

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

Possible impact of the proposed redevelopment on golfing

Below are quotes from the minutes of the special golf meeting held on January 13th this year. The comments come from Mike Stanton (General Manager, Vines Resort and Country Club). It serves as a reminder of just what is at risk here if the proposed redevelopment goes ahead.

"The golfing product in the future is 27 holes. Part of the proposal is to create an 18 hole golf course which will be known as the members course.

It involves holes 1 and 2 along with holes 12 - 18 on the current Ellenbrook course and holes 10 - 18 on the current Lakes course.

There will then be a short course created on holes 1 - 8 of the Lakes course which will be somewhere between 9 to 12 holes, a mixture of par 3's and 4's.

There will then be a two tiered 40 bay driving range floodlit on Lakes 9 near the existing putting green progressing 300 metres towards Lakes 8 green".

If you thought it was difficult to get a game now, apparently in the future your alternative will be to play on the short course. I question what will happen to our Friday twilights? As Corporate days are now mostly held Friday afternoons and with the number held presently, my guess is it will become Thursday twilights - hardly ideal.

Anyway, happy golfing whilst we still can.

Committee news

This is to inform you that we have a change on The VRRRA committee. Liz Moriarty is unable to continue in the role of Treasurer due to increasing work commitments in her new employment. The position of Treasurer has now been filled with Meryl Cruickshank assuming the role. Liz remains a passionate supporter of The VRRRA. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Liz and wish her all the best for the future.

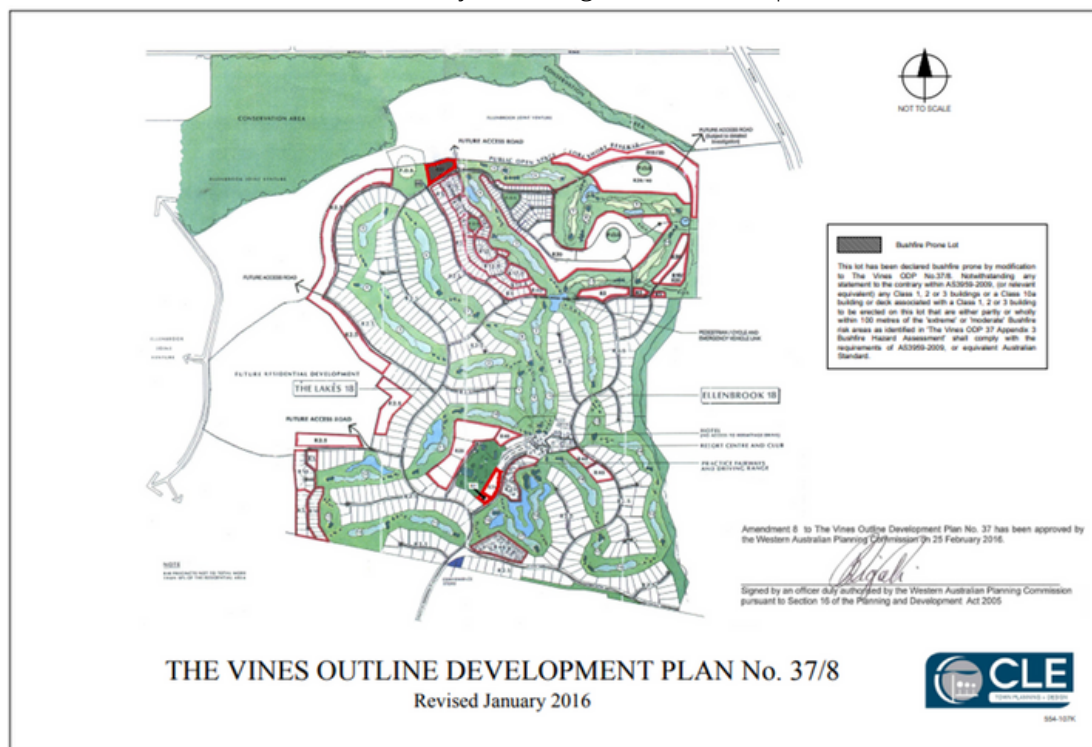
Development Update

WHAT PLANS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT?

During The VRRRA Annual General Meeting of 16th May, Ms. Jessica Shaw, Member for Swan Hills, advised that the same nine holes on the Ellenbrook Course that are considered for development have a different planning status compared to the rest of The Vines Resort. Ms. Shaw advised that this view was obtained through discussion between herself, The Vines WA, and the Developer, who have pointed out that this portion of Lot 1003 (the Golf Course open space) is coloured pink in the Metropolitan Regional Scheme (MRS) and labeled Urban Rural, and therefore already considered different from other golfing areas in the remainder of Lot 1003.

Whilst The VRRRA agree that this portion on the MRS is indeed a different colour, the interpretation that this means difference in planning process that would serve the interests of development is incorrect. These are the reasons:

- The MRS is a broad guideline only giving the basis between urban, rural, industrial and public open spaces.
- Under the City's Local Planning Scheme 17, the area applying to The Vines Map is zoned Special Use Zone no.3 (SUZ3) and is subject to a State Government Approved Structure Plan (ODP 37) which designates zonings.
- Structure Plan ODP/E (latest approved version, of February 2016) is very clear on what is golf course area and what is residential, see below the clearly marked golf holes and open course with no R-codes:



- Only the State Government / WAPC can approve structure plans, and structure plan amendments.
- An amendment would include the City of Swan undertaking their own assessment and making recommendations to the WAPC after measures such as advertising to affected landowners.
- Also since there is no R-Code, and No Restricted or Additional Uses indicated in this contentious golfing area, there should be no assumption that it is ready to be built on.

In conclusion, The VRRRA consider it to be most unfortunate that an inaccurate position on zoning was communicated to residents by Ms. Shaw at the recent AGM. Ms. Shaw's statement that "there actually is a different planning status from the Ellenbrook 9 compared to the rest of The Vines Resort" is not correct and it is regrettable that she passed on the Developers' comments.

The full planning and approval process and authority of any particular map must be clearly stated to avoid interpretations that can be misleading.

Environment Update

Wynton Maddeford, who is one of The Vines' golfing community members, has kindly shared a list of his observations of birds since 1996 (through over 2,000 rounds of golf!). We now have a list of 80 species of birds that inhabit or visit The Vines golf course and resort area.

We will be sharing this on our new website shortly so you can see what to look out for - and which ones we need to add!

More conservation news:

We're very excited to be attending a Citizen Scientist Training Workshop later this month.

Stay tuned for ideas on how to have fun helping to give our native wildlife a boost with ponds, possum and bird boxes, native bee hotels and much more.



Fundraising at Bunnings

In order to raise funds for The VRRRA, our team will be running a Sausage Sizzle at Ellenbrook Bunnings on Sunday 24th July between 8am and 4pm. Come down with your family to support us.

If you would like to volunteer to assist for part of the day, or can donate supplies, please email us at vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday 19th.

BUNNINGS
warehouse

Sausage Sizzle

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Come along to support us!
Sunday 24th July
Ellenbrook Bunnings

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY: 23RD JULY

If you would like to pay your renewal in person, we will be holding a membership renewal day at Chardonnay Park on Saturday 23rd July, from 10am to 12 noon.

There should be a local coffee van and also the ice cream truck in attendance during the event.

Renew your membership at this event to play the lucky dip for a chance to win a coffee or an ice cream!

Thanks to **Mysta Barista** and **Jimmy's Soft Serve Ice Cream** for supporting us.



SOCIAL BBQ: 7TH AUG

Our next neighbourhood social BBQ will be taking place at Ailsa Park on Sunday 7th August, 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.

Ailsa Park is on the corner of Ailsa Way and Vines Ave. There is a small playground for the kids, but no toilets.

Wine Talk

Malbec

Malbec is a dark purple-skinned grape variety native to France but perhaps now better known as the main red wine grape of Argentina, where over 75% of vineyard acreage is dedicated to the variety.

Malbec has been grown in the Swan Valley for decades and enjoys the warm days and cool nights during the summer ripening season.

The wine shows ripe fruit flavours of plums, black cherry and blackberry, Malbec can also display smoke, earth, leather and tobacco characteristics.

In the early 1990s, red wine had a lot of publicity around its health benefits. Research indicated that the presence of certain polyphenols called oligomeric procyanidins (OPS) have antioxidant characteristics with health benefits such as reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer. Malbec, with its thick dark purple skin, is rich in these antioxidants. Red wine is often believed to be responsible for the “French paradox”. This phrase refers to the observation that the French have low rates of heart disease, despite consuming a lot of saturated fat and cholesterol. It was thought that the moderate consumption of red wine with meals was responsible for this.

Unoaked Malbec should be consumed young; Malbec aged for a few months in oak may be kept for 2 to 3 years; and full-bodied, heavy Malbec can age well in the bottle for many years. Good food matches are barbecued, braised, stewed and spiced meats, chicken and game. Also consider robust tomato based pasta, mushroom risotto, and mature cheese.

Some very fine examples Swan Valley Malbec can be found at Faber Vineyard, Olive Farm Winery, John Kosovich Wines, RiverBank Estate and Little River Winery.

VRRA Kitchen: Recipe

Cookie Berry Crumble

There are only three ingredients in this delicious dessert. Preparing it involves tipping some frozen berries into an ovenproof dish, tearing some ready-made cookie dough off the log and putting it on top of the fruit, then baking for about 20 minutes. Simple!

Make this in ramekins to give individual portions. Doing that means it is easy to serve, and each of your guests can merrily mix the melted ice cream with all the berry juices and cookie topping to their liking.

Ingredients – serves 4:

- 500g frozen mixed berries
- approx 200g your favourite ready-made cookie dough
- ice cream, to serve

Method:

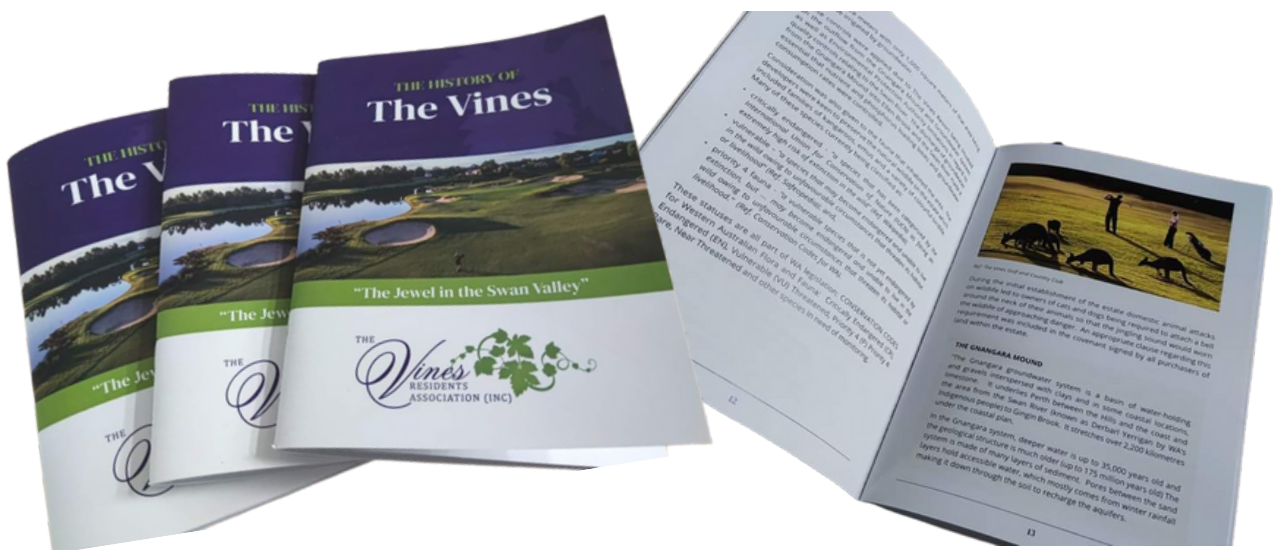
- Heat your oven to 220C/200C fan forced
- Lightly grease 4 ovenproof ramekins, (or one larger ovenproof dish if you don't have any ramekins), with your choice of butter or cooking spray. (You don't have to do this, but you may find the cookie dough sticks to the dish if you don't.)
- Divide the frozen berries between the ramekins.
- Tear some pieces off the log of cookie dough and place them around the edges of the ramekins. (If you want to make this look neater then carefully use a knife to cut the dough rather than tearing.)
- Place the ramekins onto a baking tray then bake for 18-20 minutes or until the cookie dough is golden.
- Remove from the oven and leave to sit for 5 minutes before topping each ramekin with a scoop of ice cream.
- Serve and enjoy!



The History of The Vines

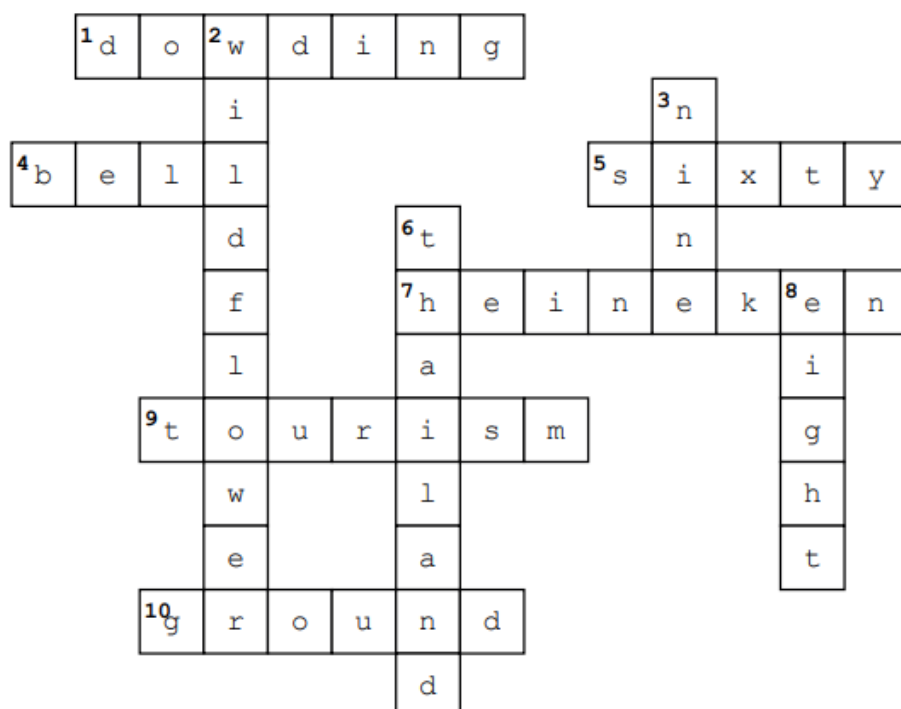
The History of The Vines documents the initial development of The Vines Resort and Country Club. It tells how the government of the day supported this development to encourage Japanese tourism within Western Australia and enhance tourist opportunities within the beautiful Swan Valley. It documents the 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.



Crossword Answers

Here is the answer grid for the crossword that appeared in the last edition of The Grapevine. We hope you enjoyed this game!



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

Join or Donate: Payment Details

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>

Or, join and pay via this QR code:



If you would like to donate towards our legal fund,
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