

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

Today at the meeting of the Joint Development Assessment Panel, we had a major win.

### **The Development Application for the two-storey driving range has been refused!**



When The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd announced last year that they would be submitting the two-storey driving range as a separate development application without any housing component, there were many people who did not believe that we would be able to get any traction from the authorities with regards to a refusal. This is because they were asking to put a golf facility on land that is zoned as a golf facility.

The VRRRA has worked tirelessly to ensure that we built a solid case across multiple facets.

In the end, JDAP agreed that the development is inconsistent with the Outline Development Plan for The Vines, and refused the DA on that basis. You can see more details of what happened on page 2.

Of course, this is a vindication for The VRRRA and the culmination of many months of work. If you have been following along with our journey since mid-2021, we thank you for your continued support. Keep in mind though that we do not know what the next step will be for The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd. They do have the ability to appeal via the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT), so our campaign may not yet be over.

We will therefore stay vigilant. The good news is that we've got a lot of support, including Jessica Shaw MLA, as well as the City of Swan Councillors. We also have our experts lined up.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming community events. See page 3 for details.

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# Development Application News

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Following our success with the City of Swan Councillors voting unanimously for their recommendation to the Metro Outer Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) to refuse the Development Application for the two-storey driving range, we have been busily preparing for the JDAP meeting. We were given two weeks notice, and that meeting happened on Friday 28th April.

For this, The VRRRA worked to get a number of deputations to support our stance against the development. The following people spoke at the meeting:

- Jessica Shaw MLA, who cited concerns about the negative impact that this development would have on the community, as well as linking it to the wider redevelopment plans
- A member of The VRRRA, Breda McCarren, who spoke from a resident's perspective on the wider lifestyle impact
- Hon. Gavan Troy, who is a resident of The Vines and member of The VRRRA, gave a summary on the history of The Vines Resort plus potential impacts on tourism that will be caused by redevelopment
- The VRRRA's environmental expert, Cate Tauss, presented her detailed findings on the direct environmental impacts of the proposed development, particularly on flora, as well as the lack of due diligence within the DA's environmental report
- The VRRRA's planning consultants, Lateral Planning, addressed relevant planning matters, including the Outline Development Plan for The Vines
- Councillor Aaron Bowman spoke on a number of items including piecemeal planning
- A member of The VRRRA and also the golf club, David Manners, spoke on the concerns of golf club members

There were three written deputations received from members of The VRRRA against the development. Our petition to the City of Swan about public opposition to the overall redevelopment was also presented to JDAP.

Two representatives spoke in favour of the development. These were the planning consultants who submitted the DA on behalf of The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd, and also the environmental consultants who wrote the assessment for the DA. They primarily defended their positions.

Unfortunately the meeting was not live-streamed online, but the public gallery was open so we were able to watch proceedings. We had a great turn-out, despite the meeting being held in the middle of the working day. We were glad that the City of Swan staff were able to add more chairs within the public gallery so everyone was able to sit inside the chambers, unlike at the two recent council meetings.

Councillor Charlie Zannino and Councillor Rod Henderson, (who are members of the panel), moved the final motion which was for JDAP to refuse the DA. Cr Zannino summarised the points and, after nearly 2.5 hours, the panel made their decision via a vote.

As you would have seen on the front page, we were successful! The vote was 4 panel members to 1 to refuse the DA, on the basis that it was inconsistent with the Outline Development Plan for The Vines.

## LET'S CELEBRATE THIS!

As a community, we have come together and achieved something that many people thought we could not. The VRRRA committee, and countless other people, have spent many hours working on our case. We used donated funds to pay for the environmental, planning and legal experts who have assisted us to date. We sincerely appreciate all our supporters. THANK YOU!

**We have to remember though,** The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd can appeal the decision via the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). This will cost them time and money. We will of course do whatever we can if they move ahead with an appeal.

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# Fundraising at Bunnings

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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.

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## Social Event: 11th June

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Subject to the weather, our next BBQ for 2023 will be taking place at Dingle Park, on Pavilion Circle, on Sunday 11th June 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.

What other social events would you like to see? Let us know and we will incorporate them into our calendar if possible.



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## Committee News

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We are still looking for someone to join our committee as a non-executive member to assist with general tasks, as well as 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](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com)

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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' - this has assisted 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

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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:

