

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
21 OCTOBER 2022



**STOP THE
DEVELOPMENT**

**NO HOUSING
INFILL**

**UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR:
GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT**

On Thursday night last week, (13th October), I attended the AGM for members of The Vines Golf Club. On the night, Ray Jordan would not answer any questions relating to the proposed development, but instead said they would send an 'umbrella' announcement to all members during the week commencing 17th October. That communication arrived via email shortly before lunch on Friday 21st October.

For the information of those residents that did not receive the email, the summary is that:

- holes 1, 2, and 12 - 18 of the Ellenbrook course plus holes 10 - 18 of the Lakes course will become the new 18-hole 'Members course';
- holes 1 - 8 of the Lakes course will be converted into a new 18-hole short course;
- an 'all-weather driving range' will be built on hole 9 of the Lakes course.

The only development application mentioned in the email relates to the new driving range. The statement is made that this application is intended to go to City of Swan by the end of this year.

Whilst the email concentrated on the redevelopment plans for the golf course and new driving range, the omission of any detailed information on holes 3 - 11 of the Ellenbrook course, or the existing grass driving range, is glaring. It seems almost certain that they plan to go ahead with some form of the housing infill which was detailed in the 'New Vision' plan released in 2021.

As a reminder, and for the information of those who are new to The Vines, the 'New Vision' included plans to:

- develop holes 3 - 11 of the Ellenbrook course into housing;
- develop the existing grass driving range into Over-55's housing.

The VRRRA will enact our plan to fight this redevelopment. Please watch our Facebook page for updates.

SAVE THE VINES. NO HOUSING INFILL.

From the Treasurer

It's been a busy few months financially due to the payment of the annual membership fees; the sale of "The History of The Vines" book; and the management of costs and benefits from fund raising initiatives such as Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings in Ellenbrook. The result of these activities provided an increase of approximately \$4K to The VRRRA's bank account balance during the period 1st July to 30th September 2022.

With the fight against the proposed redevelopment now back in the forefront of our activities, our request for donations to assist with legal and media costs is more applicable than ever. You can find the details of the 'fighting fund' bank account at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter or on our website.

In the meantime, a review of the accounts shows that we have not yet been able to identify who deposited certain funds within our bank accounts. These deposits were made some time ago and the only information we have is the last digits of the credit cards that supported these payments. These are:

- Visa Card ending 0396
- Visa Card ending 9703
- Master Card ending 1500

If you made these deposits can you please contact me via email: vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com



Committee News: Secretary



We are still in need of a Secretary to join our committee.

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. There is a high level of confidentiality and administration skill required, as well as time commitment in order to support the Association as a whole. Tasks include writing documentation, correspondence, and co-ordination of meetings.

It is urgent that this position is filled on a permanent basis (as currently it is delegated). Please note that 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 contact us with any questions. You can send an email to us at vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

Christmas Competition

Update: Best Decorated Golf Cart

Unfortunately due to the technicalities of the Department of Transport registration rules for golf carts in Western Australia, they are not registered to be driven to the park for the event. As a result, we have had to amend our Christmas competition for Best Decorated Golf Cart. This will now need to be a photographic competition instead of one that is judged in person.

This means that, instead of bringing your golf cart to the event, you will need to bring a photo of it. Whilst this is not ideal, it does bring some creative opportunities. Why not incorporate your cart into your home's Christmas lights display, or get your kids to dress up to really enhance your theme?

We understand that there may be disappointment, but all golf cart owners need to adhere to the rules otherwise the use of golf carts in The Vines may be impacted on a wider level.

Social Events

Christmas in The Vines

This year's Christmas event will be on Saturday 3rd December from 4pm, at Chardonnay Park on the corner of Vines Avenue and Barbera Lane.

Entry will be free!

So far, the confirmed attractions include:

- Christmas market
- Food trucks
- Brass band playing Christmas music
- A very popular local face painter - see below!
- Santa will pop in to say hello
- Family Christmas movie after sunset

We are pleased to announce that our face painter for this event will be 'Bippity Boppity Brush!' Tinselle the Christmas Elf will be at the event from 4pm to 7pm, but she will have limited spaces for face painting as true art takes time.

We are also partnering with Kanga Markets & Events. If you are interested in having a market stall or you run a food truck, please contact Kanga Markets directly. You can find their contact details on their Facebook page. They are kindly giving a discount on their stallholder fees for businesses registered in The Vines.

Watch out for more attraction announcements in future editions of The Grapevine, and on our Facebook page.

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*Christmas in
The Vines*

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

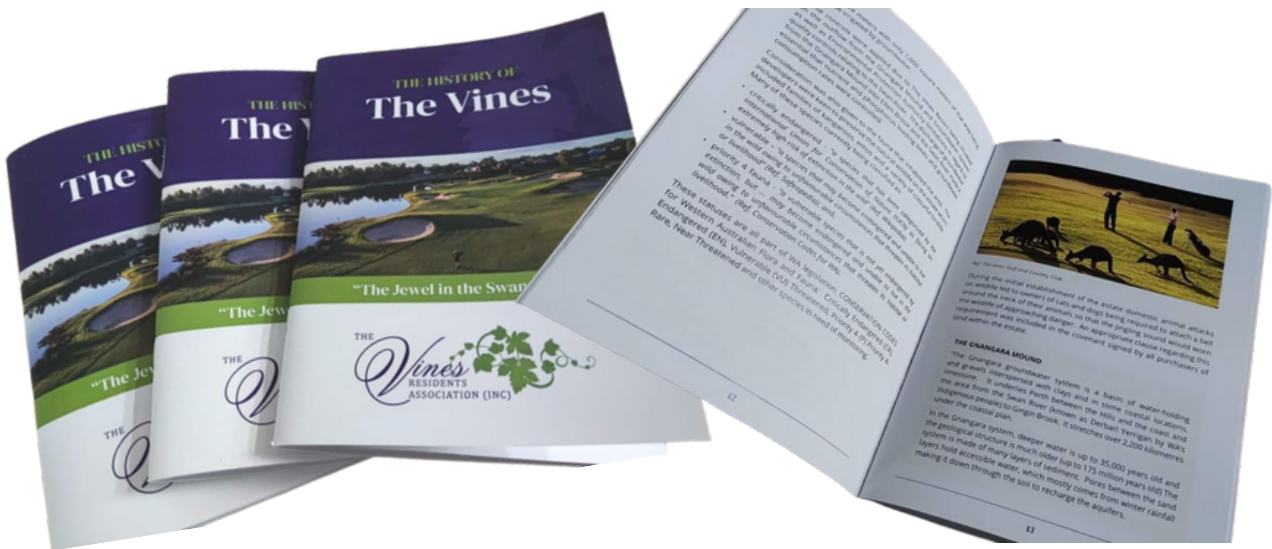
Christmas market,
family movie, food trucks,
music, plus lots more!

Market and food trucks
organised by
Kanga Markets

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

Australian Chenin Blanc Challenge 2022

The Swan Valley Winemakers Association invited all producers of Chenin Blanc in Australia to participate in the Australian Chenin Blanc Challenge with the aim of finding out who makes Australia's best Chenin Blanc.

Judging took place on Thursday 15th September and the results were announced at a tasting and awards presentation evening at The Queens Hotel in Highgate on Thursday 20th October.

After the judging panels tasted entries from all over Australia these are the wines they deemed to be the best examples of Chenin Blanc:

Certificates:

- Best 2022-2021 Chenin Blanc: MMAD Vineyard Chenin Blanc 2021, McLaren Vale South Australia
- Best Mature Chenin Blanc 2018 and Older: John Kosovich Chenin Blanc 2018, Swan Valley WA

Trophy:

- Best Chenin Blanc in Australia: MMAD Vineyard Chenin Blanc 2021, McLaren Vale South Australia



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:

