

THE  
*Vines*  
RESIDENTS AND  
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)  
**The Grapevine**  
NEWSLETTER  
3 MARCH 2023



**STOP THE  
DEVELOPMENT**

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**SAVE  
THE VINES**

## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

It has now been a whole week since public submissions for the two-storey driving range's Development Application closed. Whilst the City of Swan were not able to provide the exact number of responses they received, they did confirm that they are in the process of reviewing everything that you sent. A big thank you to all the individuals and groups who submitted their comments. The VRRRA submitted a substantial document in objection – many hours went into this and a summary is on page 2. We've heard from various people that the applicant will most likely have a lot more work to do to convince the authorities to approve their application. This is far from a done deal. We will keep you informed.

Whilst this is all happening, we have written to many people expressing our concerns at the piecemeal process that it seems The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd has adopted for their redevelopment plans. We hope our pleas to Minister Rita Saffioti and the City of Swan do not go unanswered. We have also written to the federal Minister for the Environment, Tanya Plibersek, expressing our grave concern that environmental laws set up to protect our fragile flora and fauna are potentially being ignored by The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd.



**Scan to sign  
our petition**

In addition, we have contacted the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and invited them to hear our side of the story on what is being proposed here at The Vines – I am pleased to say that their new CEO, Mr David Collard, has agreed to a meeting with us. We are in the process of setting that up.

I remind everyone that we have to remain vigilant – there is still plenty of work to be done if we are to succeed in our mission. Please also ensure that you have signed our online petition. You can scan the QR code to the right to access the petition or go to [www.change.org/StopTheVinesRedevelopment](http://www.change.org/StopTheVinesRedevelopment)

Enjoy your long weekend – I hope to see many of you at our Clean Up Australia Day event at Chardonnay Park at 10am on Sunday.

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# DA: The VRRRA's submission

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It was very reassuring to receive many confirmations from residents who made an individual submission in opposition to this DA. Thank you to everyone who cared to advise the City of Swan of their thoughts. The future of The Vines, as we currently know and enjoy, will only be sustained by those who are willing to make their opposition known to the decision makers.

On behalf of our members, The VRRRA also made a submission. We very clearly stated our opposition. A high level summary is as follows:

- The existing driving range serves users well, whereas the proposed new location is detrimental to the amenity overall, with the design severely compromising the integrity of the golfing experience.
- The information supplied in application DA6-23 is inconsistent, inaccurate and fails to provide adequate coverage of major issues.
- This particular DA contains documented evidence that specifically states that the driving range is only part of an overall development plan. Reference is made to the intent to replace the current green open space driving range with high-density over 55s housing. Accordingly, we requested that this context is not ignored, as it forms part of the actual submission.

The VRRRA provided a very comprehensive tabulation of each DA statement, our opposition to it, and the evidence in support of that opposition. There were over 80 lines to this document.

The new concrete two-storey driving range is demonstrably worse than the current grass facility in many respects. We believe that this application exists purely to facilitate future, harmful development and is without merit in its own right.

Our main submission points included:

- Amenity: the proposed development of a two-story driving range results in a net loss of amenity to the area. This includes loss of facilities, being practice areas for putting greens, pitching areas and bunkers.
- The proposal is also silent on the fact that the future of golfing being threatened. This represents a substantial loss of amenity to golfing members, recreational golfers, tourists and visitors.
- Environment and Heritage: The Environmental report supplied within the Development Application is inaccurate. It has failed to identify significant environmental evidence that will prevent construction on the east side of the proposed driving range, the impact on critically endangered wildlife. Neither the Environmental or Heritage report identified the importance of the tributary to Aboriginal heritage.
- Safety: The common area between the proposed driving range and the main building is congested. There is high pedestrian traffic, chipping practice and buggy traffic all intersecting. The fence height is inadequate.
- Consultation undertaken by The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd has been minimal. This application ignores the consultation results.
- Golf club membership: The loss of golfing holes and other practice amenities cannot be achieved without changes to the Golf Club Management Agreement.
- Compliance to Local Planning Scheme 17 and the Outline Development Plan 37 is required.

This two-storey driving range Development Application also represents the first stage of a strategy to evade the intent of the planning regulations by splitting the full development through via multiple Development Applications.

We will keep you updated as the Development Application works its way through the various processes with both City of Swan and the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP).

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# Event: This Sunday!

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As our world faces unprecedented environmental challenges, Australians are being encouraged to join together to take positive action. This is why we have registered to hold a 'clean up' event in The Vines on Sunday 5th March.

Founded by Ian Kiernan, AO, Clean Up Australia is one of the country's most recognised and trusted environmental organisations, inspiring and empowering communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community-based environmental event and more than 20 million Australians have participated since its inception.

Pip Kiernan, Chair of Clean Up Australia, says *"Our environment is facing pressure unlike ever before. As all Australians know, over the past two years, we've seen severe bushfires, cyclones and floods, and increased pressures on our biodiversity and an ever-growing volume of waste which leaks into our natural and marine environment. Australians tell us every day that they are concerned about the world we live in but often feel frustrated and unsure how to make a positive impact. Clean Up Australia Day is a great opportunity to work together and take practical action. We seek the support of all Australians. Together we can all make a real difference."*

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Sunday 5th March 2023</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>10am to approx 11.30am</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Chardonnay Park Cnr Barbera Lane &amp; Vines Avenue</b>

For the sake of safety, we will be collecting litter in the park and surrounding area. We will not be carrying out any road-side rubbish collection.

We have a small supply of gloves and hi-vis vests. If you have your own, please bring them along. Please also bring your water bottle and wear sun-smart clothing.

Here are a few interesting facts about litter and the importance of events like this to help clean up:

- **Plastic breaks up into small pieces:** every single piece of plastic that has been produced is still somewhere on Earth. Plastic doesn't disintegrate - it breaks into smaller pieces
- **Small pieces of plastic get eaten:** Wildlife may eat small pieces of plastic. It is therefore important to clean these up, and it is also important to clean up bigger pieces before they break and become a risk
- **Polystyrene:** this travels very easily due to being lightweight. If you put polystyrene in your household bin and it accidentally falls out at some point during transfer to the garbage truck, it could easily end up elsewhere before you even get home from work. Events like this can seek out polystyrene and clean it up
- **Glass:** the dangers of broken glass are obvious, and it can impact both humans and wildlife. Be careful when collecting glass litter. Don't put glass into general bins in public parks or on the golf course - take it home and recycle it correctly.
- **Negligence impacts everyone:** Litter like cigarette butts, coffee cups and soft drink cans do not decompose quickly. They can remain in an environment for many years, making it look untidy and causing hazards to wildlife. Don't discard these items from your car or golf cart and expect someone else to pick them up. Teach your kids to dispose of their litter correctly.
- **Reduce your waste footprint:** Have a reusable coffee cup and reusable water bottle. Buy bulk items and pack into smaller reusable containers rather than buying small versions on a weekly basis. Try not to give your kids snacks in packaging - use a lunchbox instead.

Everyone loves the green environment of The Vines. We are fighting hard to stop the redevelopment, so let's also fight hard against litter.

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# Wine Talk

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## Shiraz vines available

If you have ever wanted to make your own wine, now you have the opportunity. A local couple has contacted us looking to 'rehome' some Shiraz vines from their property.

These vines cannot be moved until they are dormant in the wintertime. Around July would be the best time to transplant them.

Please contact Kira Morgan on 0448 762 789.



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## Campaign Bin Stickers

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Don't forget to buy your campaign bin stickers. These are a glossy vinyl sticker, measuring 340mm by 300mm. The photo to the left is an illustration of what the size looks like on a bin.

**They are available for just \$5 each!**

Show your support for our campaign by buying one (or two) for each of your bins.

You can order by scanning the QR code here, or by using the link on our Facebook page. We will then deliver to your letterbox as soon as possible.

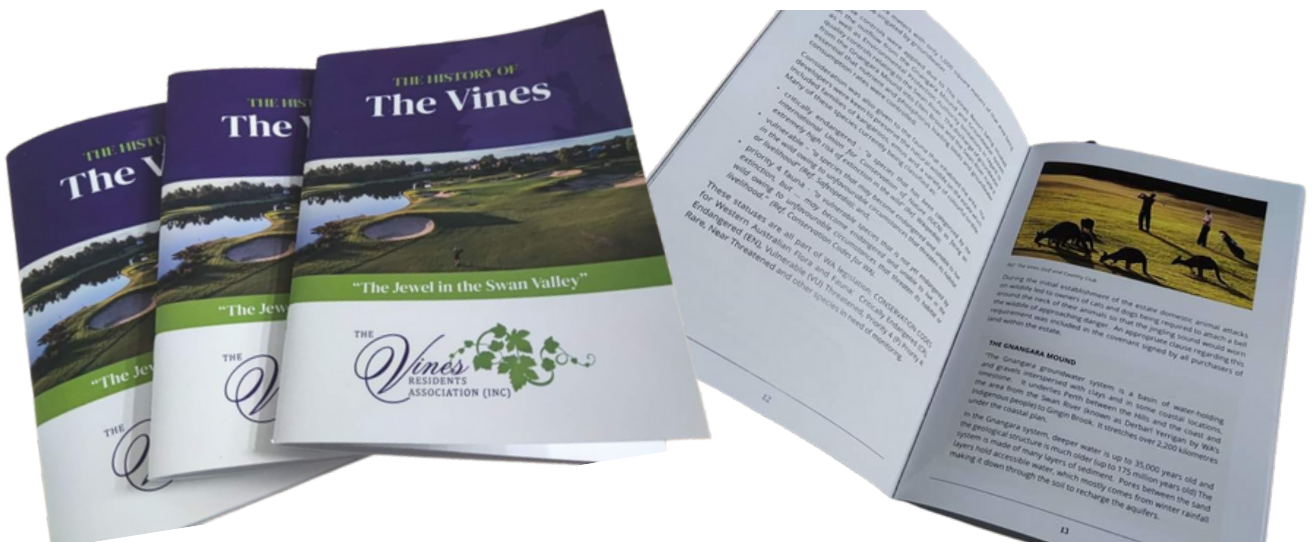
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## The History of The Vines

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We have a lot to lose if the redevelopment plans move ahead. Although we all have our own concerns and interests, we should also take into account how The Vines came about, including its benefits to the state from a tourism and economic perspective. **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.** 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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# Containers for Change

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The VRRRA is grateful to everyone who drops off their eligible containers so we can collect the 10c refund towards our 'fighting fund'. So far this financial year we have collected over \$700 worth of containers.

If you would like to help us, 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

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## Renew 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, renew 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:

