

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

It has been another busy two weeks for The VRRRA!

- As you will read later in the newsletter, we initiated a productive meeting with the City of Swan and the management team from Major Security
- We ran a very successful sausage sizzle at Ellenbrook Bunnings which will go towards funding this year's Christmas event
- We are knee-deep in preparations for both the Christmas event and also for our sponsorship activity at this year's Ellenbrook Mile Walk and Fun Run. We will be on the course providing snacks to all the hard-working volunteers, so keep your eye out for us if you are taking part and give us a wave.

A big thank you to all who have renewed your membership for another 12 months. As I have said previously, there is strength in numbers. It is vital that we have everybody on board. If you have not yet renewed please do so. If you are not sure whether your membership is due, please send us a message.

Spring has sprung so get out and enjoy this beautiful time of the year here in The Vines.

→ We need your help! ←

We are still in need of two committee members; a Secretary as part of the committee executive, and a non-executive committee member to assist with general tasks including the running of events and other activities.

Whilst we acknowledge the financial contributions of members as being essential in achieving The VRRRA's objectives, having the required 'people power' is also necessary. The constitution, which was endorsed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), sets out the number of committee members that are required, and the duties of the executive roles. A copy of the constitution was distributed to all members and can also be accessed on The VRRRA's website.

It is urgent that these positions are filled, in particular the position of Secretary. Your consideration of taking on one of these roles is essential. If you are able to volunteer your time to help, please contact us via email at vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

The Vines Security Service

Meeting with Major Security

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, in response to the many emails that The VRRRA have received about the new security services being provided to The Vines, Mark Church (Chairman) was able to arrange a meeting with all relevant parties recently to discuss your concerns.

Mark was joined by Councillors Rod Henderson, Charlie Zannino and Aaron Bowman, along with three executives from Major Security and two senior managers from the City of Swan. The discussion was forthright with everyone encouraged to speak up about the issues. Mark explained that perception indeed is reality and that many residents did not believe they were receiving the service they are paying for.

As a result of these discussions a number of initiatives were agreed to be introduced as of 5th September:

- a GPS tracking system installed in the vehicle
- a side mounted 'spotlight' installed on the vehicle – for use mainly on the 1 acre properties
- enhanced signage on the vehicle to make them more visible
- guards to generally drive slower than the allowed speed limit
- guards encouraged to interact more with residents

Major Security will provide The VRRRA with a dedicated email address along with their mobile number. We will also be provided with monthly reports from the City of Swan with all relevant data. Once received, we will post the information accordingly.

Major Security can be contacted on 9278 9696 if you see any suspicious behaviour. They are available 24 hours a day. Please remember, if you have an intruder on your property, or have had any items stolen, it is important to notify the police immediately.



Walking Trails

The Vines has a number of footpaths through public open space, particularly on the north-eastern side of the suburb.

Have a look at the map as there are a few hidden gems, with playgrounds and natural spaces away from the golf course. These are ideal to spend an hour or two with your family without travelling far from home. Martin Park, Courbette Park and Stable Vista Park are three that you may not have heard of.

There is also a bushland area on Roxburghe Drive. The footpath runs from opposite Portmarnock Park up to Dalmilling Drive. The photos below show the start of the path, and the playground at Portmarnock Park.



Spring is an ideal time to get out and explore your suburb, particularly for those who have moved here in recent months. Although the weather isn't hot (yet), take some water with you, and wear a hat and sunscreen. Unfortunately, there are limited public toilet facilities.

Don't forget that there is also the upcoming walk and fun run event, organised by the Ellenbrook Mile group, which takes place on Sunday 18th September on the golf course. See the Social Events page for more information.

Environment Awareness

Cuckoos of The Vines

We have no less than three species of cuckoo in The Vines – the Pallid, the Horsfield's Shining Bronze, and the Fan-tailed.



Pallid



Horsfield's Shining Bronze



Fan-tailed

The Fan-tailed and Pallid Cuckoos are both around 25-30cm in length, whereas the Horsfield's is smaller at around 20cm and only weighing 22 grams. All of these birds are insect eaters, with the Horsfield's Bronze having a particular preference to hairy caterpillars.

None of these species are threatened, but all are uncommon in The Vines, and are far more often heard calling than seen.

Cuckoos are famous for laying their eggs in other birds nests. The photo to the right is of a Honeyeater feeding a Pallid Cuckoo in a tree on Vines Avenue. The smaller Shining Bronze Cuckoos tend to lay their eggs in the nests of wrens. This cuckoo is very cunning in its egg-laying – for each egg laid, it removes one egg from the host's clutch.



Safety

You may recall the tragic news in November 2021 when a 3-year old was struck by a vehicle and killed on a residential street in Aveley. The recent court proceedings heard that excess speed was a factor in this incident, with the vehicle travelling at more than twice the speed limit.

As per the Road Safety Commission, speed is the biggest killer on WA roads.

Please note that the speed limit in The Vines, including on Vines Avenue, is 50km/h. Whilst there are signs on Chateau Place which indicate the speed change from the higher limit on Millhouse Road, there are no signs on other entrance streets. This is because there is an assumption that people know the road rules.

Remember:

- the default speed limit for built-up areas in WA is 50 km/h
- speed signs are not displayed on all roads in built-up areas. In these cases, the default speed limit is always in effect

Speed limits exist to help keep our roads safe. The Vines has a lot of resident children and also wildlife, so please ensure that you keep to the limit for their sake. (You may also get a penalty notice from a speed enforcement unit.)

As recently reported in the City of Swan 'Swan Scoop' newsletter, two new blister islands are planned for Hermitage Drive this financial year to assist in countering speeding issues.



Social Events



NEIGHBOURHOOD BBQ: 10TH SEPT

Our next neighbourhood social BBQ will be taking place at Dingle Park (Pavilion Circle) on Saturday 10th September, from 3pm.

Come along to chat with other residents, as well as VRRRA committee members. If you are new to the area, this is a great opportunity to meet people!

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.

This is also a good opportunity to find out about how you can help the committee to achieve our objectives.

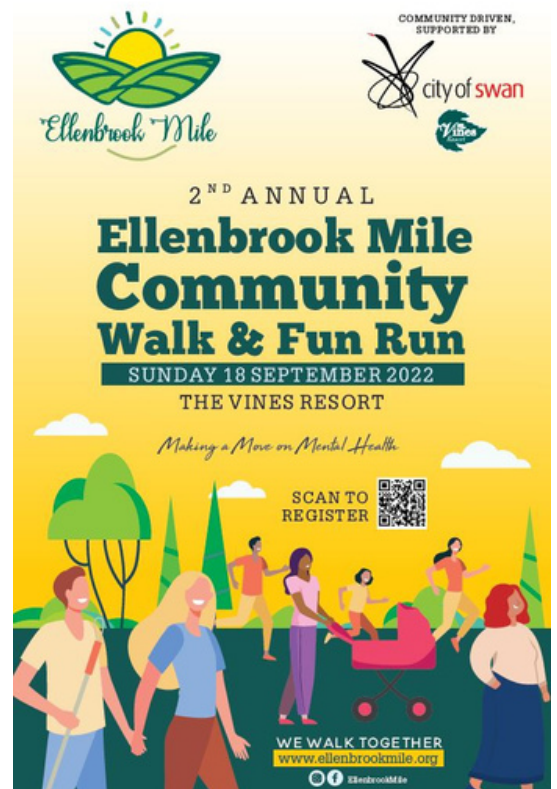
WALK & FUN RUN: 18TH SEPT

The VRRRA is one of the sponsors of the Ellenbrook Mile's walk and fun run event. We support the vision of the Ellenbrook Mile group, and also see this as a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy the beautiful golf course. We encourage VRRRA members to be involved.

There are two distances to choose from to walk or run - either 4km or 8.5km. The 8.5km walk starts at 2pm from The Vines Resort, followed by the 4km walk at 2.45pm. The 8.5km run starts at 4pm, with the 4km run at 4.30pm.

Registration is required before the event. This can be completed by visiting the WA Marathon Club's website at www.wamc.org.au/programme. The walk is free, and there is a small fee to take part in the run.

There will be prizes available, including fun prizes like best fancy dress. You will also be able to purchase merchandise and raffle tickets for a chance to win great items like a \$400 voucher from Ellenbrook Tyrepower.



CHRISTMAS IN THE VINES: 3RD DECEMBER



SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas in The Vines

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER



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This year's Christmas event will be held on the evening of Saturday 3rd December.

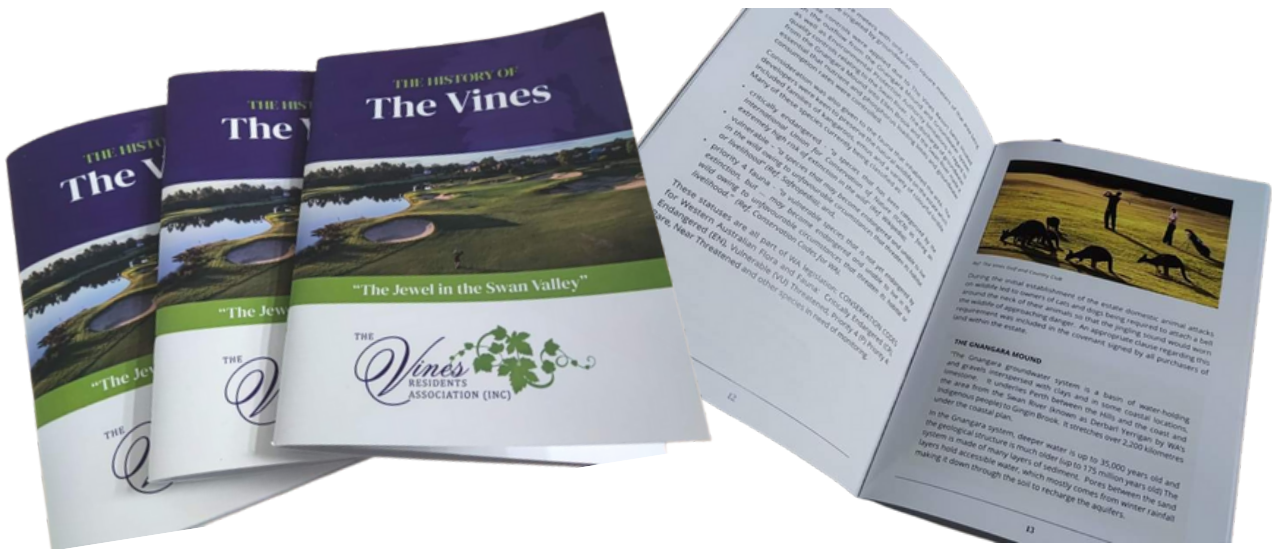
We are working on all the details but aim to bring you an even bigger and better Christmas celebration than we held in 2021.

Watch this space for more information over the coming months.

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



Wine Talk

Swan Valley Wine Show 2022

Next week is the big week for Swan Valley winemakers and wineries, as it will be the 34th annual judging of wines entered into the Swan Valley Wine Show. Over 250 wine entries have been received for this year's show.

The expert judging team for 2022 include Kim Horton (Chief Winemaker at Willow Bridge Estate), Erin Larkin (Independent Wine Journalist and Sommelier), Ryan Aggiss (Chief Winemaker Avavina Estate), as well as Brendan Jansen (Master of Wine), Ray Jordan (Wine Journalist) and selected wine makers from across WA.

Judging will take place at Mandoon Estate Winery on Wednesday 14th September. An exhibitors tasting and awards presentation will then be held at Mandoon Estate on the evening of Friday 16th September.

The next edition of The Grapevine will list all of the trophy winning wines from the show so you can stock up on some for yourself. A ticketed tasting of those winning wines will be held at Nikola Estate on Saturday 8th October as part of the 'Entwined in the Valley' event. You can find details at www.entwinedinthevalley.com.au



Containers for Change

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

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

Or, join via this QR code:



You can use your credit card via The VRRRA website:

<https://thevinesra.com.au/become-a-member/>

If you would like to donate towards our 'fighting 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)

Or, donate via this QR code:

