

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
1 JULY 2022



UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Information on the course reticulation work was sent to all Golf members of The Vines Resort this week. An update on the progress of the installation of a new reticulation system is hardly newsworthy - after all, this work has been promised every year now for at least the last 10 years. What is of note is that NO reticulation work is mentioned for holes 3 - 11 on the Ellenbrook course. Interestingly these are the same holes that have been set aside for the proposed new housing development. As we continue to fight to save The Vines Golf Course, rest assured your committee are well prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

There are two proposed alternatives for timing of the course reticulation work. The first is that 3 holes will be shut down for 6 weeks maximum at a time; maybe shorter depending on what is found through excavation. This would commence on the back 9 holes of the Lakes course and would mean a potential 18 week timeframe for these 9 holes, with an approximate completion date by the end of July 2023. The reticulation project will then proceed to the Ellenbrook course with holes 1, 2, and 12 - 18 being completed by approximately November 2023. The reticulation on the Lakes 1 - 9 will follow. The second alternative is to shut down more holes at once to shorten the timeframe.

In any case, we hope you are all enjoying this beautiful sunny winter in this most beautiful part of the world.

Membership Renewals

Renewal emails were recently sent to the majority of members (i.e. those who joined in the middle of 2021). Please ensure that you pay promptly.

Remember that our success is achieved by a united community voice.

Your membership to The VRRA will help us to make improvements within The Vines and will ensure your opinion is heard when it comes to important matters, such as the proposed redevelopment. Our Association has a more powerful influence than any one individual resident.

If you have any queries, please let us know. Many thanks to those who have already renewed.

Social Events



CURRY NIGHT: 20TH JULY

The next in our series of informal dinners will be at The Tandoori Bistro on Wednesday 20th July.

The Tandoori Bistro, on Great Northern Highway, is a relatively new addition to the Swan Valley. The menu offers a wide range of curries, as well as Tandoori pizzas.

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 VVRA will not take bookings or be responsible for any payments.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY: 23RD JULY

As mentioned on the front page, renewal notices were recently emailed to all those members who joined in the middle of 2021.

If you would like to pay your renewal in person, this can be done at any of our events. We will also be holding a membership renewal day at Chardonnay Park on Saturday 23rd July, from 10am to 12 noon.

We hope to have both a coffee van and the ice cream truck in attendance.

More details will be confirmed in the next edition of The Grapevine, and on Facebook.



National Tree Day

National Tree Day is on Sunday 31st July 2022, and is a day to celebrate trees and connection with nature.

There are many ways to get involved with National Tree Day at home by planting a tree in your garden, starting a vegetable patch, compost or worm farm.

There is also a community tree planting event at Whiteman Park. This year the group are continuing work on the multi-year revegetation site started in 2021, planting in a bushland buffer zone along Bennett Brook.

Bennett Brook is the lifestream of Whiteman Park. Originating as a superficial groundwater aquifer in the Park's north-west, the Brook flows through Mussel Pool and runs south to join the Swan River at Bassendean. The area for 2022 is just south of Mussel Pool and is important habitat for many animals including the quenda (southern brown bandicoots) and koomal (brush-tailed possums).

For more info, visit <https://treeday.planetark.org/> The Whiteman Park event is being organised by Sarah Stevenson, phone 9209 6000. You can also register to volunteer via the website.

Wine Talk

Winter in the Vineyard

With the rush of the summer harvest season over, it is time for winemakers and the vines to all take a brief pause.

The onset of winter sees the vines lose their leaves and become dormant. Once this occurs it signals the start of the time of year to prune the vines. Pruning aims to check excessive growth and to provide sufficient fruit bearing shoots for the next season. Grapes fruit on new season's growth which rises from buds on the previous year's canes. Up to 90% of last season's growth is pruned off grape vines each winter.



Grape vines will remain dormant during the cold months and will not start to make new growth until the weather starts to warm. In early spring bud burst commences.

Bud burst is when new shoots start to emerge from the canes. The new shoots or buds are tender and susceptible to frost.



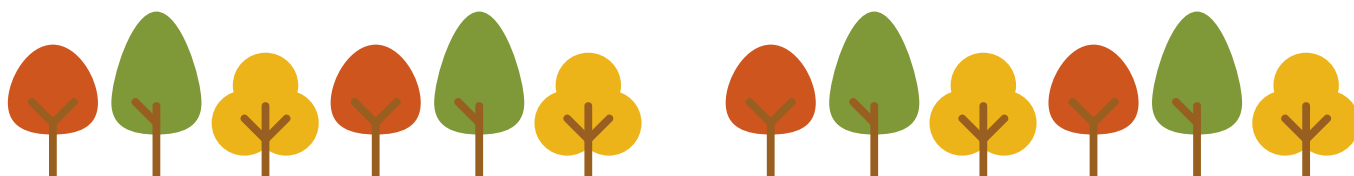
Did you know?

City of Swan Services

The City of Swan (CoS) offers residents a number of environmental services. These services are included as part of the annual rate charge for each property:

- Each property gets access to a maximum of two pre-booked verge collections per financial year. These must be booked via the CoS website, and can be for either household bulk waste or green waste.
- In addition to the above, up to three mattresses can also be booked for collection per financial year.
- Depending on availability, residents can collect a half-cubic metre of mulch from the Bullsbrook Recycling Centre. This is the equivalent to a 6x4 trailer load.
- If you have existing trees on the verge outside your property that are causing a hazard, you can request for CoS to carry out pruning. Note that this will not be done just for personal preference or other non-hazard related reasons.
- You can request that the CoS plant a new tree on the verge outside your property. This is subject to availability, supply, and budget. There is a list of native trees and more details on the application process on the CoS website.
- In April each year there is a free native tubestock programme for those with blocks over 4000sqm. This year's programme has now finished, but keep a look-out for the announcement next year.

All of the above are covered on the City of Swan website, so please refer to that site for more information and bookings.



Safety

Incidents in The Vines:

- Noise Complaints x 3
- Burglary x 1
- Suspicious Persons x 2
- Traffic Breach x 3
- Traffic Accident x 1
- Disturbance x 3



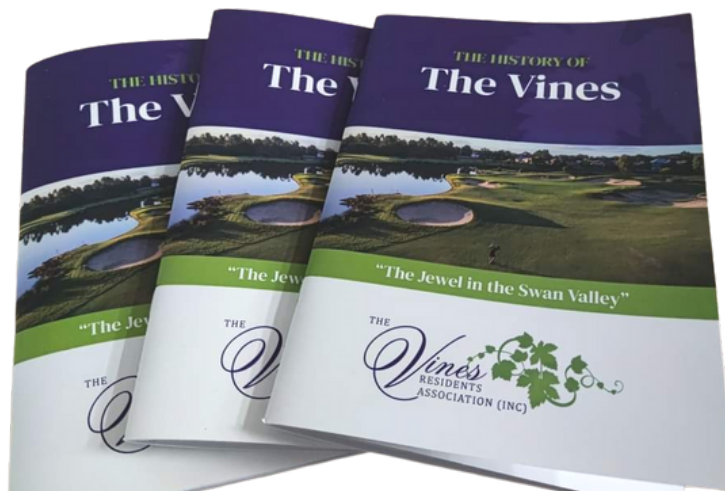
House burglaries can increase during the school holidays. This is particularly the case now our borders are open and leisure travel is increasing. There are some simple precautions you can take to help protect your home and its contents whilst you travel:

- Advise a trusted neighbour that you are going away. Have them clear your letterbox or, for longer trips, arrange a temporary postal hold with Australia Post.
- Also ask your neighbour to put your bin on the kerb for collection on the correct day, with a bag of their rubbish in it. (They need to put your bin back after it is emptied.)
- Buy some affordable plug-in timers from a hardware store. Connect these to a few lamps to turn them on and off at various times. Ensure that you use LED globes to prevent over-heating.
- Video doorbells provide the ability to record and speak to anyone who comes to the door. If you answer whilst not at home, don't tell them you are away. Instead mention that you are in Covid-19 isolation.
- Wireless security cameras placed in a suitable location are both deterrents and allow you to keep an eye on your property wherever you are.

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.

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 VVRA via email vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing these books.

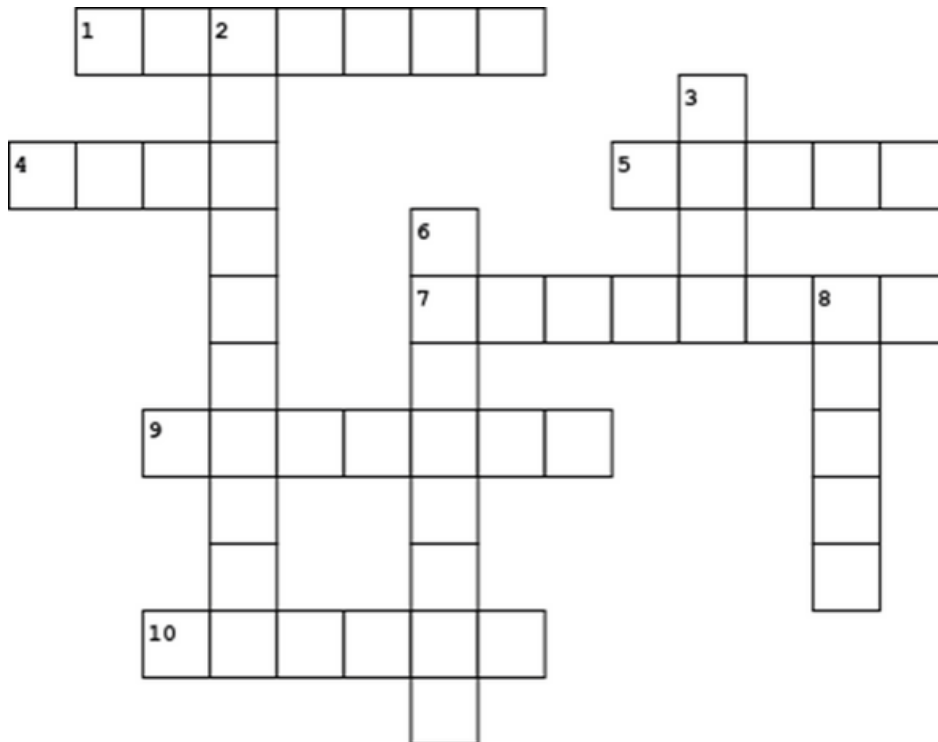


Just for Fun

The History of The Vines Crossword

If you have a copy of **The History of The Vines** book, all the answers to this crossword can be found within its pages.

The answers will be published in the next edition of The Grapevine.



Across

1. Who was the Premier of Western Australia when The Vines Resort and Country Club opened?
4. During the initial establishment of The Vines housing estate, owners of domestic animals had to attach what to their animals to help protect the wildlife?
5. The initial purchasers of private land for housing within The Vines estate had to retain this specific percentage of their land in a natural state
7. The recession in 1993 saw the end of Japanese sponsorship into golf tournaments at The Vines. Which company saw this as an advantage?
9. Apart from the purchasing of iron ore, what other part could the Japanese play in building WA's economy?
10. Initial land owners were only allowed to irrigate 25% of their purchased lot with what type of water?

Down

2. The three by nine-hole configuration of the original twenty-seven-hole golf course were called The Lakes 9, The Ellenbrook 9 and the what 9?
3. How many Heineken Classics were played at The Vines golf course between 1993 and 2001?
6. The Asian Financial Crisis had a major impact on The Vines Resort and Country Club. Which country was responsible for initiating this crisis?
8. One-acre sites were no longer included within the second release of land in The Vines. The average size of these blocks was _____ hundred square metres



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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ENGAGED AND WORKING
TOGETHER CAN BE A
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MEMBERSHIP DIRECT PAYMENT OPTION

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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

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ACCOUNT NAME The Vines Residents Association
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ACCOUNT 187023775
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