

Rotary
Albert Park



Rotary Albert Park Community Services Report 2017/18

Star Health

(previously Inner South Community Health)

Supporting the local community with items such as:

- A mother with 3 young children (currently in out of home care) needs a new mobile phone to keep in contact with her kids. She's working hard to get them back in her care.
- A 33-year-old female from Ethiopia escaping family violence and currently in crisis accommodation has been diagnosis with PTSD. She needs assistance purchasing items she will need for her accommodation.
- A 43-year-old female with mental illness is the primary carer for her 7-year-old daughter and due to the state of her home, she could lose her daughter. Funding will provide an industrial clean to ensure she's not in breach of tenancy and evicted.

Star Health

Supporting the local community with items such as:

- \$200 towards a new washing machine, for a lady that had a mod-severe stroke.
- Household appliances to setup new home, she had been homeless and recently gained transitional housing.
- Train tickets for a short trip for mother and son. Mother has anxiety and depression.
- An aboriginal woman with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression requires furniture for her flat where she lives with her grandson and daughter.
- A man has recently obtained accommodation after a long period of homelessness and is studying Massage Therapy at Holmesglen TAFE in July. He can't afford to get his working with children's check for the placement.

South Port Day Links

Volunteer based organisation that has been delivering services to older people, people with disabilities and those who care for them in the City of Port Phillip

Our \$5,000 donation is enabling SPDL to purchase a new car to allow community transport provision within the entire City of Port Phillip to older people, people with a disability and those who care for them.

Albert Park Secondary College – 25% proceeds

The Rotary Albert Park book store is located in the premises of the Albert Park Secondary College and provides the following:

- 25% of income received from book sales is donated to APSC, and will total around \$4,000 this financial year.
- Donated 1000s of books to their library each year.
- RAP will host the Book Fair being held this year on the 16 June at Albert Park College.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

United Way Australia licenced the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Australia and Rotary Albert Park joined as a Community Partner in 2015. To date we have 18 kids receiving a book each month delivered to their homes, a further 20 kids are coming through. Kids are from:

- Bubup Child Care Centre, Port Melbourne
- South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten



St Kilda Mums

St Kilda Mums recycle nursery equipment including cots, prams and car seats, as well as clothes and other baby essentials.

Our donation of \$1,500 enabled St Kilda Mums to purchase reversible car restraints at wholesale for \$110 and delivered to St Kilda Mums.

Two members volunteer for St Kilda Mums each week and are happy to facilitate a visit from anyone wanting to check out what they do to support families in need.

Launch Housing

Launch Housing provides housing and support services to individuals, couples and families experiencing homelessness. This includes crisis accommodation, transitional, medium and long term supportive housing, and access to private rental.

Our donation of \$1,500 enabled Launch Housing to purchase 30 new chairs for their communal dining room. The dining room provides a safe space for residents to enjoy breakfast, engage in activities and meet with support workers and co-residents.

Donations in Kind (DIK)

Rotary Donations In Kind is a major recycling operation, run by volunteers, that gives suitable goods to people in need, for free.

Our donation of \$5,000 will support their rental payments to enable DIK to continue to provide goods for local and international benefit.

Recently RAP collected bedlinen and goods from DIK to provide to YWCA/Claremont House set up.

Solar Smiles were also able to access several thousands of dollars worth of dental equipment.

Community Donations

- **Water Safety Vietnam** – donated \$10,000 on behalf of the guest speaker for the Footy Breakfast.
- **Fight MND** – donated \$10,000 on behalf of guest speaking at the annual Golf Day.
- **The Queens Fund** – donated \$1,000 as part of the new members grant to help women having difficulty paying their bills.
- **Parkinson's Walk** – donated \$500.

Community Activity

- **YWCA/Claremont House** – purchased \$844 worth of bedlinen and pillows to set up the rooms for homeless women moving into Claremont House. Members from RAP are also providing support to YWCA where required.
- **"It's in the Bag"** Christmas campaign – RAP members donated a total of 56 bags.
- **Shine on Awards** – RAP nominated Mischa Ginns for a Shine on Award and she won the Adult Community Award.

Sponsorship – Mercedes Benz Melbourne

Mercedes Benz Melbourne entered into a sponsorship arrangement for a 12 months with RAP.

Premium Sponsor

- Branding opportunities at RAP club meetings
- Guest Speaking opportunities
- Attendance at select events
- Sponsorship of RAP events
- Digital and Social media posts
- Distribution of partner content

RAP Book Store

The sale of second hand books since inception would be more than \$270,000 with a major amount going back into local community.

- Wheelie Bins are located in Port Melbourne, Albert Park and St Kilda Libraries where people donate their unwanted books.
- RAP members pick up and sort books every week.
- Book dealers and others purchase books. Books are also sold at Farmers Market, Priscilla Jones Café and online at ABE Books.
- 1000s of books donated to: our local schools; Reading Out of Poverty; Sunshine North Primary; High rise units Vic Ave; Art Group in Footscray; Port Melbourne Library, South Melbourne Mission; Cottage by the Sea; local Op Shops to name a few.....

RAP BBQ's

Ivo has tirelessly coordinated the BBQs this financial year with the help of RAP members volunteering to flip the snags!

- Ralph's Meats at South Melbourne Market donate all the sausages required for our BBQs.
- Bunnings Port Melbourne has provided several opportunities to raise funds, although less than in previous years.
- NOVA, Reclink, Wesley College Car Show have also provided opportunities for the club to raise funds.
- Donated the BBQ van and volunteers for the Special Children's Christmas Party at Flemington.

RAP Footy Breakfast

The Committee again coordinated the annual Footy Breakfast held in September at Lifesaving Victoria.

- Mike Perry organise guest speaker – Neil Roberts
- Audible Auction items, including the Race Horse Syndicate donated by Rob and Lorraine McIldowie & Russell Cocks
- Silent Auction items
- Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes
- 120 people attended

RAP Golf Day

The Committee, led by Chris Catchlove coordinated the annual Golf Day held in March at Albert Park Golf Course.

- Guest Speaker – Neil & Terry Daniher, Fight MND
- Great Golf Prizes awarded
- Audible Auction items
- Raffle
- Great day had by all attendees!

RAP Sail Day

The Committee, led by Chris Catchlove coordinated the Sail Day in conjunction with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron in April.

Unfortunately due to weather, we were unable to sail on the day.

- Lunch organised by RAP members
- Great opportunity to build relationships with the RMYS members.
- Enjoyed by all attendees!
- Looking to grow this event in 2019!