

The Grapevine

THE VINES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
ISSUE 9

Welcome to our 9th edition of 'The Grapevine'

As the weather gets warmer and the days become longer, there is no better time of the year than spring. Over the coming weeks we get to enjoy Mother Nature at its best with her renewed beauty. Our gardens, natural bushland and greenspace become filled with vibrant greens, and as the flowers bloom, we are blessed with a spectacular display of colour. Even the simplest of gardens are transformed into a hive of activity.

We hope you enjoy this edition of 'The Grapevine'. We would love to hear from you! Please send in any interesting articles or anecdotes that you would like to share in our next newsletter.

Stay Safe,
The VRA Committee



THE VINES REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE LEGAL REPRESENTATION



VRA Committee Members interviewed three law firms this week to determine who would best represent the community's interests in fighting the redevelopment proposal.

Based on the feedback and advice provided by these law firms, The VRA are convinced that its strategy to fight this redevelopment proposal is the correct one.

In the coming weeks, The VRA will be reaching out with details on how Residents can become involved in helping fight this cause.

Several weeks ago, The VRA reached out to The Vines (WA) Resort Owners and Hatch Roberts Day in an attempt to arrange a meeting to discuss the re-development proposal. Unfortunately, we have not received any response or acknowledgment from either party.

A community that is engaged and working together
can be a powerful force.

Idowu Koyenikan

COMMUNITY UPDATE SOCIAL EVENTS



**PANDEMONIUM
ESTATE**

The VRA Committee have been working with the owners of Pandemonium Estate in Baskerville to host an 'exclusive' VRA Member event – 'A Taste of Spain'. Please join us for a relaxing afternoon as Pandemonium Estate on the 31st October 2021. Tickets will include a 'tasting' of their award-winning Wines, a glass of wine on arrival and a feast of Tapas and Paella. Beverages are available for purchase.

Numbers are limited to 80, so it will be a 'first in' basis. 'Watch this space', tickets will soon be available via a link our Facebook & Website pages.



THE VINES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Invites you to join us in a special social event
exclusive to our VRA Members.

A Taste of Spain

@PANDEMONIUM ESTATE, Baskerville
Sunday, 31st October 2021
12 noon – 5pm

\$45 per ticket which includes a 'tasting' of Pandemonium's
Award-Winning Wines, Tapas, Paella and a glass of wine on arrival.
Beverages will be available for purchase.

"VINYL SUNDAY"
Bring along your old or new vinyl records to play,
and you can sit back, relax, socialise and listen to some great music,
or you can even bring along your dancing shoes.

Food can bring people
together in a way
nothing else could.

Yotam Ottolenghi



PLANNING IN PROGRESS

VRA CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHRISTMAS MOVIE

The VRA Committee have decided to reintroduce a popular event to bring the Community together to celebrate the festive season with a night of singing and entertainment.

Stay tuned for **updates!**

THE VINES REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING



The video recording of the Special Electors Meeting has now been published by the City of Swan. The video recording, minutes and presentations by The VRA and the City of Swan are now on our website at the following link:

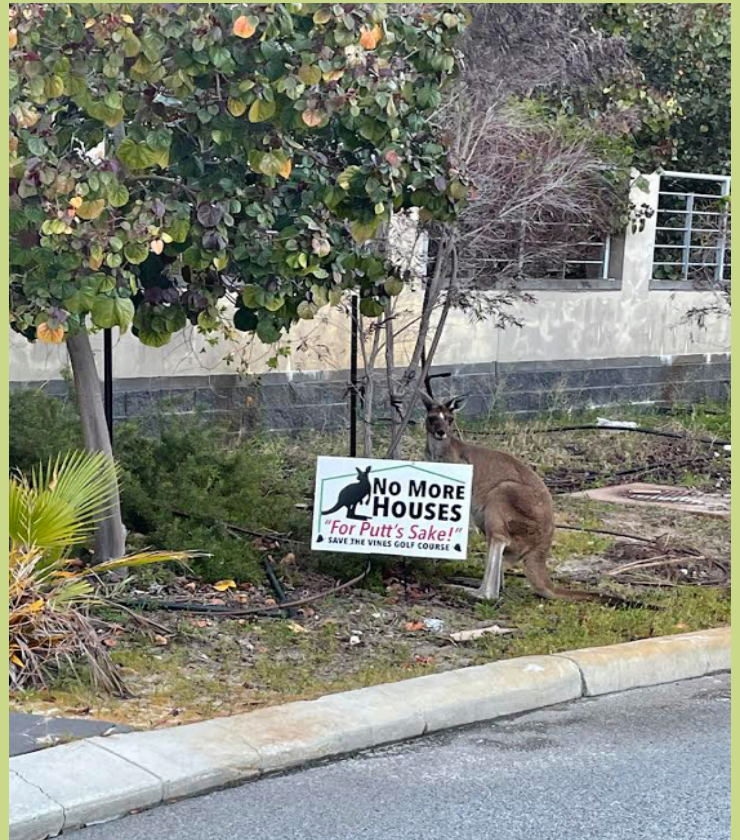
<http://thevinesra.com.au/special-electors-meeting>

COMMUNITY UPDATE PHOTO COMPETITION



Thank you to everyone who submitted entries into the photo competition. Judging is going to be extremely difficult as we received some truly wonderful images.

Judging will take place over the coming weeks, by our Judge Gary Tindale, Director of the Swan Valley Camera Club. The VRA will announce the winning photograph on our Facebook page and website.

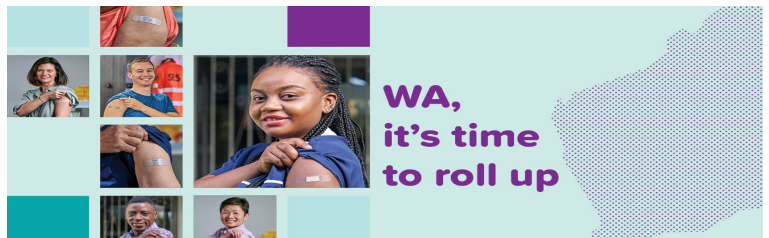


SOMETIMES, TIMING IS EVERYTHING

This great photo was captured by one of our Residents.
"a picture says a thousand words".

"photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them."

Elliott Erwitt



Local Government Elections
16 October 2021



COMMUNITY UPDATE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

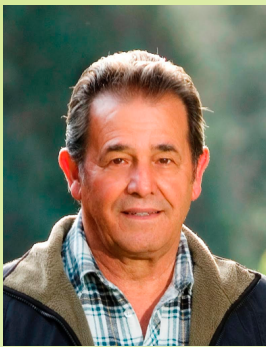
Local Government Elections are being held on Saturday, 16th October 2021. The City of Swan, like most other local Governments have contracted the Western Australian Electoral Commission to conduct this election on their behalf as a postal election. It is important to note that you CANNOT vote in person, and you must complete the postal election package, and ensure that it is received no later than the 16th October if you intend on voting. (not compulsory)

If you haven't already received your voting package from the Western Australian Electoral Commission, you will in the next few days. Please take the time to read the information and have your say, by voting. It is a very quick and easy process.

The Vines is located within the Swan Valley Gidgegannup ward. There are four candidates for this ward, in which you can choose only one. The election package will have a short profile of each of the candidates which is limited by 800 characters. The VRA saw this as a great opportunity to allow each of the candidates to provide a little more information to The Vines Residents, and so we asked them the following two questions

- 1) **Why are you the best Candidate to represent the Residents of The Vines as our Elected Member?**
- 2) **What is your view on the proposed redevelopment of The Vines Golf Course?**

The Candidates were given a maximum of 100 words total to answer the questions. Below are their responses:



Charlie Zannino

I am well-qualified to represent The Vines community, as a life-long resident, Swan Valley grape-grower, an experienced Councillor, and past Mayor. I understand the needs of our community with a proven track record of achieving positive results.

Recently, I successfully stopped approval of a massive telecommunication tower at the resort. My vision is to retain our remarkable region's rural character, enhance tourism and prosperity. I am absolutely and strongly opposed to any inappropriate development in The Vines and believe its residents deserve better! My priority is to protect the integrity of The Vines community, its unique amenity, environment, and lifestyle.



Rod Caddies

I believe I would be the best Candidate to represent residents of The Vines as I have the energy, motivation and desire to serve my community.

Local government is an arena where real change can happen and genuine leadership matters. It's time our community had a strong, approachable leader who will listen to residents' opinions and fight for the best interests of our community.

I strongly oppose the redevelopment of The Vines because it would cause financial loss to current property owners, loss of green space, unwanted increase in traffic and the loss of native wildlife.



Patrick Irwin

I stand for clear thinking, and regard green spaces as valuable assets, including even golf courses.

Also, The Vines was approved on the basis of a Structure Plan that included 27, and later 36 holes of golf-course frontage, which was the basis of land sales around it. There is an implied contract in there which must be respected. The City Council is implicitly involved in this.



Michelle Rossouw

I live in The Vines with my family, and moved here for the unique lifestyle it offers, which I firmly believe should be protected. I am the only candidate that lives here, that shares your concerns of the future of our lifestyle, and that will be affected.

I am opposed to the redevelopment of the Golf Course, but not potential upgrades to the resort, which are overdue. However, I don't believe the course should be developed to fund it, and they shouldn't be sacrificed for housing which will be to the detriment of our investments and the environment.