

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Members of The VRRRA will have received an email update on Thursday with the news that the City of Swan Councillors voted in our favour at their April Ordinary Meeting. Further details of this, and The VRRRA's recent activities, appear on page 2 of this newsletter. In order to keep the whole suburb informed with what is happening with the Development Application, we have also commenced a leaflet drop.

Unfortunately, the City of Swan Council's vote is not the final stage of this process and we must now turn our attention to presenting our case to the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP).

At the current moment, we do not have confirmation on when JDAP will meet but we expect that it will be relatively soon. The VRRRA committee will ensure that our opposition is displayed through the deputation process. This will concentrate on planning and environmental aspects, as these enabled our success with the City of Swan. Of course we will keep you updated as we know more.

In the meantime, although we presented a petition to Council this week that included details of our online petition, we still need more supporters. The petition was written to cover the entire redevelopment, and as long as The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd continue with their plan, we will continue with our campaign against it.

Please therefore 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 access the petition or go to www.change.org/StopTheVinesRedevelopment

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

Please also remember our social Neighbourhood BBQ at Portmarnock Park on Sunday (16th April). Whilst our key focus is the campaign, we would still love to see you to chat! We will also be at Bunnings in a few weeks to raise some funds towards this year's Christmas event. See page 3 for details.



**Scan to sign
our petition**

Development Application News

The last few weeks have been very busy for The VRRRA's committee!

Since the closure of the public consultation of the Development Application relating to the two-storey driving range on the 24th February, it has been 'all hands on deck' to ensure that everyone involved in the process going forwards has all the information that they require. This has included meetings with Councillors as well as Jessica Shaw MLA.

On Friday 31st March, the City of Swan's Planning department published the 'Responsible Authority Report', which is basically their summary of the public consultation process along with responses received from other organisations, as well as the Planning Officers' recommendation to the Councillors based on planning legislation. Unfortunately the report did not address a number of major items, particularly around the environmental and traffic aspects of the proposed development.

On Wednesday 5th April, The VRRRA presented two deputations to the City of Swan Councillors at their Agenda Forum meeting. One deputation was from the environmental expert that The VRRRA has engaged to review the trees around the golf course. This review identified a number of very important areas, particularly a community of mature Tuart trees which will be impacted by the proposed driving range. Our expert presented her findings directly to the Councillors in a written report that accompanied her deputation. The deputation from The VRRRA covered a number of other items, including those items not addressed by the 'Responsible Authority Report'.

In addition to The VRRRA's deputations, there was also an in-person deputation from Hon. Lorna Harper MLC, who spoke against the DA on behalf of Jessica Shaw MLA (as Jessica could not attend in person). The Council also received written deputations from Mr. Gavan Troy and Mr. David Manners, both against the DA. There was nobody who spoke in favour of the DA, and also no written deputations in favour.

On Wednesday 12th April, at the Council's Ordinary Meeting, Councillor Aaron Bowman presented The VRRRA's petition to the Mayor and Councillors. This petition, signed by the committee of The VRRRA on behalf of the community, requested that the strong public opposition against the redevelopment be taken into account by the Council when making decisions on both the current Development Application and the publicised future stages of The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd's plans. This petition included details on:

- the large number of public submissions in objection to the DA (94% of the 292 submissions objected),
- the attendance at public meetings held in The Vines since 2021 on the subject of the redevelopment,
- the number of households in The Vines that are members of The VRRRA, as well as the number of followers on The VRRRA's Facebook page,
- the number of supporters who have to date signed The VRRRA's online petition on Change.org.

The petition was received and will be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

Also at this meeting, the Council voted on a motion that was presented by Councillor Charlie Zannino with an amendment by Councillor Sarah Howlett. This motion was that the Council should not accept the recommendations made in the 'Responsible Authority Report', and that the City Of Swan instead recommends to JDAP that the DA be refused as it is not in keeping with the Outline Development Plan for The Vines, and also due to its environmental impact. The Councillors voted on this motion, and it was carried.

THIS IS A WIN FOR OUR CAMPAIGN!

The next step is for the Development Application to be reviewed by the Metro Outer Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP). There are two City of Swan Councillors on this panel, along with three experts. The City of Swan Council's recommendation will be taken into consideration during this review. The VRRRA will present a deputation to JDAP, as will our environmental expert. Each deputation can be up to 30 minutes long.

As always, we will keep you updated as the process moves forwards.

Social Event: 16th April



MEET & GREET

Neighbourhood BBQ

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

BYO Drinks & Chair  BYO Neighbours ☺

Subject to the weather, 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!

If you would like to find out more about JDAP and the development application process, this is a great opportunity.

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.

Fundraising at Bunnings

In order to raise funds for The VRRRA, our team will be running a Sausage Sizzle at Ellenbrook Bunnings on Sunday 7th May between 8am and 4pm.

This follows on from the success of our previous sizzle events last year, each of which raised over \$1,000 for The VRRRA! We used the majority of the funds from these sizzles for the annual 'Christmas in The Vines' event, and that will be the plan again this year.

Come down with your family to support us.

We also would sincerely appreciate volunteers to assist the committee to run the event. There are a variety of tasks available which require no previous experience. Even if you can spare just an hour, that would be a huge help to us.

If you would like to volunteer to assist for part of the day, or can donate supplies, please email us at vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 28th April.



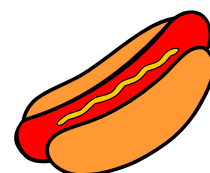
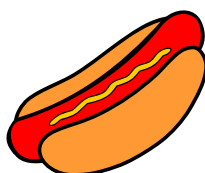
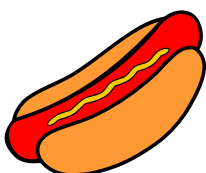


Sausage Sizzle

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Come along to support us!
Sunday 7th May
Bunnings Ellenbrook

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Committee News

We are still 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. Our committee has been under-staffed for a few months now, so we would love more help!

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



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!

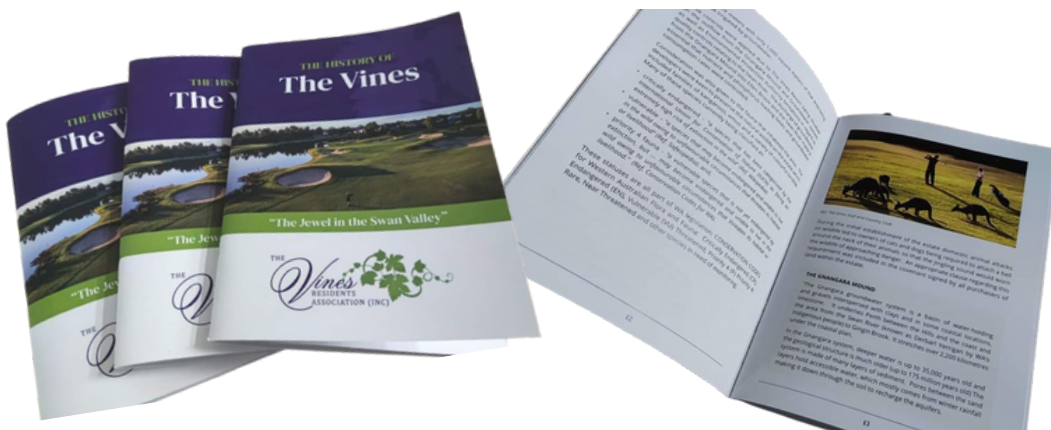
Show your support for our campaign by buying one (or two) for each of your bins.

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' which enables us to engage experts in our fight against the redevelopment.

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:

