

THE  
*Vines*  
RESIDENTS AND  
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)  
**The Grapevine**  
NEWSLETTER  
4 NOVEMBER 2022



**STOP THE  
DEVELOPMENT**

**NO HOUSING  
INFILL**

## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Since the last edition of The Grapevine, we have hand-delivered a leaflet to every letterbox within The Vines which contained an update based on the recent letter sent to golf members by The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd. We appreciate the effort of volunteers who carried out these letterbox deliveries.

The leaflet noted that the letter to golf members omitted crucial details regarding plans for the existing grass driving range and also holes 3 – 11 of the Ellenbrook course. This flags that potentially none of the public concerns raised by golfers, residents and the wider community have been listened to. We will provide further updates on our campaign once we have completed meetings with our media partners and legal teams.

Members of The VRRRA should also have received an email from myself asking you to submit questions to The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd on their announced golf course plans, and the lack of information given about the remaining spaces. Thank you to everyone who has already done this. Please remember that, if you would like to ask any questions or provide feedback to The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd on this latest plan, you need to send an email to [memberships@vines.com.au](mailto:memberships@vines.com.au) by 30th November. You can also 'bcc' The VRRRA's email address, or forward your email, if you want to let us know what you've asked.

On another subject, this is a reminder to everyone living on the one acre blocks in The Vines that the City of Swan have strict regulations on the clearing of land. You must adhere to these regulations when carrying out any vegetation work on your block. Watch for an article in a future edition of The Grapevine.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Make sure you have our 'Christmas in The Vines' event in your calendar for Saturday 3rd December!

See page 3 for further details. We plan for this to be a big event, with a lot of attractions for the family. And, best of all, entry is free!



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# Volunteers Required

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We are happy to confirm that a vacancy on The VRRRA's committee has been filled, with Ingrid Page joining as a committee member. The position of Secretary will also hopefully be confirmed in the very near future.

However, as we are a small committee, we do rely heavily on volunteers to assist with many of our activities. We have plenty of things to get involved in, with more in the coming months as the campaign heats up.

In the meantime, if you can assist with any of the following, we would love to hear from you:

- Letterbox distributors for leaflets and other suburb-wide communications
- Traffic controllers for the 'Christmas in The Vines' event (note: preferably Main Roads WA qualified)
- Other general assistance for the 'Christmas in The Vines' event

If you can spare us any time, it would be hugely appreciated. Should you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact us via email at [vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com)

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## Environment: Feral Bees

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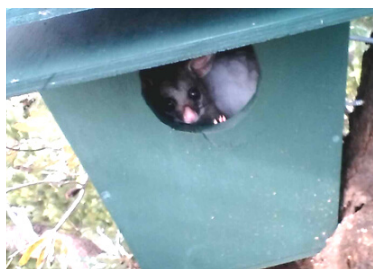
Feral European honey bees tend to swarm at this time of year. They can be a considerable nuisance if they invade your home or, as in this case, invade two of your possum boxes.

Fortunately, there are a number of bee-keepers locally who will come and collect the swarms for free. In some cases, they relocate the entire swarm to a bee hive, and on other occasions, they swap the queen for a more docile or productive specimen. It was certainly fascinating to get into a suit and help vacuum up the colony. The hive in the photograph (below middle) was built from scratch in less than a week with the possum box already stuffed with 5 combs of honey/grubs.

As trees continue to be cut down locally, the competition for nesting holes is extreme and the need to preserve old growth trees and to create natural/artificial nesting holes has never been higher.

Sadly, the swarm attacked and killed the 3 month-old baby possum. Fortunately, the mother survived and she is recovering from the stings. She has already re-occupied one of the boxes and it appears as though there is another baby on the way. This further demonstrates the pressure that our native wildlife is under.

Finally, if anyone has space for possum boxes, (or wants to build their own), please drop us a line for more information.



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# Social Events

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## Christmas in The Vines: Update

This year's Christmas event will be on **Saturday 3rd December from 4pm at Chardonnay Park**, which is on the corner of Vines Avenue and Barbera Lane. Note that there is limited parking, so please consider walking to the event.

Entry will be free! The confirmed attractions include:

- Christmas market
- Food trucks
- **Brass band and a choir - see below!**
- 'Bippity Boppity Brush' as our face painter
- Santa will pop in to say hello
- Family Christmas movie after sunset

We are pleased to announce that we will have two groups providing musical entertainment for you. The Morley Salvation Army Brass Band will provide festive music from approximately 4.30pm, and then we will have carols sung by members of the Perth Harmony choir from 6pm.

Don't forget - if you are interested in having a market stall or you run a food truck, please contact Kanga Markets & Events 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 our final announcement in the next edition of The Grapevine, when we will reveal the movie choice. If you haven't already, please also visit the event 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



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# From the Treasurer

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It has been lovely to welcome a number of new members to The VRRRA in the past fortnight. However, as the payments have been made electronically, it means that many have not completed a standard membership form. As a result of this, we appear to be missing some contact details.

Emails confirming the payment of membership fees have been forwarded to all but one of these new members. In this email I have asked if you could please provide your residential address for our records. If you have not provided this information to date, it would be appreciated if you could please reply accordingly as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, one lady named Gail has not provided any contact details so I cannot email or call. If this is you, or perhaps you have a neighbour called Gail who has just joined, please get in contact. You can email me at vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

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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 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/>

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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:

