

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

If we needed any further proof that we live in a crazy mixed up world, then look no further than the current AFL ladder which, at the half way mark of the season, sees the Dockers equal top of the ladder. Who would have thought? Anyway, good luck to all the Fremantle supporters. Let's hope they keep it up and we see them on that last day in September.

Since we last spoke our new Instagram account has been very active. We have followers from all four points of the globe. Please take a look and follow us.

We have also been in discussions with the local Whadjuk custodians to understand the cultural and heritage significance of the land. We will share the outcomes at a later date.

Our next social event is this Sunday (weather permitting). This is a great chance to meet the committee and discuss any items you may have. Bring your local friends and neighbours along to join up as members, and enjoy a FREE sausage sizzle. You can see full details of this, along with our other upcoming events, later in the newsletter.

News Update

PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT

There is no progress to report on the Phase Two Survey results conducted by Vines WA. It is not known when these survey results may be released to the community by Vines WA.

According to recent comments attributed to the Developer, and apparently in the Golfing Circles, Vines WA are expected to "make a decision in June/July". However, there is no indication of what exactly is being considered. Sorry! Not much help!

The VRRRA Committee are however, having success in distributing "The History of The Vines" into the community, to members and to persons we consider to be of influence. The response to this book has been positive and sympathetic to our battle against the proposed redevelopment. This week we have also met with our legal advisors, John Hammond Lawyers, to ensure we are ready for the next steps of our campaign.

Social Events

NEIGHBOURHOOD BBQ: SUNDAY 19TH JUNE AT MIDDAY

As long as the weather behaves, there will be a free social BBQ at Portmarnock Park on Sunday 19th June, starting at midday. Come along to chat with other residents, as well as VRRRA committee members.

Please bring your neighbours so they can learn about what the VRRRA is doing and join up. The more members we have, the stronger our united voice is. If you have recently received notification of your membership renewal via email, this will be an ideal time to renew.

Portmarnock Park is on the corner of Portmarnock Drive and Roxburghe Drive. There is a small playground for the kids, but no toilets.

Please monitor the VRRRA Facebook page for weather-related updates on Sunday morning

MEET & GREET

Neighbourhood BBQ

An ideal time to join or renew

Everyone is invited!
12noon on Sunday 19th June
Portmarnock Park

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BYO Drinks & Chair **BYO Neighbours** 😊

Social Events



BURGER NIGHT

Social Dinner

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE
FROM 6.30PM

EDGECOMBE BROTHERS WINERY
1733 GNANGARA RD, HENLEY BROOK

Food & drinks from normal menu

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: 9296 4307

BURGER NIGHT: 24TH JUNE

To bring members together more often, the VRRRA will be hosting a series of informal dinners at different local restaurants. The first get-together will be at Edgcombe Brothers Winery on Friday 24th June from 6.30pm.

Members need to book directly with the venue to ensure they have a table available. Food and drink consumed will be payable by each table directly to the venue on the night at the normal menu prices.

Note that the VRRRA will not take bookings or be responsible for any payments.

July's social dinner will be announced in the next issue of The Grapevine, and on Facebook.

COFFEE CONNECTION: 29TH JUNE

We will be holding regular coffee mornings, with the next being on Wednesday 29th June.

Meet and chat with Robbie, the VRRRA Community Liaison Officer. 11am at the Brooklane Café, 80 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook.

Why not treat yourself to morning tea or even an early lunch?



Meet with the VRRRA Community Liaison Officer
Brooklane Cafe, 80 Maffina Pde

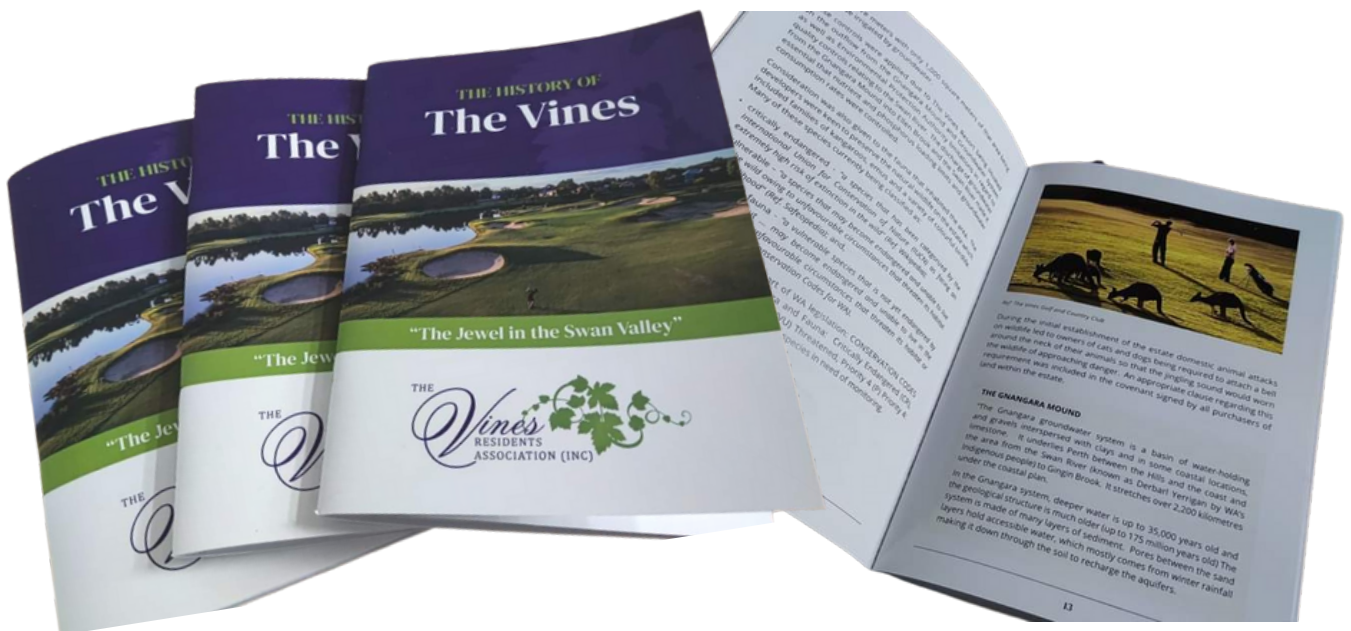


The History of The Vines

The History of The Vines documents the initial development of The Vines Resort and Country Club. It tells how the government of the day supported this development to encourage Japanese tourism within Western Australia and enhance tourist opportunities within the beautiful Swan Valley. It documents the highs that were a key part of early life within The Vines; the challenges that residents faced when building their homes within the area; and, now what are seen as even greater challenges in maintaining the areas semi-rural lifestyle due to the threat of redevelopment.

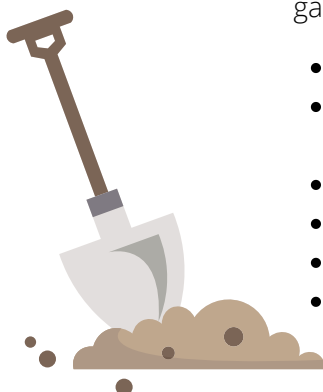
It is a great document for residents to keep as a memento of the area in which they chose to live but it also has another perhaps, even greater value. It is able to be used to inform influential people (e.g. politicians) of the support provided by government in the initial development of The Vines Resort and Country Club and the impact that Vines WA proposed redevelopment will have on all facets of life within this beautiful area.

The books are available for purchase at \$10.00 each – a charge which has been applied purely to cover the cost of legal advice during the production of the book and also printing. The aim being to continue to achieve maximum advantage from member's funds. Please contact the VRRRA via email vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing these books.



Gardening tips for June

With the cooler weather here, this is the perfect time of year to get out into the garden. There are many jobs that can be done now:



- Ensure reticulation is switched off - winter rain and morning dew is sufficient
- Plant vegetables such as beetroot, celery, lettuce, cauliflower, spinach, and carrots
- Top up mulch and clear any fallen leaves
- Plant bare-rooted shrubs and trees, including roses. Also plant new citrus trees
- Carefully trim trees and shrubs, allowing sunlight to reach lower plants/lawn
- If your property is larger than 2000 sqm and you decide to have a garden bonfire, ensure that you move the material before lighting it to avoid burning any wildlife who might have moved into the cozy pile. Be respectful of your neighbours and don't burn wet material.

Wine Talk

Drink Chenin Day

International 'Drink Chenin Day' is celebrated on the 3rd weekend of June across the world. It has become a highlight on the international wine calendar since it began in 2014, with the aim to celebrate its versatility and qualities that make Chenin Blanc so delicious.

Chenin Blanc is an ancient white-wine grape varietal native to France, where it has been cultivated for approximately 1300 years. Most commonly associated with Loire Valley, Chenin Blanc is a unique variety. Its naturally high acidity can be vinified into several wine styles, from bone-dry to full-bodied table wine, vibrant sparkling wine or even lusciously sweet dessert style wines.

Grape vines have been grown in the Swan Valley since 1829, perhaps none more successfully than Chenin Blanc. This sun-loving varietal, with its delicate floral aromas, apple-like flavours and zingy acidity, thrives in the Swan Valley. The Indian Ocean climate brings out its best, allowing the grapes to always ripen to their optimum.

Given its superstar status in the Swan Valley, it is the most widely planted white grape variety. Annually, the Region crushes around a third of Australia's Chenin Blanc. The quantity is matched by quality. With Chenin, old vines create finer wines as it takes at least 20 years for these vines to start producing their best fruit. And what a versatile fruit it is, making wines from sparkling through to still; crisp and dry through to luscious and sweet.

Legendary winemaker, Jack Mann, proved vintage after vintage that Swan Valley Chenin Blanc could be the best wine in Australia. Today, the Valley is at the epicentre of the premium Chenin renaissance. Inspired by Mann, winemakers are letting the wine world know Swan Valley Chenin Blanc wants its crown back.

Chenin Blanc pairs with almost any dish. Poultry, fish, pork, pasta, sushi, stir fry; it can handle spices, from coriander to chilli. It's also a great match for cheese.

Wildlife First Aid

Information from Express Wildlife Rescue

In the event of a collision between an animal and a motor vehicle, be careful about approaching the injured animal as it may kick or bite. If possible, cover its head with a towel or some type of clothing, then call a licensed carer and they will provide the necessary treatment for the animal.

Don't feed the animal. You risk doing more harm than good. They might be hungry but feeding them the wrong type of food may actually kill them. If you think a wild baby is dehydrated; first warm the baby, then offer warm water only. Certain wild animals require special formulas. Cow's milk is not one of them.

Be aware that wild animals may carry fleas, ticks, and may also have diseases. Never bring a wild animal into your home around your pets as it may attack your pet(s), or your pet(s) may attack the wild animal.

If you see a dead animal, please pull over carefully and check the animal if it is safe to do so. Check pouches for joeys, remembering to never pull the joey off the teat. If there is a joey, contact Express Wildlife Rescue on 0417 926 130.

SAFETY FIRST: Your safety is of the highest importance

Never handle snakes, bats, adult kangaroos or birds of prey. When handling any other animal it is important to use the proper protection. Gloves, towels, bags or blankets can all be used to protect yourself.

Remember that groups like Express Wildlife Rescue rely on volunteers and community donations.



**If you find injured wildlife, it is very important to
call a licensed carer immediately.
This includes Express Wildlife Rescue on 0417 926 130**



Fundraising Ideas

The VRRRA Committee is a small team of volunteers with assistance from a few amazing helpers from within our community. We always need more residents on board helping by getting out in the community, meeting and talking with other residents about our efforts. We also appreciate hearing any fundraising ideas that you have.

Our participation in 'Containers for Change' arose from a suggestion by VRRRA members. Details are below.

The VRRRA are delighted to be a registered beneficiary of the Containers for Change recycling scheme in Western Australia.

THE VRRRA Scheme ID is C10534672

For each eligible recycled container, The VRRRA 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)



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. Alternatively, containers can be dropped at other Containers for Change locations, quoting The VRRRA ID number above



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TOGETHER CAN BE A
POWERFUL FORCE**

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JOIN OR DONATE

MEMBERSHIP DIRECT PAYMENT OPTION

BENDIGO BANK

ACCOUNT NAME The Vines Residents Association
BSB 633-000
ACCOUNT 142658913
REFERENCE Last Name & Street (eg: Smith – Vines Ave)

Don't forget to complete a Membership Application.
This can be found on The VRA website:

<https://thevinesra.com.au/membership-application>

If you would like to donate towards our legal fund,
please use the following account:

LEGAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT PAYMENT OPTION

BENDIGO BANK

ACCOUNT NAME The Vines Residents Association
BSB 633-000
ACCOUNT 187023775
REFERENCE Last Name & Street (eg: Smith – Vines Ave)