

THE  
*Vines*  
RESIDENTS AND  
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)  
**The Grapevine**  
NEWSLETTER  
23 SEPTEMBER 2022



## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Last Sunday we partnered with the Ellenbrook Mile group for their annual walk and fun run event at The Vines Resort. Our sponsorship of the event was to ensure that the 100 or so volunteers had snacks and water throughout the afternoon. A big 'thanks' to Vicky and Robbie from the committee for doing such a fabulous job driving decorated golf carts around the course to keep everyone fed. The day was a timely reminder that, in these uncertain and stressful times for us here in The Vines, it is not only important to look after your physical health, but you must also pay attention to your mental well-being.

The first of our spring/summer social events will be held at the end of October. We hope to see as many of you as possible. Tickets are limited so be quick to order yours. As you will see on page 3, we will subsidise part of the cost for our members, so now would be a good time to ensure that you have paid your annual renewal in order to take advantage of this great offer.

As you will read later in this edition, planning for our Christmas celebration is also in full swing. Stay tuned for further updates. It's gonna be huge folks!

## Committee News: Vacant Roles

We are still in need of two committee members to bring us to the full complement; a Secretary plus a non-executive committee member to assist with general tasks including the running of events and other activities.

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.

It is urgent that these positions are filled, in particular the position of Secretary. 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 contact us with any questions. You can send an email to us at [vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com)



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# Environment Awareness

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## Spiny Tailed Gecko

The Spiny Tailed Gecko is a slow moving 'branch mimic' that naturally spends nearly all its time in shrubs, only moving to the ground to forage or lay eggs. However, in The Vines they also like a nice, warm driveway at night, so keep an eye out for them when moving your car or when taking your bins out.



This slow-moving, insectivorous gecko can grow to a maximum size of 14cm, and is grey/brown in colour, with spines and a zigzag pattern running down the length of its back. The eyes are a spectacular orange and the tail also often has rings of orange, yellow, or white. They even have spiny eyebrows!



These geckos are as often seen during the day as at night - their bodies have a special UV protection to shield them from harmful rays owing to their sun-basking habits.

They are also popular as a pet for those interested in something a bit different, but please be aware that all reptiles and amphibians in WA require a license if kept as pets.

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## Safety

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Incident statistics for the 6 weeks from 1st August:

- Burglary x 8
- Stealing x 1
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle x 4
- Disturbances x 1
- Noise Complaint x 2
- Traffic breach x 6



It appears that there has been an increase in the number of burglaries recently. Remember that there are some simple precautions that you can take to help protect your home and its contents:

- 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.
- Take additional precautions if you are away from home for more than one night. These can include advising a trusted neighbour that you are going away and asking them to put your bin on the kerb for collection on the correct day, with a bag of their rubbish in it. You can also buy affordable plug-in timers for a few lamps to turn them on and off at various times.

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# Social Events

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## Sunday Wine Social at Ugly Duckling

Following on from last year's successful event at Pandemonium Estate, we will be holding a social afternoon on Sunday 30th October at Ugly Duckling Wines on West Swan Road.

The brand 'Ugly Duckling Wines' was established in 2007 after a number of years of supplying grapes to other wine producers in the Swan Valley. The cellar door opened in 2011, and since then Ugly Duckling has gone from strength to strength.

Admission to this event will be by ticket, and is for those over 18 years old only. Included in the ticket price is a wine tasting of 6 selected wines from the Ugly Duckling range, plus shared platters. On the platters will be a variety of cheeses, quiche, meats, bread and dip. We will have a reserved seating area, and live music.

**The VRRRA will subsidise tickets for our member households, making them excellent value at just \$25 for each person.** Friends or neighbours who are not currently members can purchase tickets at \$35 per person, or they can join The VRRRA (if eligible) to secure the saving.

Please note that tickets are strictly limited, and must be purchased in advance so we can make catering arrangements with the venue. All ticket sales will end on 23rd October, or sooner if they sell out.

Ticket are available online via the Square payment system. The QR code below can be used to purchase tickets. You can also go to the Events section on our Facebook page and click on the relevant weblink to purchase your ticket.



SWIRL. SMELL. SIP. REPEAT!

## SUNDAY WINE SOCIAL

Sunday 30th October  
1pm to 4pm  
Ugly Duckling Wines

THIS IS AN 18+ EVENT

TICKETS:  
MEMBERS \$25 EACH, NON-MEMBERS \$35 EACH  
INCLUDES WINE TASTING AND SHARED PLATTERS



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## Christmas in The Vines

We are pleased to be able to announce more details about our annual Christmas event. This year we will be in the much larger venue of Chardonnay Park, and will be bringing you a Christmas market and food trucks in addition to our family movie. Of course there will also be music as well as a visit from Santa. We will be announcing more attractions as we get closer to the date.

**The event will be on Saturday 3rd December from 4pm, at Chardonnay Park on the corner of Vines Ave and Barbera Lane. Put it in your diary now!**

We are partnering with Kanga Markets & Events for this event. If you are interested in having a market stall or you run a food truck, the managers of Kanga Markets have kindly agreed to special discounted rates for local residents. Please contact Kanga Markets directly for details and to book your spot. You can find their contact details on their Facebook page.



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*Christmas in  
The Vines*

**Saturday 3rd December  
From 4pm  
Chardonnay Park, Vines Ave**

Christmas market,  
family movie, food trucks,  
music, plus lots more!

Market and food trucks  
organised by  
Kanga Markets



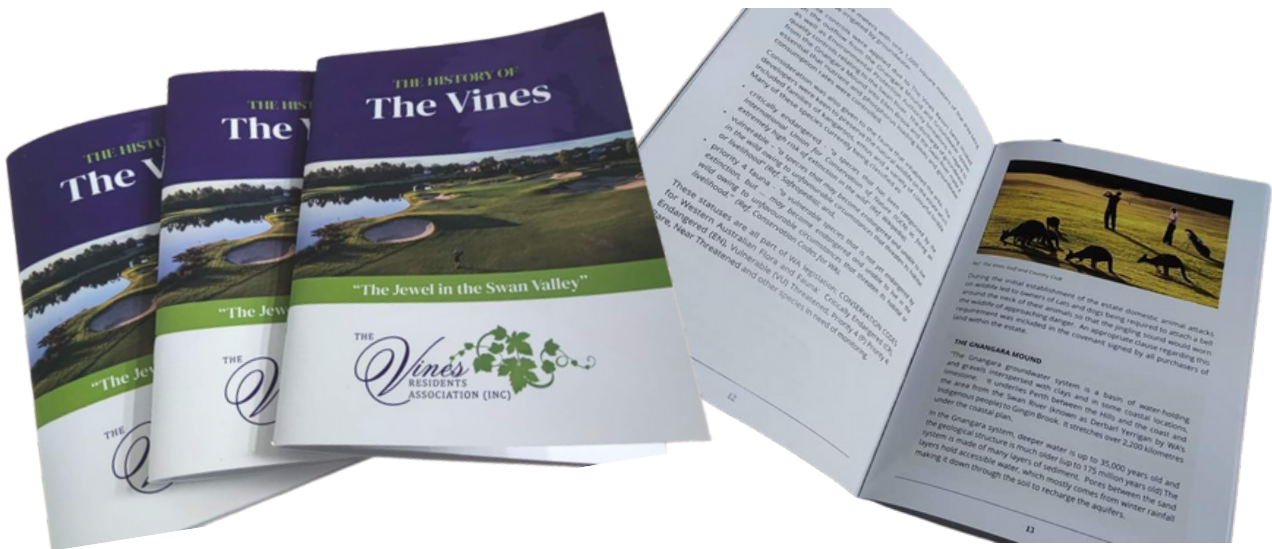
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# The History of The Vines

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**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](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing these books.



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## Wine Talk

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### Swan Valley Wine Show 2022: Results

The annual Swan Valley Wine Show awards presentation was held at Mandoon Estate Winery on Friday 16th September. The 2022 show saw 254 wines entered and 220 people attend the awards presentation evening.

Some of the major trophy winners were:

- Sparkling - Sittella Grand Vintage Blanc de Blancs 2016
- Rose - Riverbank Rebellious Rose 2022
- White - Windy Creek Estate Vermentino 2022
- Chenin Blanc - Windy Creek Estate Chenin Blanc 2022
- Verdelho - Garbin Estate Wines Verdelho 2022
- Grenache - Sittella Golden Mile Grenache 2022
- Fortified - Sittella Liqueur Verdelho Reserve NV
- Shiraz - Upper Reach Reserve Shiraz 2021



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# Containers for Change

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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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## Join or Donate: Payment Details

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### MEMBERSHIP DIRECT PAYMENT OPTION

**BENDIGO BANK**  
**ACCOUNT NAME** The Vines Residents Association  
**BSB** 633-000  
**ACCOUNT REFERENCE** 142658913  
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 REFERENCE** 187023775  
Last Name & Street (eg: Smith – Vines Ave)

Or, donate via this QR code:

