

THE VICTORIA SPARK

**Next Meetings**

Thursday 7 August 2025 – Joint breakfast meeting with Welshpool Rotary – 7.00am for 7.25am start, Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale
Monday 18 August 2025 - Rotary Victoria Park Board meeting – 5.30pm 105 Planet Street.

Club News

- At the July Board meeting it was decided to donate \$500 to Activate Mental Health. We are still organising for Rahul to speak at a Welshpool breakfast meeting.
- The District Conference is to be held in Northam 13 – 15 March 2026. The theme is Rotary WA Up, Up and Away. Registrations are now open. Check emails and Club Runner for full details.

Vic Park Market

- The last few Sundays have proved challenging with the weather.
- **Sunday 27 July** was a rather sad day for the Market. Persistent rain early certainly dampened the enthusiasm for stallholders. Nine cancellations had been received prior to our set up making it a bleak prospect for an already small market. Congrats to Sugar Bee, Wild Bakery, Frankland Valley Meats and Sean (Organically Grown Produce) and Containers for Change for persevering and they were rewarded by some regular customers who braved the inclement weather. Due to the weather conditions no fees were collected and the market closed at 10.30am.
- Wilf and Colin are continuing to explore an on-line booking system to trial. This will hopefully reduce some of the manual tasks currently undertaken.
- The Club has received a significant increase in Insurance premium for the Market and is intending to increase Stallholder fees from 1 September 2025.

Upcoming Events

Vic Park Market – Sunday 3 August, Sunday 10 August, Sunday 17 August, Sunday 24 August, Sunday 31 August. Venue: John Macmillan Park, Sussex Street, East Victoria Park 8am – 12 Noon.

Monday 4 August 2025 – Dinner to celebrate our volunteers.

Sunday 31 August 2025 – Wireless Hill Open Day.

Saturday 29 November 2025 – Town of Victoria Park Summer Street Party – Potential for Rotary to manage parking arrangements.

Youth

RYPEN - Applications are currently open for the RYPEN camp in September. Wilf will be contacting Rotary Residential College for interested students.

RWADE – A date has not been set for the Driver Education at Kent Street High School. This is usually held in approx. September each year.

Rotary Residential College vehicle –

A thank you from the College for our \$2,000 contribution -

“We would also like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your generous donation. The car has been in regular use, assisting us with transporting students to medical appointments, sporting commitments, and other activities. Having a smaller vehicle has made these tasks significantly more efficient and manageable.

Thank you once again for your support.”



Carson Street School, East Victoria Park –

Rotarians Vin Nairn and Morris Stevens visited the school on Tuesday 29 July 2025. The invitation was received following Rotary Vic Park's donation of \$1,000 towards equipment.

We were treated to a comprehensive tour of the school facilities that was very eye-opening. For those that may not be aware, Carson Street School was one of the first schools to be granted Independent Public School status in 2010, and was also selected as one of the first Teacher Development Schools in Western Australia. The school adapts its facilities and services to the current inclusive educational climate, and is ready to play a positive role in the education of special needs students in the future.

Staff members are skilled in promoting communication through the use of Alternative and Augmentative Communication strategies, including Aided Language Stimulation and the use of PODD (Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Displays). The latter is effectively supporting a marked improvement in many students' communication. Computer and other assistive technologies are often used as a means of promoting independent learning.

Attached to this Newsletter is a thank you card produced by the Red Gum Class who communicate by looking at icons on a computer screen to generate speech, truly amazing.



Russell from Red Gum Class



Students in Yellow Gum Class

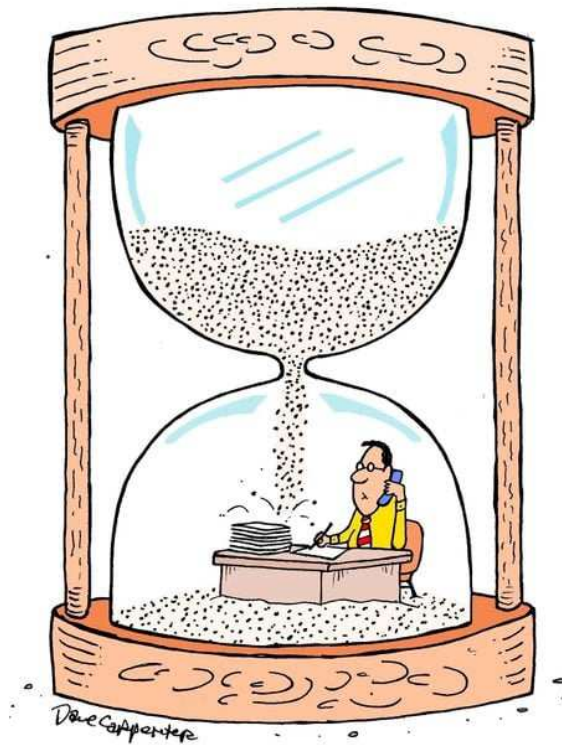
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International

August is designated as Membership and New Club Development Month. This month is dedicated to focusing on membership recruitment and retention within Rotary clubs worldwide. It's also a time to celebrate the contributions of existing members and the positive impact Rotary clubs have on their communities.

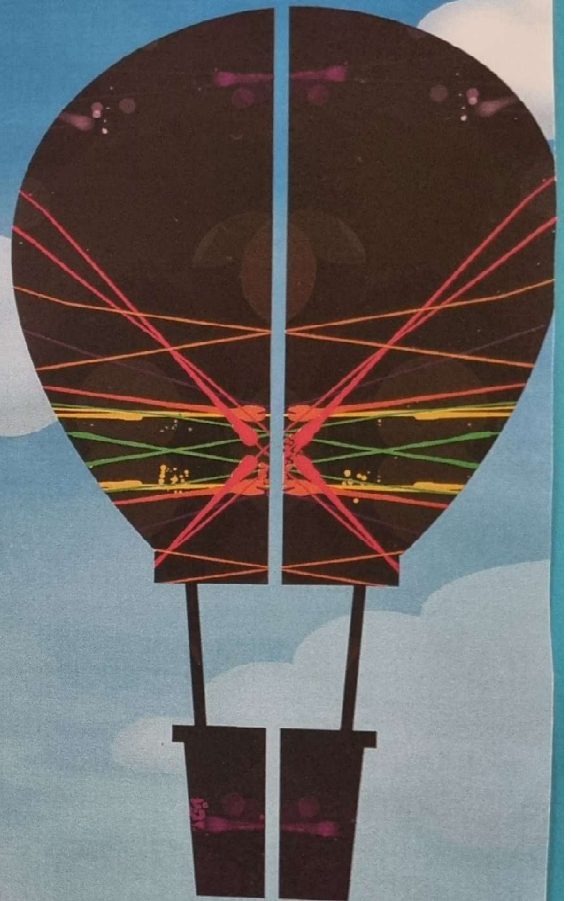
Humour

- ☐ I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.
- ☐ What do you call a guy who's really loud? Mike.
- ☐ Have you heard the joke about yoga. Never mind it's a bit of a stretch.



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TO GET THESE REPORTS DONE."

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.



Thank-you!



Your support helped us soar!



Dear Rotary Club,



Come here please. I think you are clever for pulling, thinking, making, new



playground. I want fishing at school. - Mia



You are excellent. When coming office school? - Nate



You are special share present with school. - Shateaka



Thank you, bless you, favourite. - Russell



Present, thank you, thank you, special, fun. - Tyler



Thank you for donating money to help us to build our new playground!



We are very excited for the access it will bring.



Love RedGum Class.