

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
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**STOP THE
DEVELOPMENT**

**SAVE
THE VINES**

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

We expect that the City of Swan Councillors will discuss and vote on the matter of the two-storey driving range Development Application at the Council's next Ordinary Meeting, which is on Wednesday 12th April. Prior to this, on the 5th April, we are able to address the full council. The Mayor has allowed us to make five Deputations, which is our final chance to influence the council into supporting our objections. Whilst the Councillors do not make the final decision on the development, the result of their vote is important as the City makes a recommendation to the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) based on that vote.

In my discussions with the City of Swan Planning department, they have indicated that around 300 submissions were made during the Development Application's public consultation period, indicating the strength of community sentiment.

As we all know, the two-storey driving range is not the only redevelopment that The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd has planned for the golf course. As they have publicly stated on numerous occasions in recent months, much more redevelopment will follow if the two-storey driving range is approved. The VRRRA committee will continue to engage with the key decision makers.



**Scan to sign
our petition**

What we are asking you to do is to please ensure that you sign our online petition if you have not done so already. You can share it with your friends & family as many times as you like - it does not matter if they do not live in The Vines. You can scan the QR code to the right to access the petition or go to www.change.org/StopTheVinesRedevelopment

We are also planning our next social events, now that the weather is becoming a little more conducive to outdoor activities. See page 2 for details of the first event. We would like to see as many of you as possible – it is always better to talk through things face to face.

Remember to like our Facebook page and watch out for updates.

Environment: Tree Cover

Why is tree cover important? For all these reasons:

Environmental	Economic	Social
Improving air quality	Reduce energy demand and cost	Encourage outdoor activity
Reducing stormwater flows and nutrient loads	Increased property values	Enhanced sense of place and identity
Provision of habitat and forage for biodiversity	Avoid costs of infrastructure damage and renewal	Improved community cohesion
Greenhouse gas emission absorption	Decreasing health costs	Reduced heat-related illness
Greater adaptability to changes in climate	Marketing the City and boosting local business	Improved mental wellbeing

As you can see, there are so many reasons to maintain and increase our tree canopy. Despite this, tree cover has been dropping year by year right across the Swan coastal plain. Surprisingly, the greatest loss is occurring not in council or public areas, but on private land. For example, in our immediate area, tree cover is currently calculated as Ellenbrook 7%, and The Vines at 15%. This is less than suburbs in the Swan Valley such as Guildford at 20%.

In coming months, we'll look at trees that are suitable for different sized gardens, as well as when, where and how to plant them. The focus will be on low maintenance, native species that are of the greatest benefit and low in maintenance and cost. Plant a tree, feel better and save money!

Data sources: The City of Swan's "Urban Forest Plan" and the "Swan Tree Canopy Advocates" group.



Social Event: 16th April

Now that the weather is starting to cool, we will commence our 2023 social events. Last year we ran a full programme of events with the most popular, (after the Christmas event), being our neighbourhood social BBQs.

Our first BBQ for 2023 will be taking place at Portmarnock Park, on the corner of Roxburghe Drive and Portmarnock Drive, on Sunday 16th April from 12.30pm to 2pm.

Come along to chat with other residents, as well as The VRRRA's committee members. If you are new to the area, this is a great opportunity to meet people!

Please bring your neighbours so they can learn about what The VRRRA is doing.

This is also a good opportunity to find out about how you can help the committee to achieve our objectives.

MEET & GREET

Neighbourhood BBQ

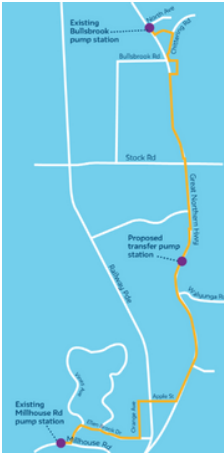
Everyone is invited!
12.30pm - 2pm
Sunday 16th April
at Portmarnock Park

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BYO Drinks & Chair

BYO Neighbours ☺

Water Corp Works



You will probably have seen that Water Corporation have moved their works from Millhouse Road into Chateau Place for the next section of their waste water pipeline upgrade work, including the removal of trees on the western side of Chateau Place.

This pipeline is destined for Bullsbrook - it is not related to any of the potential redevelopment of the golf course. We have previously mentioned these works on a Facebook post of 24th December, and also a newsletter article on 3rd February.

Works will progress along Chateau Place, and will then move into Ellen Brook Drive. More trees will be removed on the south-eastern corner of Ellen Brook Drive.

Revegetation works will be carried out by Water Corp as winter approaches, to give the new trees the best chance to establish themselves.

Campaign Bin Stickers



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!

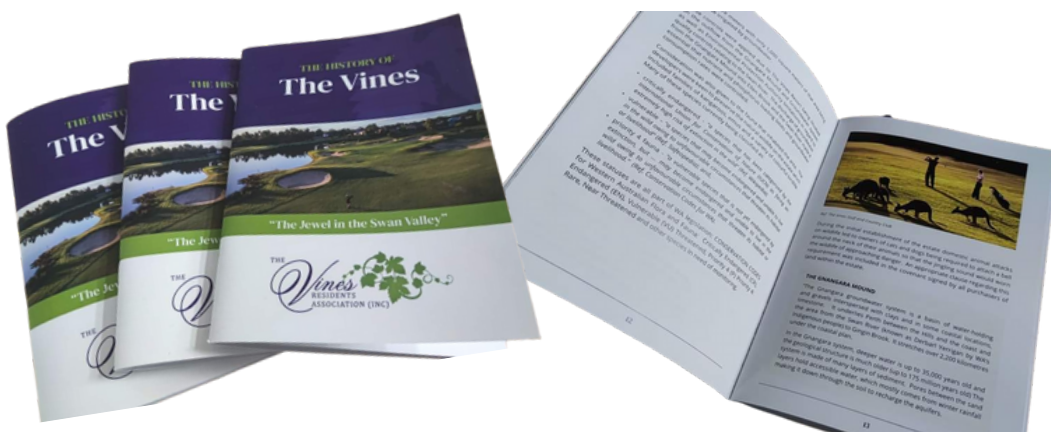
Show your support for our campaign by buying one (or two) for each of your bins.

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.

The History of The Vines

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 if you are interested in purchasing these books.



Containers for Change

The VRRRA is grateful to everyone who drops off their eligible containers so we can collect the 10c refund towards our 'fighting fund'.

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

Renew 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, 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:

