

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

The proposed development

Whilst no formal announcement has been made by The Vines WA, we need to remind ourselves that nothing has changed. The threat of 9 holes of the golf course being turned into a housing estate, along with the over 55's village replacing the driving range, is very real and we need to remain vigilant.

Your committee are very well prepared. The work done to date is enormous. I urge all residents to do a number of things:

- Renew your membership so we can continue to provide you with all the updates
- Talk to your neighbours, particularly those new to the area
- If you have anti-development signage on your property, make sure it is still clean, neat and visible
- Keep informed by regularly reading The Grapevine, our Facebook page, plus the social media pages of other local organisations
- We have also launched a new updated website – take some time to have a look at it

And remember: please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Committee news: Vacant roles

The VRRRA committee are still looking for someone to take on the role of Secretary. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. Please be aware that the role of Secretary is part of the executive committee and has specific requirements which are laid out in the constitution.

We are also looking for a non-executive committee member to assist with general tasks, including helping us to run events, as well as participating in other activities.

For either role, you will need to be available to attend our committee meetings which are held fortnightly on a Monday evening. If you would like to find out more, please feel free to call or email us with any questions.

Ellenbrook Local Area Plan

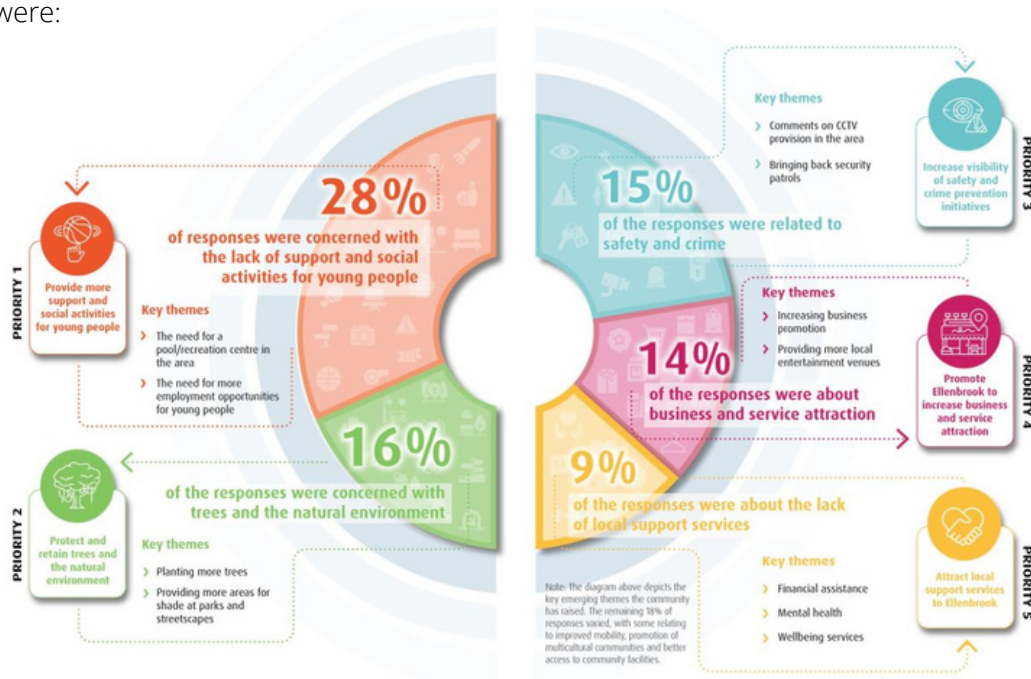
Your chance to give feedback

The City of Swan would like your feedback on the draft Ellenbrook Local Area Plan before it is presented to Council for endorsement later this year.

Local Area Planning involves community members working together with the City to identify the specific issues affecting their community, in order to produce a plan that provides solutions to meet the priorities of their local area. The Local Area Plan is therefore an important document for the City to plan for infrastructure and services, and manage change at a local level.

The Ellenbrook Local Area Plan, which covers Ellenbrook, Aveley and The Vines, outlines the community's priorities, (as determined by the feedback received in phase one of the community engagement carried out from March-May 2022), and how the City is committed to addressing these through a number of projects, programs and supporting services.

The initial phase of engagement received 330 responses from residents of the area, plus 2 local businesses. The results were:



The Ellenbrook Local Area Priorities for 2022-27 have therefore been drafted as:

- Provide more support and social activities for young people
- Protect and retain trees and the natural environment
- Increase visibility of safety and crime prevention initiatives
- Promote Ellenbrook to increase business and service attraction
- Attract local support services to Ellenbrook

One item of note to The Vines is that the proposed structure plans to 2036 allow for 50% more population growth than is actually forecast through to 2036. There appears to be no alignment between housing needs and the proposed development of The Vines Golf Course. However, The Vines Resort is directly identified as the single greatest tourist attraction to the area, with the Plan saying:

"Tourism and Visitor Attractions: The Vines is a well-established international holiday resort and tourism destination with a 36-hole golf course, restaurants, conference and events facilities. The Vines Resort is considered part of the Swan Valley, a key tourism precinct for the City and of great regional significance to the local area, as it contributes to our growing market of visitors, and is one of Western Australia's premier visitor destinations."

This phase of engagement continues to 31st August, and is run through the City of Swan's website. Further details, including the draft plan and the survey, are available at www.swan.wa.gov.au/EllenbrookLAP

Fundraising at Bunnings



In order to raise funds for The VRRRA, our team will be running another Sausage Sizzle at Ellenbrook Bunnings on Saturday 27th August between 8am and 4pm.

This is part of Bunnings' annual Father's Day event, so there will be plenty of activities going on. We understand that Bunnings will be giving away some vouchers for a sausage and drink combo, so you could get your lunch for free! Who doesn't love a free lunch? Come down with your family to support us.

We also would sincerely appreciate volunteers to assist the committee to run the event. There are a variety of tasks available which require no previous experience. Even if you can spare just an hour, that would be a huge help to 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 Friday 19th.

This follows on from the success of our previous sizzle event, which raised just over \$1,300 for The VRRRA!

Snap, Send, Solve

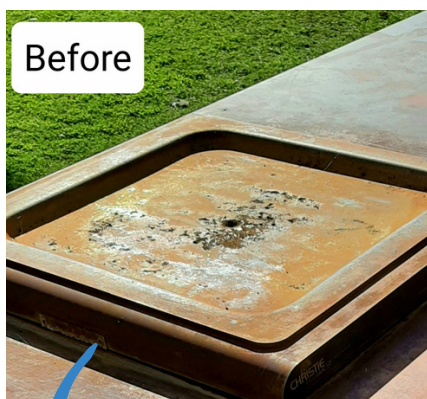
Example: Community BBQ facilities

Did you know that you can inform the City of Swan, (plus a number of additional organisations), about community maintenance requirements and other problems via the 'Snap, Send, Solve' app?

This app is free to download on your smart device, and allows you to report issues to the relevant organisation. This includes City of Swan parks & facilities related items, road signs, and verge tree trimming, to name just a few.

It is simple to select the location, (down to a GPS spot if needed), add a description of the problem, and also photographs if you have them. You get a tracking number so you can keep a record of the response.

A member of The VRRRA committee spotted that the community BBQ facility in Chardonnay Park needed maintenance, so submitted a ticket via 'Snap, Send, Solve'. Within a very short period of time this was repaired by City of Swan and put back into use. Photos of the before and after are shown to the right - quite a difference.



Social Events

BREWERY NIGHT: 24TH AUGUST

The next in our series of informal dinners will be at Valley Social on Wednesday 24th August, from 6.30pm. However, they do have a happy hour from 5-6pm if you would like to go earlier for drinks before dinner.



BREWERY NIGHT 
SOCIAL DINNER 
WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST
FROM 6.30PM
Valley Social
8731 West Swan Road, Henley Brook
BOOKINGS: 9226 5566


Valley Social is a new-comer to the Swan Valley. Located in the building that was previously Elmar's Brewery, Valley Social is home to the largest glass micro brewery in the Southern Hemisphere.

Their food is American BBQ style, including ribs, brisket, steak and burgers. Please check out their Facebook page for the menu.

Members should 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.

SOCIAL BBQ: 10TH SEPTEMBER

Our next neighbourhood social BBQ will be taking place at Dingle Park (Pavilion Circle) on Saturday 10th September, from 3pm. Please note the change in day and time from previous events.

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.



MEET & GREET
Neighbourhood BBQ
An ideal time to join or renew
Everyone is invited!
3pm on Saturday 10th Sept
Dingle Park, Pavilion Circle

BYO Drinks & Chair **BYO Neighbours**

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.

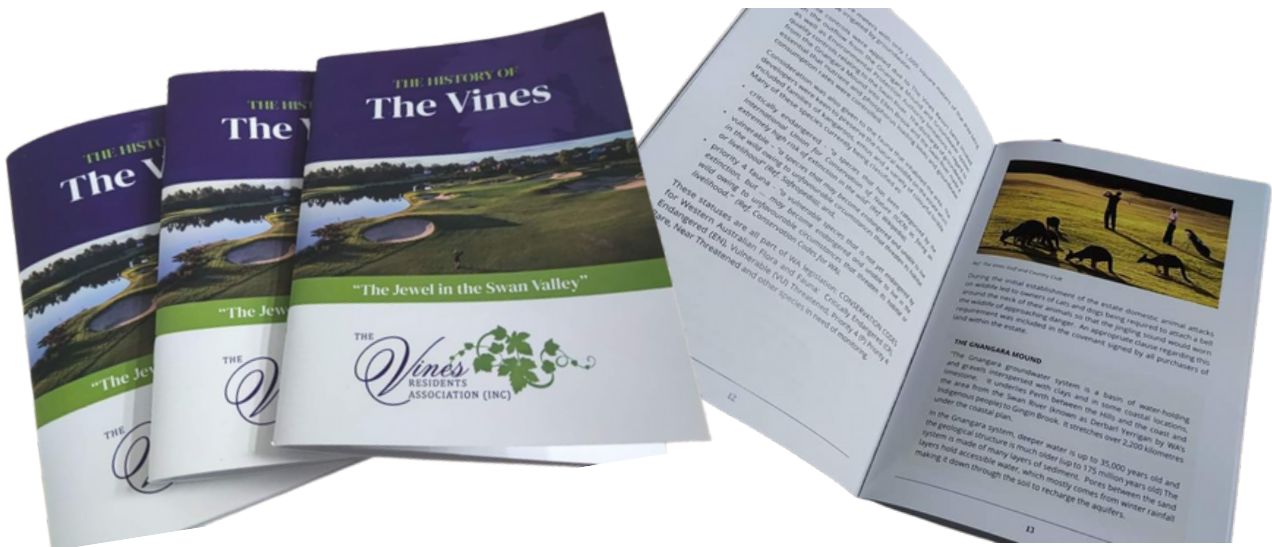
We are working on all the details but aim to bring you an even bigger and better Christmas celebration than we held in 2021.

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

Focus on Mann Winery

Every year winery founder Dorham Mann and daughter Anthea release just two sparkling wines, both created the traditional French way, hand-riddled and then aged in the bottle for two years before release. Both are elegant and delicious – a dry rosé-style made from Cabernet Sauvignon, and a dry white made from Cygne Blanc.

Cygne Blanc is a variety that Dorham developed here in the Swan Valley. It literally translates from French to "White Swan". It is also known as White Cabernet, and is thought by many to be Australia's first and only spontaneous indigenous wine grape variety.

The cellar door is open annually in August for approximately six months or until vintage is sold out. Quantities are small and are usually sold out by December.

The Mann dry Rosé is a must for the Christmas table, as served very chilled it is the perfect wine to enjoy with festive fare in our warm summers. However, don't limit yourself to just enjoying it at Christmas - it is perfect and totally delicious anytime of the year.

Dorham is the son of legendary Houghton Winemaker Jack Mann, who was at the helm of 51 consecutive vintages at the Houghton Winery in the Swan Valley. Dorham was inducted as an 'Icon of the Swan Valley' by the Swan Valley Winemakers Association in 2010.



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 or

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)

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 '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:

