

THE

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RESIDENTS AND  
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)

**The Grapevine**

NEWSLETTER

7 OCTOBER 2022



## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Early in August I wrote to the WA Tourism Minister, Hon. Roger Cook MLA, expressing our deep concerns around the potential effect on tourism in the Swan Valley if plans are approved to turn any part of the golf course in The Vines into a housing estate. This week I received a reply - whilst acknowledging our concerns, Mr Cook saw this as more of a planning issue and, as such, has sent a copy of the letter to the Planning Minister, Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA. Even though I was initially disappointed that there was not a more in-depth response, at least we now have two senior ministers within the WA government who are fully aware of what is happening here in The Vines. In addition I have had discussions with Jessica Shaw MLA in recent months, and she assures me that she has had many conversations with different folk within the corridors of parliament also expressing the very real concerns we have. Politically our message is out there.

This week you would have received an email with a personal invitation from me to attend our next social event on Sunday 30th October at Ugly Duckling Wines. A big thank you to those who have already purchased your tickets. There are still some remaining, so please don't hesitate to jump in and grab yours now.

In the meantime, let's all continue to enjoy this beautiful spring weather. Summer will be here soon enough.

## Committee News: Secretary needed!

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](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com)



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# Safety

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## Major Security's Patrol

As mentioned in a previous edition of The Grapevine, the new security patrol company are now preparing monthly reports which are being published on the City of Swan's website. At the time of writing this newsletter, the September report was not yet available. However, here are some highlights from the August report:

Distance travelled by patrol vehicle(s)	9,457 km
Daily average distance travelled by patrol vehicle(s)	305.06 km/day
Property checks conducted	835

The August statistics represent an increase of 1,750km and 257 properties on the numbers in their July report. However, the number of incidents reported has decreased and for August was as follows:

Suspicious Activity	5
Anti-Social Behaviour	3
Vehicle Issues	2
Animals	2
Miscellaneous	2

Major Security has noted the areas of The Vines which experienced the suspicious activity and has increased patrol frequency in those areas. These incidents were also reported to Crime Stoppers.

**If you would like to read the full reports, they are available from the City of Swan website at: [www.swan.wa.gov.au/Your-Services/Crime-prevention/Security-patrols](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Your-Services/Crime-prevention/Security-patrols)**

When the September report is published, we will place the link on our Facebook page.

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## Fundraising at Bunnings

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**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

**Sausage Sizzle**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**Come along to support us!**  
**Sunday 9th October**  
**Bunnings Ellenbrook**

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In order to raise funds for The VRRRA, our team will be running another Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in Ellenbrook on Sunday 9th October between 8am and 4pm.

This is part of Bunnings' Spring Car Park event, so there should be some additional attractions over a normal weekend visit to the store.

We will be teaming up with the Ellenbrook Mile group for this day to jointly raise funds for our organisations. Running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings is a labour intensive activity, and collaborating in this way means that we can spread the load.



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# Christmas Competition

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## Best Decorated Golf Cart

One of the attractions at this year's 'Christmas in The Vines' event on Saturday 3rd December will be a competition for the best decorated golf cart!

Due to the limited car parking available around Chardonnay Park, we encourage residents to come along to the event via another mode of transport. Golf carts will no doubt be a popular way to attend, so why not take part in this fun competition?

### There will be prizes!

There is no specific theme - let your imagination run wild. The only rule is that the golf cart must be safe to drive. Registration for entrants will be at The VVRA's tent between 5pm and 6pm on the day. Judging will take place at approximately 6.30pm, with the announcement of the winner shortly afterwards.

If you don't have a golf cart, find a neighbour that does and team up with them.

You have 8 weeks to get ready. Here are some ideas to inspire you:



# Social Events

## Sunday Wine Social at Ugly Duckling

We will be holding a social afternoon on Sunday 30th October at Ugly Duckling Wines on West Swan Road.

This is a ticketed 18+ event.

Included in the ticket price is a wine tasting of 6 selected wines from the Ugly Duckling range, plus shared platters (with a variety of cheeses, quiche, meats, bread and dip). We will have a reserved seating area and live music.

The VVRA will subsidise tickets for our member households, making them just \$25 for each person. Non-members will be \$35 per person.

Please note all ticket sales will end on 23rd October, or sooner if they sell out.

Tickets are available online via our website:

[www.thevinesra.com.au/sunday-wine-social-at-ugly-duckling-wines/](http://www.thevinesra.com.au/sunday-wine-social-at-ugly-duckling-wines/)



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WINE TASTING AND SHARED PLATTERS

## SUNDAY WINE SOCIAL

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

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THIS IS AN 18+ EVENT

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

## Christmas in The Vines

Community driven,  
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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

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
- Best decorated golf cart competition (see pg 3)
- Brass band playing Christmas music
- A very popular local face painter
- Santa will pop in to say hello
- Family Christmas movie after sunset

We are 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.

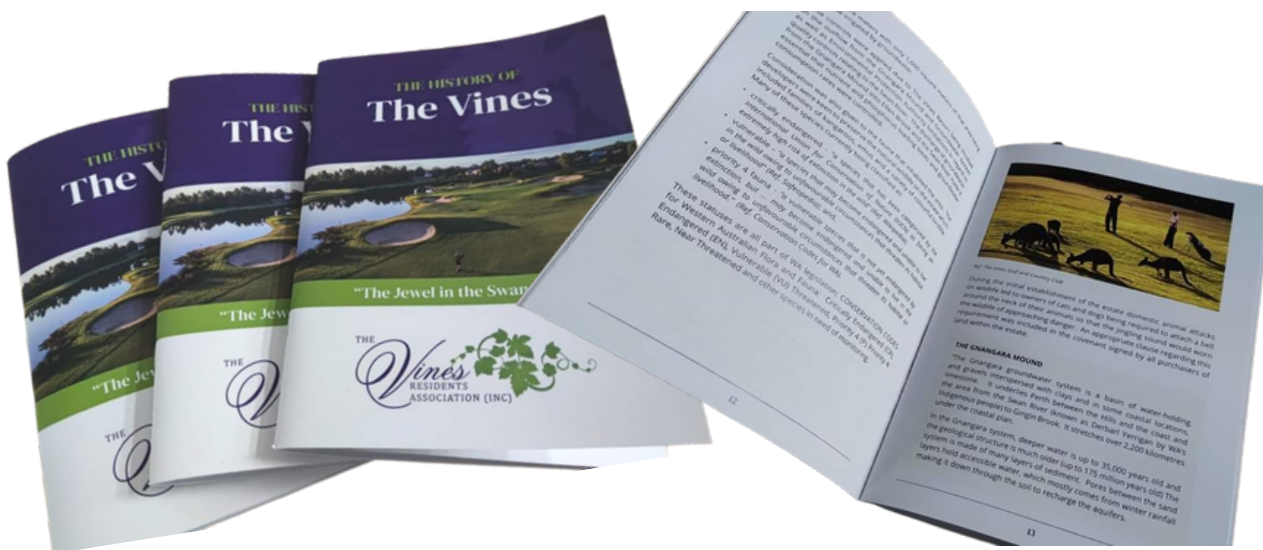
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# The History of The Vines

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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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## 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** 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:

