#) event last week to celebrate **WA Tree Festival**. A big congratulations to Kendal for her winning pitch for the **Food Trees for Vic Park's Black Cockatoos** project! Bread rolls and some of the soup ingredients provided by Vic Park Rotary.



People Helping People (PHP) – Rotary Vic Park will donate \$1,000 to PHP. This service is located in Bentley and serves the suburbs of St James, Bentley and Wilson. In their words:

We are the heartbeat and voices of our local neighbourhoods. We come from all walks of life, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are People Helping People throughout our own communities who, since our inception, help each other by way of our own pocketbooks and kindness. Our PHP ethos of “giving where you live without judgement” and “changing the world for one person” has inspired many. We are proud to see and know the many lives we have touched not only in Australia but worldwide. International students we have met along the way have adopted our ethos in the countries they have returned to. Many have started their own movements of changing lives in their neighbourhoods. We watched as others have adopted and adapted our concept.

International

Vic Park Rotary will contribute \$2,000 (US) to the **Rotary Foundation**.

A Rotary Foundation Grants webinar scheduled for Thursday 15 May 2025 has been postponed to Thursday 5 June 2025. A Rotary member will join this webinar so that Rotary Vic Park will be eligible to submit a grant application in 2025-26 should an acceptable project be identified.

Humour



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.