

THE VICTORIA SPARK



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Next Meetings

Thursday 6 August 2026 – Members are encouraged to attend the meeting of the Welshpool Rotary Club – 7.00am for 7.25am start, Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale. **Please note:** Alice Lukasik will be a guest speaker – Sponsored by Vic Park Rotary on the STS Leeuwin Adventure.

Monday 17 August 2026 – Vic Park Rotary Board meeting 5.30pm, 105 Planet Street, Carlisle.

Club News

- **NAIDOC week** was celebrated at Kent Street Senior High School on Thursday 23 July with a sausage sizzle. Rotary Vic Park provided the buns, sausages, onions etc. Many thanks to Vin and Netta Nairn for shopping and delivering the ingredients to the school.
- **Rotary branded gazebo** – The club purchased a new gazebo cover and has had the Rotary International logo and Rotary Victoria Park sign written on it. The gazebo will be used at the Market each Sunday and for other events promoting Vic Park Rotary. Thanks to Vin Nairn for the professional signwriting.



Vic Park Market

Activity at the markets has increased over recent weeks with additional enquiries for stalls. The increase in enquiries is a result of increased promotion on social media, with stallholders also getting on and tagging the market when they are attending. This is good work from Mia, our social media specialist.

Fees increased for stallholders from 1st July. The increase is to offset Insurance costs that have risen over the last few years. The increase was modest and still provides good value for stallholders at the Market.

It was a busy day at the market on 12 July:



Upcoming Markets

Vic Park Market –Sunday 2 August, Sunday 9 August, Sunday 16 August, Sunday 23 August , Sunday 30 August – Venue: John Macmillan Park, Sussex Street, East Victoria Park 8am – 12 Noon.

Youth

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) – The next RYPEN camp will be held 11-13 September at the Serpentine Camping Centre. We have interest from at least 5 students to attend. If you are available to transport the students to or from the camp, please advise Wilf Hendricks.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) – The next RYLA camp will be held Saturday 9 – Saturday 16 January 2027 at the Serpentine Camping Centre. This is for 18-28 year olds, focused on **leadership, self-awareness, and personal growth.** **Applications** close 30 November 2026.

General

Mini Murals is a Town of Victoria Park initiative bringing colour to unexpected places, activating precincts around town with public art, and helping deter graffiti on property such as traffic signal control and electrical boxes. The initiative recently made its way to the electrical box at John Macmillan Park.

“Welcome to Class” is a vinyl artwork by **Maggie Thornton** that invites viewers to feel the excitement, warmth, and possibility of beginning something new together. The bold shapes and flowing lines capture the buzz of ideas and the joy of connection in a classroom. Inspired by collaboration and curiosity, the vibrant palette represents diversity and shared discovery - each shape contributing its own rhythm and voice.



International

The Rotary theme for August is **Membership and New Club Development**.

Areas of focus are:

- **Membership Growth** – Attracting new members and engaging current participants.
- **Club Extension** – Building new local Rotary clubs to expand community outreach.
- **Strengthening Connections** – Turning network relationships into active service.

Humour

Deep thought of the day:

When you clean a vacuum cleaner
You become a vacuum cleaner.

Silly Signs:

Repair shop door – We can repair anything. Please knock on the door, the bell doesn't work.

In a department store – Bargain basement upstairs

In an office – After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

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.