

# The Grapevine

Vines Residents Association Newsletter

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## ***A message from our Chairperson***

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas festivities and for many, a short break from work. This is a great time to reflect on the lifestyle we have here in the Vines, and the great community spirit that we are all a part of. The VRA committee had its last meeting for the 2021 year recently. Many of us, including a number of other hard working residents of the Vines, have worked throughout this period in preparation of our continued fight against the "Grinch" and their proposed redevelopment plans.

We are aware that the next three months are an extremely critical time, and I am pleased to advise that the VRA committee has adopted a media, promotion, political and stakeholder engagement strategy. Plans are currently being finalised to have our next community meeting on the 20th January (details below), where we will share with you information regarding the revised redevelopment plans that are currently out for feedback. There has been no Christmas spirit shown by The Vines (WA), and it seems that the plans to remove the existing driving range and 9 holes of the Ellenbrook course for redevelopment are still underway.

Please don't be fooled by the fancy wrapping paper that they have wrapped their revised redevelopment plan in. Once it is open, I assure you... it is not the present that anyone wants.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy New Year, on behalf of the VRA committee.

Aaron Bowman  
VRA Chairperson

# Update on the Planned Redevelopment

Thursday 20th January

Meeting starts at 7:00pm

Please try to attend this update. Some of the content cannot be made public on the VRA Facebook page, the website or newsletter, due to the sensitive nature of the information.

A larger venue has been selected to allow for the numbers that we have had attending these events. There will be plenty of signs up and team members to help get everyone in!

Updates on:

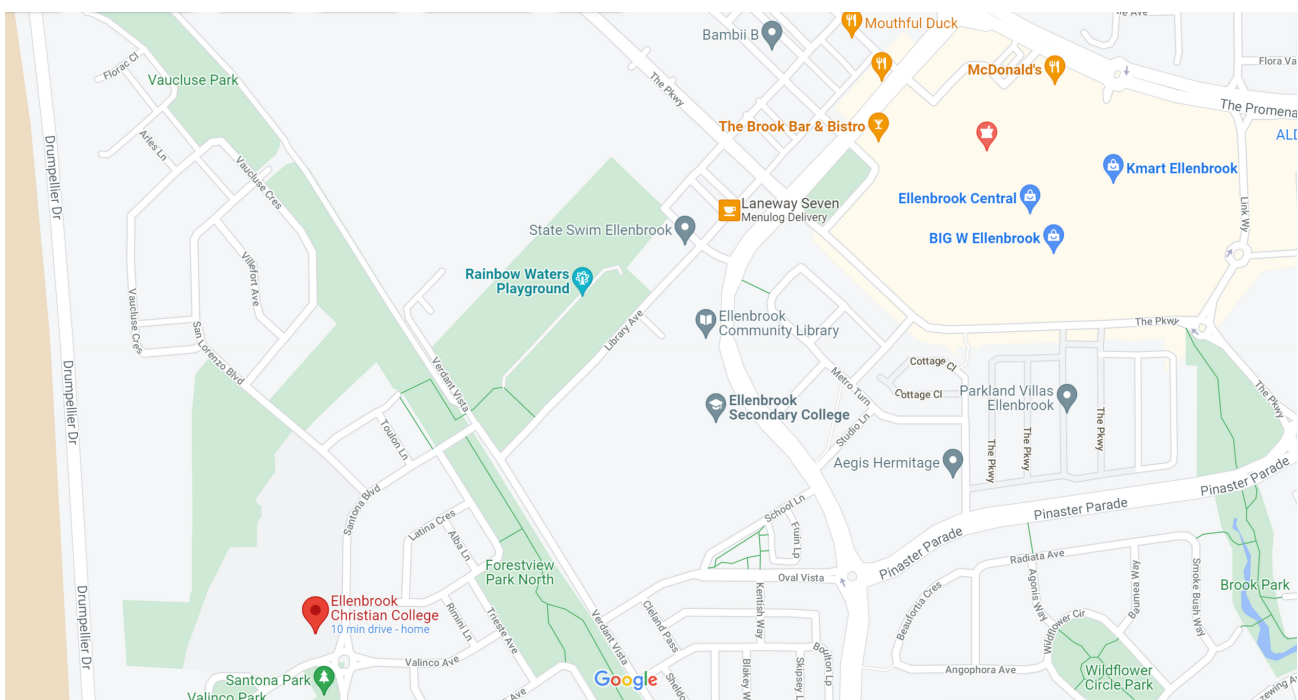
- Campaign Strategy
- Campaign Progress and Wins
- Financials
- Legal Position

We will finish with an open Question & Answer session. All questions, concerns, suggestions and feedback are welcome.

Reminder - The closing date for the consultation period is the 31st January.

**Ellenbrook Christian College  
5 Santona Blvd, Ellenbrook WA 6069**

**\*\* Please note the change of venue from previous events! \*\***



# The Social Side

## Wine conversations with Mark Church

### New Swan Valley Fortified Wine Trail – History in a glass

Fortified wines created in the Swan Valley are some of the most unique and complex made anywhere in the world, often blended from many vintages, and rated among the very best.

The origin of fortified wine styles goes back as far as the 16th century, when a growing number of countries were exporting wines. Long sea voyages, rough conditions and extremes of heat and cold made the wines unstable, with many oxidising during the journey.

In an effort to preserve the wines, winemakers started adding brandy. This resulted in a higher alcohol content (up to 20 per cent), less spoilage and a far more palatable product when the wine reached its destination.

There are 34 wineries showcased on the trail, winemaking traditions and techniques that have been handed down through the generations, have contributed to Swan Valley fortified wines being rated among the best in the world.

From rich and luscious **liqueurs** made from Muscat and Pedro Ximenez, through to **Shiraz, Verdelho, and aged Tawny** fortified wines these can all be tasted and enjoyed on this unique trail that is the only dedicated fortified wine trail anywhere in Australia.

Follow the link below to read and download the Swan Valley Fortified Wine Trail

[www.swanvalley.com.au/trails](http://www.swanvalley.com.au/trails)

## Clean-up Australia Day



Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday, 6th March

A wonderful initiative, started over thirty years ago by Ian Kiernan, AO, an "average Australian bloke" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

Over a million Aussies step up to clean up every year, donating their time to improve the environment. (Clean Up Australia Day ensure that you are covered by public liability insurance).

We will have full details in our next newsletter (when & where to meet etc.)

## Next Event: BBQ and Music in The Vines

Following the great turn-out for the Christmas Carols, the VRA will be hosting a sundowner BBQ in March. Full details in the next newsletter!

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# The Anti-Social Side

## Keeping an eye on crime

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### **Crimes Committed in "The Vines" last month:**

1 instance of Criminal Damage by Fire.

### **Holiday season Tips:**

House Burglaries always increase during the holiday season, as this is when people head away during the holiday season and School holidays. There are some simple precautions you can take to ensure your house and contents remain safe while you are away.

- Advise your neighbour that you are going away. Have them clear your letterbox. With the post-Christmas Sales, there's always an abundance of brochures hitting the mail boxes.
- Ask a neighbour to put a bag of rubbish in your bin. Then on bin day, put your bin on the kerb for collection. Ensure that they put your bin back inside after it is emptied.
- A great idea is to buy some affordable PowerPoint timers from your local hardware store. Connect these to a few table lamps to turn them on and off at various times. Tip: ensure the bedroom lamp is the last one to turn off at the end of the night. You could even have a radio set to turn on and off on a talk back station. This gives the impression that there are people talking in the house.
- Video doorbells are becoming popular and provide the home owner with the ability to record and speak to any person who attends the door when you are not home. If you are using one of these and answer whilst not at home. Don't tell them you are away. Mention that you are in 14-day quarantine and cannot open the door.

These are some simple points which can be implemented quickly to ensure we keep our home and community safe.

# The Fighting Fund

A massive Thank You to all the residents who have donated towards the fighting fund. The VRA will continue to campaign to reach the \$250K target.

## Donation Payment Options

We have received several enquiries from residents who would like to make incremental or regular payments. These options are in place, either via the QR code below, or through the direct debit form, which is located on The VRA website: [www.thevinesra.com.au/](http://www.thevinesra.com.au/)

## Direct Deposit and QR Code reminder

### Fighting Fund Account

BENDIGO BANK:

ACCOUNT: [The Vines Residents Association](#)

BSB: [633-000](#)

ACCOUNT: [187023775](#)

REFERENCE: [Last Name & Street](#)  
(eg: Smith – Vines Ave)

### Square Payment



## Containers for Change



Thanks to residents Lee Muskett and Gareth Jones for suggesting **Containers for change** as a fundraising opportunity for The Vines Residents Association (VRA). This is a great initiative for raising funds but also a great win for the environment. This program helps reduce the impacts of drink container litter, creating a positive impact for our wildlife by reducing the amount of plastic litter that makes its way into the ocean.

The VRA are delighted to be a registered beneficiary of the **Containers for change** recycling scheme in Western Australia (**The VRA Scheme ID is C10534672**).

For each eligible recycled container, The VRA will receive 10 cents. Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. Please check for the 10c mark on drink containers to ensure they are recyclable. Please remove lids from bottles (lids are also recyclable).

### ✓ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

### ✗ INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Containers not commonly found in litter, including all plain milk, flavoured milks 1L and above, pure juice drinks, wine and spirit bottles, cordials.

Recyclable containers must be bagged up or taped up in cardboard boxes and placed in the trailer/compound area at the drop off point below:

### 19 Pinot Terrace, The Vines

As this is a resident's home address, we ask that you follow the rules above and ensure the area is left clean and tidy.

Australian household waste increases by 30% over the festive season so please make the effort to recycle every container starting today.

If you have any questions regarding **Containers for change**, please head to their website:

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/> or contact The VRA at: [vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com)