

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

Firstly, a big shout out to those members who have contacted us to report suspicious activity in and around their streets, enabling us to make others aware. This is what good neighbouring is about. We have arranged a meeting with the City of Swan, along with the management of Major Security and Councillor Rod Henderson. We will report back on the outcomes of this meeting, in particular how residents can best interact with Major Security.

A number of the committee and members enjoyed a thoroughly pleasant evening last week at The Tandoori Bistro as part of our informal social dinner series. The food was delicious and our hosts were very generous and charming. Details of our upcoming social events are on page 3 of this edition. Please try to join us at one (or two) of the events. We'd love to see more members come along so we can get to know you in person.

We were also very fortunate to be invited by Ellenbrook Bunnings to host a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 24th July. The weather was perfect and we had a very successful day, raising much needed funds which will allow us to start planning more events once the spring weather is here.

Committee news: Vacant role

This is to inform you that we have a further change to The VRRRA committee. Unfortunately Joanne Hunt is unable to continue in the role of Secretary for personal reasons. Many thanks to Joanne for her hard work in the past year, and we wish her all the best for the future.

The committee are therefore 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 has specific requirements which are laid out in the constitution. You also 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 about the role and what is involved, please feel free to call or email us with any questions.

Website Update

We have now launched our newly updated website! It is still at the same address: www.thevinesra.com.au

The new website has a greater emphasis on our campaign to prevent any future housing development over the remaining green space including the golf course. You can also find the campaign videos, past event highlights, and previous editions of The Grapevine.

We've also made it easier to find out what's going on by linking the Facebook and Instagram pages, along with adding dedicated space for an events calendar.

Importantly, starting a new membership or renewing your existing membership is now as easy as clicking on a button or scanning a QR code (as is making a donation to the fighting fund!)

Please take a look – there's lots more to explore and you can see some of the new initiatives planned for the near future, such as linking with local businesses and their special offers for our members.



Remember to bookmark us - you'll always be able to find out what's coming up next!

2021 Census

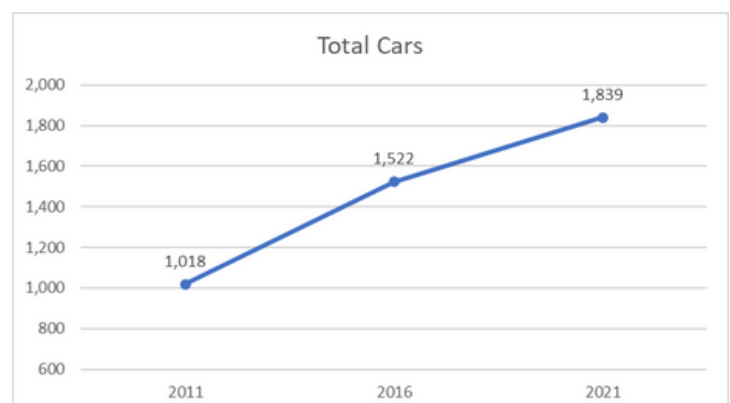
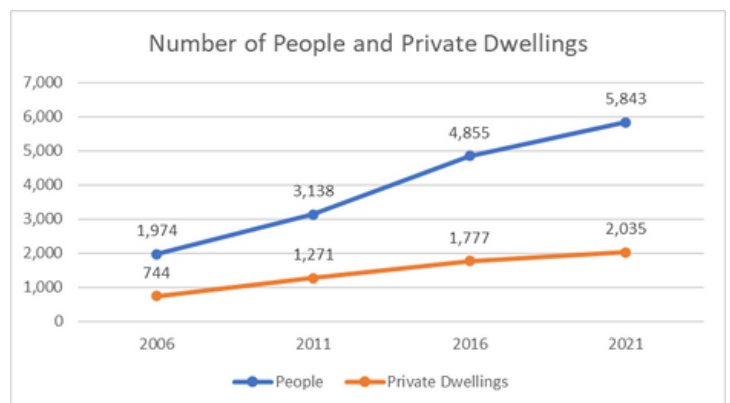
The Vines Statistics

Some of the results from the 2021 Census were released at the end of June. This first release included 'Quick Stats' for each suburb. For anyone who loves statistics, this makes for extremely interesting reading!

The population of The Vines is 50.3% male, and 49.7% female. The average age is 39 years. Most households are families (including couples, 87.5%). There are also single people (11.5%) and groups (1.1%).

The majority of people in The Vines on Census night were born in Australia (62.5%), followed by England (12.5%), and then New Zealand (4%) and South Africa (3.9%).

Looking back to previous Census results, there are also some trends which clearly show the massive growth that The Vines has undergone. To give you a snapshot, we've put together the graphs shown to the right. (Note that the car data was not given in 2006, so that trend only goes back 10 years instead of 15 years.)



Social Events



SOCIAL BBQ: 7TH AUGUST

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. 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.

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

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.

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 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.

A poster for 'BREWERY NIGHT SOCIAL DINNER'. The text is in bold, dark purple and green. It says 'WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST FROM 6.30PM'. The venue is 'Valley Social, 8731 West Swan Road, Henley Brook'. The booking number is 'BOOKINGS: 9226 5566'. The logo for 'THE Vines RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)' is at the bottom. The background features two beer mugs with foam and a large beer mug with foam at the bottom right.

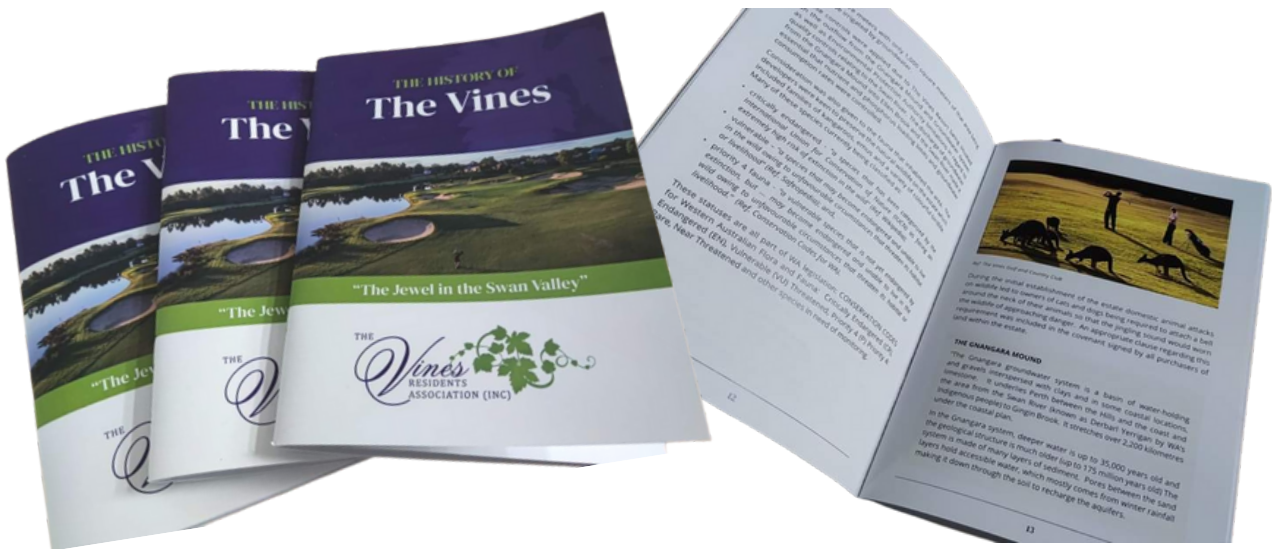
We are so lucky to have a multitude of venues for delicious food and drink right on our door step in the Swan Valley. Do you have a favourite location? Let us know and we may select it for an upcoming social event.

We love to hear from our members because we are working on your behalf. If you don't tell us what you think, then we don't know. Email us: vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

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 Harris Organic Wines

Harris Organic Wines in the Swan Valley is home to Perth's only certified organic winery and Australia's only certified organic brandy distillery.

At the winery's two-hectare organic vineyard, (which is located at the northern end of the Swan Valley on Memorial Avenue Baskerville), Duncan Harris produces red, white, fortified and sparkling wine styles, all made with natural yeasts and a minimum of additives and preservatives.



Duncan grew up in Tasmania's Tamar Valley, and came to Perth in 1993, later buying the Swan Valley property in 1998.

The vines are only irrigated by what they receive from the sky, and there is no use of any pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilisers. Harris Organic is also licensed to distil spirits, and they sell organic vodka, brandy and gin at the cellar door.

Rosie the friendly cat and the free-range chickens roam freely around the vineyard, adding to the relaxed casual atmosphere of this small boutique winery and distillery.

Safety

Incidents in The Vines during the past month:

- Disturbances x 2
- Noise Complaints x 3
- Burglaries x 1
- Suspicious Person / Vehicles x 3
- Abandoned Vehicle x 2
- Traffic Accident x 2
- Traffic Breach x 3
- Traffic Hazard x 1



The security service in The Vines has been a hot topic amongst residents over the last month since the change of contractor from Braven to Major Security. The City of Swan website discusses the security service, and notes the following as the expectations:

- Being a visible presence in the community
- Proactively reporting vandalism and damage
- Providing extra eyes and ears to assist police
- Conducting surveillance patrols and reporting suspicious persons or vehicles
- Responding to antisocial behaviour issues and request police assistance, if required
- On request accompanying a property occupier in response to an activated alarm

As mentioned on the front page of this edition, we will be meeting with Major Security to discuss their service to The Vines, and how best residents can interact with them. In the meantime, please continue to contact them on 9278 9696 if you see any suspicious behaviour. They are available 24 hours.

If you have an intruder on your property, or have had any items stolen, it is important to notify the police immediately on 131 444 – or call 000 in an emergency.

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

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ACCOUNT NAME The Vines Residents Association
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ACCOUNT 187023775
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