

THE VICTORIA SPARK



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Next Meetings

Thursday 3 September 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.

Monday 21 September 2026 – Vic Park Rotary Board meeting 5.30pm, 37 Hertford Street, East Victoria Park.

Club News

- **Welshpool meeting guest speaker** – Many thanks to Welshpool Club for allowing Alice Lukasik to speak on Thursday 6 August on her STS Leuwin Adventure. Alice provided a great insight into the workings of the sailing ship and thoroughly enjoyed the experience..



Welshpool President Greg, Alice and Morris from Vic Park Rotary

- **Website** – Colin has been busily working behind the scenes to create a new club website and a new link to the Vic Park Market. Launching soon at <https://rotaryvictoriapark.org.au/>

Club News (cont'd)

- **Centre for Asylum seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)** – Has approached Rotary Vic Park for assistance, This may be by volunteering at the centre on Burswood Road or in other ways. Linda will contact the centre for further information on how Rotary may be able to help.
- **Guide Dogs WA** – Rotary Vic Park will donate **\$500**. It is anticipated that the association will bring dogs to the Market in the near future to educate marketgoers on their activities.
- **Blue Dot Army** – Offers practical support, companionship and care so that no one has to face cancer alone. Rotary Vic Park to donate **\$500**.
- **Summer Street Party** – Rotary Vic Park have once again been asked to manage parking for the Town of Victoria Park at John Macmillan Park on **Saturday 14 November 4pm – 9pm**.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday 5 September 2026, 9am – 2pm at Burswood Park – Gather & Gourmet** – Themed Market that Rotary Vic Park has been invited. A stall (with our new branded tent and tablecloth) will be set up at the event to showcase Rotary Victoria Park, membership and Vic Park Market.
- **Tuesday 8 September 2026 5.30pm – 8.30pm The Wembley Hotel, 344 Cambridge St Wembley**. Rotary Means Business WA is hosting this event, themed **Rebooting Business: Who benefits from the promise of AI?** Bookings at Humantix <https://humanitix.com/au/events/au--wa--perth/free> to find the event.
- **Wednesday 23 September 2026, 6pm – 8.30pm at John McGrath Pavilion, Hensman Street, South Perth** – Perron Institute Mental Health/Neuroscience Forum 2026. Australian Rotary Health has invited interested Rotarians and other interested people to attend this forum titled: **Healthy Minds, Brains and Bodies**. The forum will feature some of WA's brightest new researchers. Bookings at: Humantix <https://humanitix.com/au/events/au--wa--perth/free> to find the event.

Vic Park Market

- **Sunday 16 August** was a n amazing Artisan and Makers market with around 60 stalls and with perfect weather.
- **Million Moves Activation** – Town of Victoria Park is promoting this activation at the Market on 13 September and will include free **yoga in the park, health and wellbeing activities, free health checks and the pop-up bike mechanic**. Rotary will promote a Health and Wellness market for this day with a \$10 fee for Health and wellness themed stalls.
- **Art Market** – Proposed in conjunction with Vic Park Art Centre at the Artisan and Makers Market on 20 September.

Upcoming Markets

Vic Park Market –Sunday 6 September, Sunday 13 September, Sunday 20 September, Sunday 27 September – Venue: John Macmillan Park, Sussex Street, East Victoria Park 8am – 12 Noon.

Youth

- **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) – Reminder** -The next RYPEN camp will be held 11-13 September at the Serpentine Camping Centre. We have interest from at least 4 students to attend. If you are available to transport the students to or from the camp, please advise Wilf Hendricks.
- **RWADE – (Rotary WA Driver Education)** The Annual driver education session will be held at Kent Street Senior High School on **Tuesday 8 December**. Please mark this in your calendar and advise Wilf if you can assist.

International

Interplast - Provides surgery to patients and training to staff in the Pacific and Asia. Rotary Vic Park will donate **\$500**.

Basic Education and Literacy is the Rotary theme for September.

Key Focus Areas

- **Promoting Literacy** - focus on improving reading and writing skills for children and adults.
- **Expanding Access** - Projects aim to increase access to education in underserved communities.
- **Reducing Gender Disparity** - Efforts often target helping more girls stay in school.

Fun Facts

- September is the ninth month of the year, but its name comes from the Latin word *septem*, which means "seven".
- **Letter match:** September is the only month with the same number of letters (nine) as its numerical position on the calendar (the ninth month).

Humour

Question: Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Answer: He was outstanding in his field.

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.