

THE VICTORIA SPARK



Next Meetings

Thursday 5 May 2026 – Welshpool Rotary Club Meeting – 7.00am for 7.25am start, Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale.

Monday 18 May 2026 – Vic Park Rotary Board meeting 5.30pm, 105 Planet Street, Carlisle.

Club News

At the last club meeting several contributions/donations were agreed to:

- **Men in the Hood** – A program being delivered by MenTALL, Victoria Park Community Centre and supported by The Town of Victoria Park to provide a safe space for men to connect, learn and grow. Various workshops May – December 2026. Vic Park Rotary to contribute **\$500**.
- **Special Needs Education Centre Vic Park (Sensory Garden)** - The project aims to deliver a multi-sensory outdoor environment that stimulates sight, sound, touch and smell, while providing a calming, inclusive, and engaging refuge within the school grounds. Vic Park Rotary to contribute **\$1,500**.
- **DV Safe Phone** – An Organisation established in 2020 to assist people fleeing domestic violence that don't have access to something most of us take for granted, a safe, unmonitored phone. Without it, they can't call for help, connect with services, or make a plan to escape. They seek a donation of unused/unwanted mobile phones as well as \$31 to fund a Safe Phone kit. Vic Park Rotary has agreed to contact our E-waste collector for any phones and contribute the \$31 per phone to a maximum of 10 (\$310).
- **Victoria Park Community Centre** – Portrait Prize Exhibition – Sponsorship request. Vic Park Rotary provide sponsorship of \$500.
- **Welcome** – to our newest member – **Linda Footman**. We hope you enjoy many hours of service to Rotary and the local community.

Vic Park Market

The Market on 12 April was a Health theme in support of World Health Day held on 7 April. A total of 9 stalls were dedicated to the Health theme as well as the Bike Mechanic sponsored by the Town of Victoria Park.

Sunday 24 May will see the Town of Vic Park hold their Plant Giveaway as part of the Urban Forrest Strategy. Excellent day for any stalls themed for the Environment.

Continuing to work on a system to assist in receiving bookings each week to ease the manual effort currently required. Social media back on track with assistance from Mia.

Community

- **ANZAC Day** – Rotary Vic Park assisted in the ANZAC day breakfast at the memorial service held on Saturday 25 April. Thanks to Rotary members as well as Anne-Marie and family and Wilf's work colleague assisting with parking.



- **Vic Park Collective Movie night** – Rotary Vic Park assisted the collective with a sausage sizzle on Sunday 26 April. The event is part of the Vic Park Arts Season.



Vocational

Business Awards – The Town of Victoria Park has sought expressions of interest for sponsors of the 2026 Business Awards. Vic Park Rotary submitted an EOI and has been confirmed as sponsor for the Not-For-Profit category.

Business Networking – A watch and see approach is being taken on how best to conduct business networking in the town, possibly in partnership with other organisations.

International

In **May**, Rotary celebrates **Youth Service**. This month is dedicated to empowering young leaders up to age 30 and recognizing the incredible impact they have on our local and global communities. From the classroom to the boardroom, Rotary provides the foundation for young people to lead with integrity.

The focus is on highlighting Rotary's commitment to engaging, mentoring, and empowering young leaders through programs like Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rotary Youth Program of enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and the National Science Forum (NSF) are ways Rotary Vic Park have contributed to assisting young leaders reach their potential.

"The Youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow"

Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Events

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

Humour

Saving Money

"Hey, cabby! How much to take me to the station?"

"Five bucks, sir."

"And how much for my suitcase?"

"No charge for the suitcase, sir."

"Okay. Take the case and I'll walk."

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