



The Grapevine

Vines Residents Association Weekly Newsletter



VRA Leadership

VRA Committee Members have been fully engaged in organising mail drops for the VRA survey, obtaining petition signatures for a Special Electors Meeting, setting up sub-committees for specialised subjects, establishing the website, and preparing weekly newsletters. Members are David Karr, Joanne Hunt, Jo Rodgers, Rob Bradbury, Aaron Bowman, Mark Church, Sam Atashnafas, Elizabeth Moriarty, Chris Jones, and guest, Dixon Lowe. The committee wishes to thank the many members who have volunteered their time to make these initiatives possible in less than two months.

Special Electors Meeting

Thanks to the VRA members who signed the petition requesting a Special Electors Meeting with the City of Swan, a public session will be held with Councillors. The Special Electors Meeting will be conducted at the Swan Valley Anglican School on Tuesday, 31 August at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. As several hundred residents are expected, please arrive early for a 7pm start.

This is our opportunity to ask questions and express our concerns to our Mayor, Councillors, City of Swan CEO and staff. The VRA Survey results showed that only 6% of residents are in favour of the proposal. We need to show why 88% of residents disapprove. A letter box reminder with further information will go out next week.

What's Coming Up?

VRA Members Social

The first VRA Members social event will be held on the Sunday, 29th August at the Ellenbrook Bowling Club commencing at 2.00pm. The VRA will provide finger food and drinks can be purchased from the bar at members prices. Members can also bring plates of food to share. Many people met for the first time at the AGM. This is a chance to get to know more people and help build community.

You're Invited!



Photo: Jessica Shaw MLA speaking at the VRA AGM

The VRA Committee will be briefing Jessica Shaw MLA and Tanya Laurence, Labour Candidate for Hasluck, on the survey outcome and other aspects of our response to the proposed development.

In addition to representing the Swan Hills, Jessica has also been appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Heritage. We appreciate her to continuing active support and engagement.



Photo Competition

It's time to get snapping! The VRA is holding a photo competition on the topic of **'The People, Animals and Views of The Vines'**. We have an esteemed photography judge, a very nice prize and the chance to collect all the images that make our community great.

The competition starts now and finishes Saturday, 23 September with winners announced on 30 September.

To upload your photo, go to the VRA website www.vinesra.com.au, select 'Record Wildlife Sightings', upload your photo and put 'photo competition' in the comment box.



The vulnerable Red-tailed Cockatoo and a Blue Fairy Wren!

Legally Speaking

The VRA Committee is discussing legal matters with a number of solicitors and QCs regarding objections to potential development applications.

In addition to the objections on a planning approval basis, there is a probability of a class action around the loss of amenity and view for many residents. When the legal representative is selected, the VRA will be seeking donations towards a campaign to fund legal consultations.

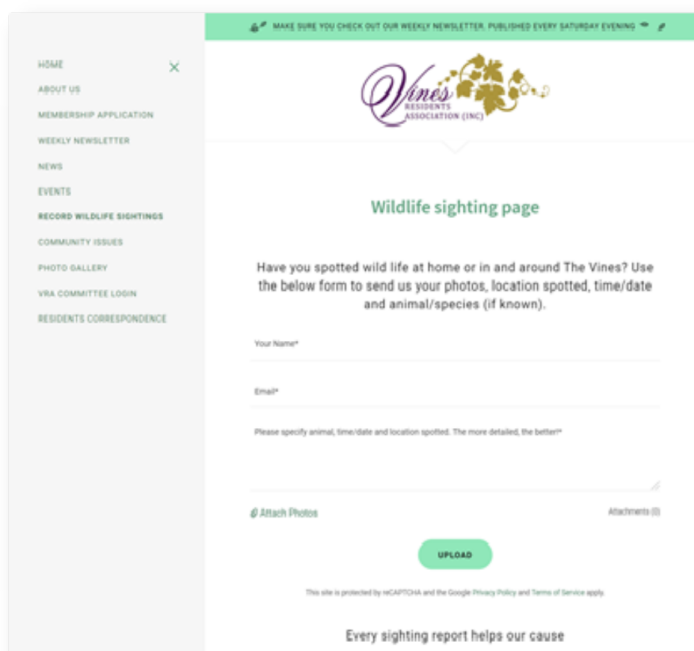
This groundwork is being done now in the event a planning application is made as the proceedings will move quickly.

This is also the reason behind the research and preparation that committee members and volunteers are working on to ensure we are in a robust position to proceed at equal pace.

Website Update

The VRA website now has a wildlife recording page that you can find at <https://thevinesra.com.au/record-wildlife-sightings> or go to the menu and select 'Record Wildlife Sightings'.

By documenting the fauna in The Vines, we can establish a case for protecting their habitat from further development. Next week we will let you know about links to the Citizen Science campaigns.



The screenshot shows the Vines Residents Association website's 'Wildlife sighting page'. The page has a green header with the Vines Residents Association logo and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area is titled 'Wildlife sighting page' and contains a form for reporting sightings. The form includes fields for 'Your Name*', 'Email*', and a text area for 'Please specify animal, time/date and location spotted. The more detailed, the better!'. There are also buttons for 'Attach Photos' and 'Upload'. At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer and the text 'Every sighting report helps our cause'.

Be part of the Bunch

The VRA would not be possible without volunteers. We are a grassroots community organisation and we need community members to assist.

If you can lend your skills in the following areas or know someone who can, please email vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com and tell us about you!

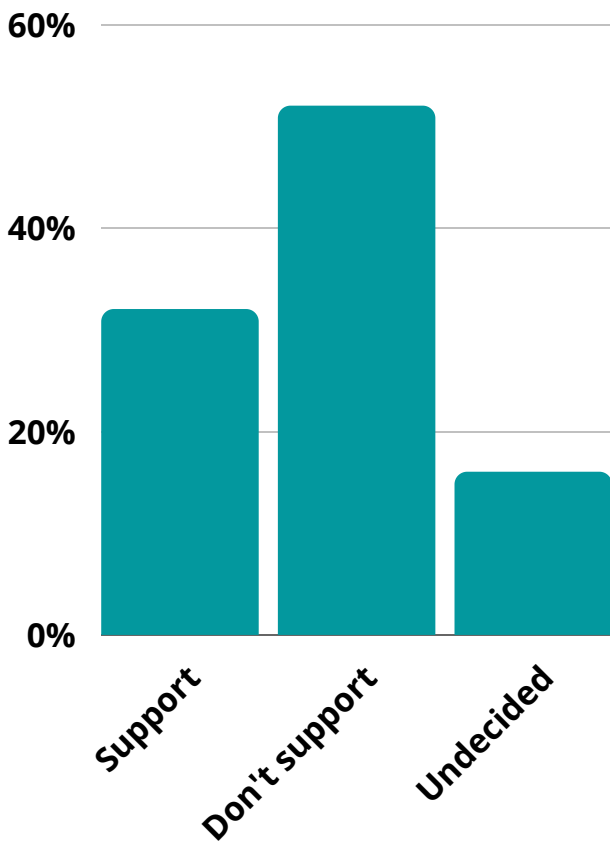
- Botanists
- Graphic Artists
- Technical Writers

Volunteers will work with Committee Members on coordinated activities. Please tell us about your interest and availability to assist your community.



VRA Survey Result Snapshots

Do you support the establishment of a two-tiered fully automated driving range that will provide a day/night facility?



The residents have expressed some potential qualified support, as long as concerns around residential impact is addressed such as security/light intrusion, noise pollution, and antisocial behaviour. Extended hours are a possibility, but definitely not 24 hours!

Do you visit neighbouring cafes, restaurants and bars instead of The Vines Resort? Why?

63% of respondents are unhappy with Food & Beverage Services at the Resort

The reasons why they visit neighbouring cafes, restaurants and bars instead of The Vines Resort include:

- food quality
- service
- prices of food
- look of the Resort that needs an upgrade and/or maintenance.

17% Do not visit neighbouring cafes, restaurants and bars.

11% Visit other venues but also go to The Vines Resort.

2% Will now boycott the Resort because of the proposal.