

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
16 DECEMBER 2022



**STOP THE
DEVELOPMENT**

**NO HOUSING
INFILL**

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the committee I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our recent 'Christmas in The Vines' event at Chardonnay Park. These events take such a lot of organising to ensure that they run smoothly and safely. We are a small committee whose fundraising activities during the year, along with a grant from the City of Swan, allowed us to put on such a wonderful event.

In other news – further to our recent announcements, it has again been conveyed to us that The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd intend to submit an application prior to Christmas for the concrete driving range to be constructed on the 9th hole of the Lakes golf course. This will be followed shortly afterwards by the application to construct an over 55's village on the existing grass driving range.

Despite overwhelming opposition to their plans from so many, the owners of The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd, (and their advisors), are determined to realise their ambition to turn vast areas of the existing golf course into a housing estate. We stand ready to fight as we always have.

The golf club members have also come together to oppose the development, and have launched a private Facebook group called 'Vines Golfers' – I encourage all of you who are financial members of The Vines Golf Club to join this group. Please note that only those who are financial golf members will be accepted into the group. It provides very useful and timely updates on their efforts to save the golf course and provides golf members with the opportunity to post their thoughts and ideas as well.

Finally, I will take this opportunity to wish all members of The VRRRA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will see you again in 2023.



Christmas Prize Winners



We announced the winners of our lucky member draw at the 'Christmas in The Vines' event. Unfortunately neither of the winners were present to collect their prizes so Mark Church, (Chairperson of The VRRRA), visited them last week.

- David and Jodie Koch were the lucky winners of the first prize hamper, which was worth over \$50 and included a bottle of Swan Valley wine. Jodie is pictured here with Mark.
- Jim and Dianne Kelly won the second prize of a bottle of Swan Valley wine. We would also like to thank Jim for all his efforts in recent weeks as a leaflet delivery volunteer.

We hope that you enjoy your prizes over the festive season.

Committee News

We are pleased to announce that Wendy Manners has joined our committee as Secretary. Welcome Wendy, and thanks for volunteering.

However, we are once again looking for someone to join our committee as a non-executive member to assist with general tasks, including the campaign against the golf course re-development, helping us to run events, and participating in other activities.

You will need to be available to attend our committee meetings which are held regularly, usually on a Monday evening. If you would like to find out more, please feel free to email us with any questions. The email address is vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com



Gardening tips for Summer

With the hot weather rapidly approaching, there are still jobs that can be done in the garden. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Vegetables to plant this month include capsicum, lettuce, tomato, zucchini, and eggplant
- Harvest leafy greens when the leaves are small, and harvest often for a continuous supply
- Flowers to plant include summer colour like begonia, marigold, petunia, verbena, salvia and impatiens
- Keep an eye on any new plantings. Plants are constantly watered when they are in a nursery, so you need to give new plants extra water until their root system has established
- In order to conserve water and keep soil cooler, add mulch to outdoor potted plants and also top up mulch on any garden beds as needed
- Watch for fungal diseases on roses and vegetables. Help keep plants healthy by removing disease affected leaves
- Bundle pots together for easier watering, especially if someone is looking after your garden while you are away
- Cover your worm farm with damp hessian or newspaper to keep it cool and shaded

Remember to adhere to the state government's regulations about sprinkler days and times. From 1st September 2022, bore watering days were reduced from three days per week to align with the two days per week sprinkler roster for those in Perth and Mandurah. You must only have your reticulation running once per day on your allocated two days, either before 9am or after 6pm.

Christmas in The Vines: Recap

Thanks again to all those who came along to our 'Christmas in The Vines' event on Saturday 3rd December. We were glad to see so many of you. Our entertainment providers did a fabulous job, and we were very lucky with the weather. It is hard to organise an outdoor event in summer in Perth as there is always a chance it may be extremely hot!

We had over 40 market stalls in attendance, plus food vendors including Vietnamese fusion, twisted potatoes, crème brûlées, smoothies/milkshakes, ice cream, coffee, fairy floss, popcorn and marshmallows. The stallholders and food vendors really appreciated your business, with some of them nearly selling out. We do recognise that there were some queues at the food vendors. Unfortunately one had a major generator breakdown which delayed their service times, and we also had a last minute cancellation due to Covid-19. These are learnings for the future, as we have never had an event like this in The Vines before.

For those of you interested in logistics, this event was organised by a very small team from The VRRRA's committee, and we had no members volunteer to assist us on the day. This is why we had to rely on our partners, Kanga Markets, to organise the market stalls and also the food vendors. Our only external funding was a \$5,000 grant received from City of Swan. The remainder of the cost for all the hire equipment and entertainment providers was paid from monies raised by The VRRRA's committee at our recent Bunnings sausage sizzles. Other surrounding suburbs are able to stage much bigger events with more entertainment because they have more park facilities, volunteers and funding available to them via corporate and lottery sponsorship. For example, Ellenbrook received \$25,000 from Lotterywest this year for their 'Elfenbrook' event - significant funding allowing them to pay for a lot more entertainment than we would ever be able to have in The Vines.

If you would like to volunteer to organise next year's event, please consider joining our committee.

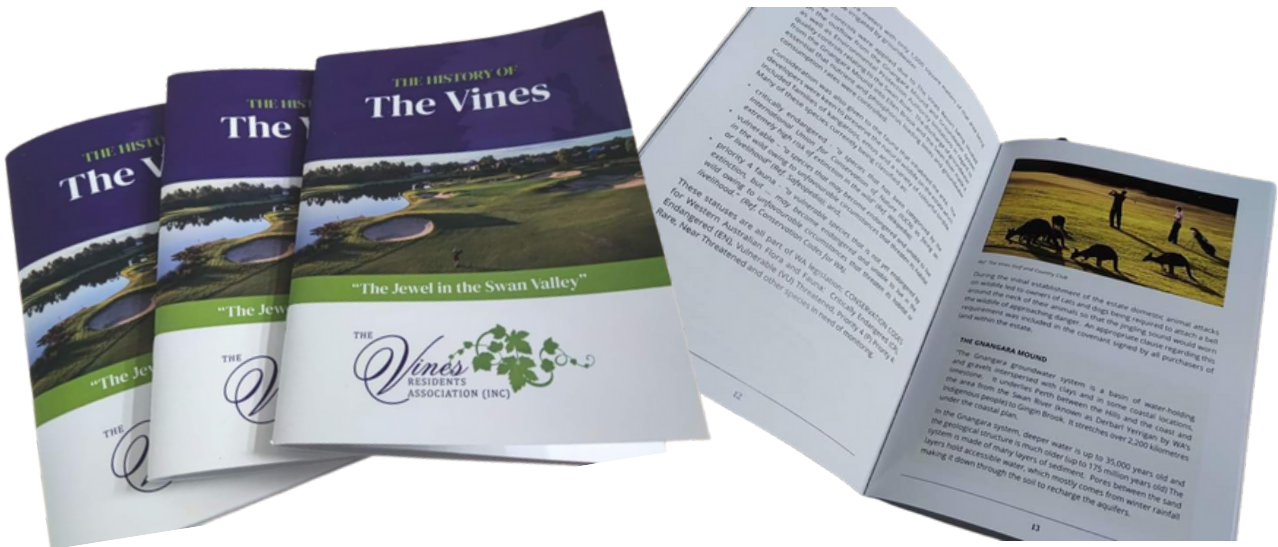
Below are some photos from the day.



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.



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