

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

A big THANK YOU to the literally hundreds of people who contacted us over the past fortnight. All those who messaged, called, emailed, spoke to us on the golf course and in the street. It meant a lot.

A big THANK YOU to all of our other supporters, (including those who wish to remain in the background), for your guidance, support, advice and ongoing commitment.

A big THANK YOU to our small team of letterbox distributors. Come rain, hail or shine - they make sure every home in The Vines receives the vital communications which we need to get out (as not all residents use Facebook).

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who turned up to help at our Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday. Although the weather was against us, and the BBQ stopped working at a crucial time, it still turned out to be a very successful day.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who renewed your membership, and a special welcome to our newest members who joined us recently.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all the committee members of The VRRRA, past and present. Your dedication and your steadfast belief in the cause to represent every member and resident with a voice, has been truly inspiring.

The JDAP result on the 28th April 2023 will be remembered always.

Thank You

Development Update

As a community we can be very proud of the recent City of Swan and Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) outcomes. The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd's development application for a driving range and associated amenities was rejected by both groups.

This rejection was mainly on the grounds that the proposed development was inconsistent with the overriding Structure Plan for The Vines suburb, as well as the piecemeal (staged) approach leading to larger downstream consequences.

Since June 2021, The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd had made it clear that the proposed driving range was simply one aspect of a larger master plan that would enable housing development on the existing driving range and half of the Ellenbrook golf course.

The JDAP decision is a notable milestone as most past decisions have favoured development. This may not be the end of redevelopment plans however, as The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd may appeal JDAP's decision through the State Administrative Tribunal.

Alternatively, they may start again by declaring their fuller redevelopment plan and seeking an amendment to The Vines Structure Plan (i.e. Outline Development Plan no 37) to implement it. This would take time, (perhaps years), and require a more thorough assessment of the impacts. The community would again become part of that process.

Whilst we celebrate these recent successes, The VRRRA's committee are continuing to uphold the community opposition to any unfavourable plans for The Vines. We are actively progressing environmental and heritage aspects of our campaign. One of the outcomes of our recent work is the significance of the environmental and ecological values of this suburb, and we are meeting with authorities to register these. See below for more details.

There is more work to do.

Environmental Impact

The VRRRA's ability to show "Significant Environmental Impact" now becomes critical for:

- Getting the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to conduct their own assessment
- Endorsing The Vines Structure Plan (Outline Development Plan no.37)

In the DA documents, The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd's environmental consultants said that the only environmental impact is the removal of one Marri tree, and that the trees along the range fence line will require pruning,

The VRRRA's environmental expert has identified that the primary area of impact is the east fence line of the proposed driving range, as well as the stream:

- Critically endangered and protected Tuart trees are within the woodland grove area on the eastern fence line. Placing the driving range within 30m of these Tuart trees is not permitted.
- The proposed fence is within the tree canopy, and therefore to claim there will be pruning only is misleading. The fence posts will also impact the tree roots.
- The perennial stream, (shown as the blue highlighted line on the diagram), is subject to heritage listing.

The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd failed to recognise this statutory condition about the Tuart trees because they failed to identify these Tuart trees at all.



Social Event: 11th June

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.



Committee News



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

Wine Talk

Riverbank Estate Winery



Purchased in 2017 by the Lembo Family, who are well known as successful owner/operators of the iconic Caversham House, Riverbank Estate offers a wide range of wines made from the vast variety of vines planted on the property.

The winery was named Riverbank after the former boy's detention centre that was nearby. A reference to this is made in some of their labels. 'On the Run', 'Rebellious' and 'Naughty by Nature' are a range of wines made at Riverbank. One famous former resident of the centre was none other than Bon Scott of AC DC fame.

Riverbank is one of the Swan Valley's most awarded wineries, taking out over 100 wine show trophies since 2017 and has been named a five-star winery in the James Halliday Wine Companion in 2021 and 2022.

The restaurant is also well worth a visit, with a la carte dining Wednesday to Sunday lunchtime.

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' - 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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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:

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BSB 633-000
ACCOUNT 187023775
REFERENCE Last Name & Street (eg: Smith – Vines Ave)

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