

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

This week I have had a few people ask me specifically about the proposed development, and one question that concerns them is: "what if the owners only pick one smaller area to develop, like the driving range, and leave the rest of the golf course as is?" My reply is simple. No matter where you live in The Vines, whether it be next to the driving range, in the condominiums or on the back 9 holes of the Ellenbrook course, we are representing everyone. Our resolve to stop this housing development has never been stronger. We already have much in place. Our media partners are well briefed and ready. Our legal representatives are ready. We know so much more about this proposal than we did 12 months ago. As we have said all along, this is going to be a long and drawn out battle, (not to mention expensive), but your committee will not stop.

So, now more than ever, it is vital that we have your continued support. You can help by renewing your membership, or joining if you are new. You can also contribute to our 'Fighting Fund'. Remember we are all in this together.

We need your help!

As mentioned above, the VRRRA Committee has and will continue to do everything possible to stop the proposed development. However, at present we are working under difficult circumstances due to vacancies within the committee structure. As previously advised, we are 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' to drive the agenda is also necessary. The constitution, which was endorsed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), sets out the number of committee members that are required, (i.e. nine), and the duties of the executive roles. A copy of the constitution was distributed to all members in support of the AGM 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

Ellenbrook Mile Walk & Fun Run

The Vines Resort on 18th September

The VRRRA are a sponsor for this event which is being organised by the Ellenbrook Mile community group. The inaugural walk and fun run was held in March 2021 with over 700 participants, and this year's event on Sunday 18th September looks like it will be bigger and better!

The Ellenbrook Mile group evolved out of a community meeting in 2018. Their vision is for community volunteers to work together to create an even stronger Ellenbrook and Surrounds community, and to promote physical and mental well-being through walking. In addition to the annual walk and fun run event, the Ellenbrook Mile organise regular walks throughout the area, as well as a craft group at Ellenbrook Central shopping centre on a Friday morning.

If you would like to take part in either the walk or fun run on the 18th September, please see the article on the Social Events page for more details. There are two different distances that you can take part in, depending on how energetic you feel. Please be aware that all participants are required to register in advance via the WA Marathon Club's website.

The Ellenbrook Mile would also be grateful for your assistance as a volunteer for any length of time on the day. There are a number of options, including assisting with setting up (followed by participation in the walk or run if you would like), or in the merchandise area selling raffle tickets to raise funds for Helping Minds. Helping Minds is a Perth-based organisation offering free support to the family, friends and carers of people living with mental health challenges across Western Australia.



If you would like more information on the Ellenbrook Mile and their activities, or want to volunteer to help at the event, you can visit their website or Facebook page:

- www.ellenbrookmile.org
- www.facebook.com/Ellenbrookmile

Gardening tips for September

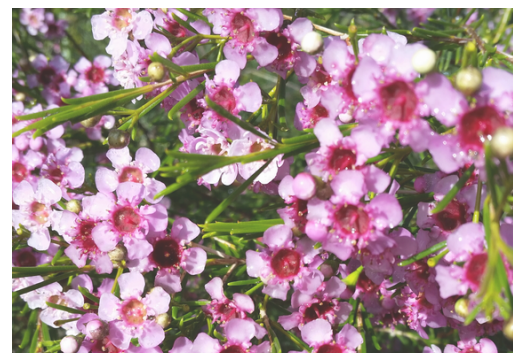
With the spring rapidly approaching, there is plenty that can be done in the garden. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Clear any winter vegetables which are past their best and dig over the soil, then plant herbs such as parsley, mint, coriander and oregano, as well as other seeds for summer production
- It is still a great time to plant native shrubs so they can get established before the hot weather arrives
- Lawns: rake to remove thatch, then apply a slow-release food. Seed any bare spots
- Potted plants: apply fertiliser, mulch around the tops of any large pots, and remember to increase watering as the weather warms up
- Watch for pests such as aphids. Treat if required, ideally with environmentally friendly methods

September is also a great time to maintain your outdoor furniture and other equipment:

- Clean and re-paint or oil outdoor furniture as required, plus tighten any nuts and bolts
- Sweep or jet-wash paved areas, and stain or oil your decking
- Carry out BBQ maintenance to ensure safe operation

Remember to adhere to changing fire regulations as we get closer to summer, as these do apply to backyard fire pits and cooking items such as wood-burning pizza ovens.



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.

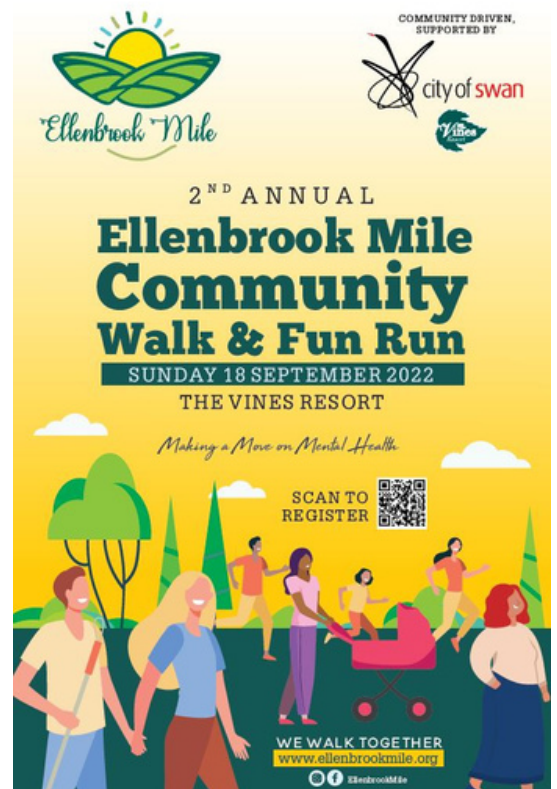
WALK & FUN RUN: 18TH SEPT

As mentioned on page 2, 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.



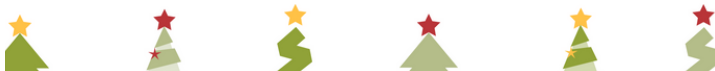
CHRISTMAS IN THE VINES: 3RD DECEMBER



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.

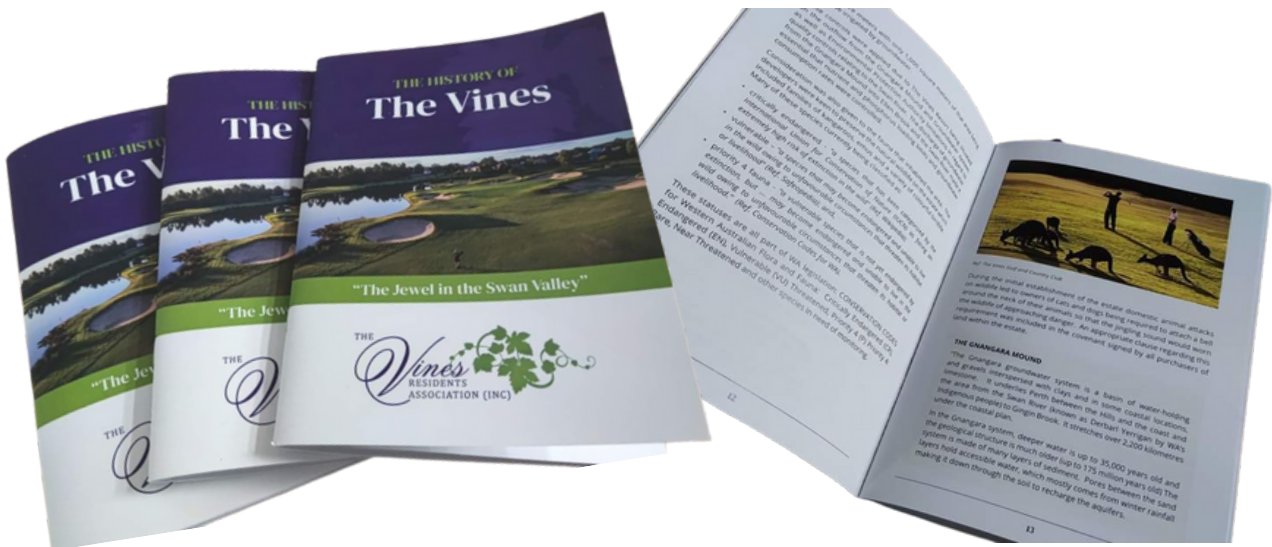
We are working on all the details but aim to bring you an even bigger and better Christmas celebration than we held in 2021.

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

Entwined in the Valley

Once a year, as the warmth of spring hits our soils, new crops start to flourish and the promise of the new wine vintage is in the air, the local makers, growers and artisans roll out the welcome mat to showcase a weekend of delicious and unique experiences.

Entwined in the Valley is a great opportunity to connect to Swan Valley businesses and celebrate all the wonderful produce and activities in our own backyard.

For 2022 the event promises to serve up an enticing mix of returning favourites, new events and exciting collaborations to fire up the taste buds. Long lunches, degustation dinners, a 'hands on' masterclass – the chefs and artisans, plus the beer, wine and spirit producers, will present the best the Swan Valley has to offer.

Mark your diaries for the weekend of the 7th to 9th of October. Tickets go on sale on 30th August.

Visit www.entwinedinthevalley.com.au for all the details.



Containers for Change

The VRRR 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 VRRR members. Details are below.

The VRRR are delighted to be a registered beneficiary of the Containers for Change recycling scheme in Western Australia.

THE VRRR Scheme ID is C10534672

For each eligible recycled container, The VRRR 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 VRRR 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)

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)

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