

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
The Grapevine
NEWSLETTER
02 JUNE 2023



UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Friday 2nd June marks five weeks since the result of the JDAP meeting where a decision was made to refuse the development application for a two-storey driving range on the 9th hole of the Lakes golf course at The Vines Resort.

Since this decision we have fielded many questions about 'what happens next'. Unfortunately we do not have the answer to this, apart from speculation. One of the possibilities was an appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). The deadline for an appeal is generally within 28 days of the decision but, to date, we do not believe that an appeal has been lodged. As has always been the case, if The VRRRA becomes aware of any publicised plans or official decisions we will immediately inform all of our members. Meanwhile, please do not get caught up in listening to rumours.

Communications have been sent from the golf club to their members regarding the following:

1. The greenkeeping team has recently applied a herbicide to the Lakes greens and Ellenbrook 1, 2, 12-18. This herbicide treatment is to reduce the couch and kikuyu on the bent grass surfaces. Some bleaching of the bent grass may become evident over the coming weeks.
2. Reticulation: there have been challenges to this work due to the discovery of various pockets of clay that is sitting below the subsurface. This has been found on Lakes' holes 15, 16 and 17.

Whilst it appears that Ellenbrook holes 3-11 have not been treated with the herbicide mentioned above, we cannot say whether this is related to redevelopment plans.

Although winter is upon us, we are hoping that the weather will be fine for our upcoming social BBQ on Sunday 11th June – I look forward to seeing you all there. Please see the following page for further details. We also encourage you to let us know if you have ideas for social events so we can look to expand our calendar for the coming months.

Development Update

As was mentioned on the front page of this edition, the normal 28-day window for appeal of the JDAP decision via the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) has now passed. We do not believe that The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd, via their planning consultants, have appealed the decision.

Please note: this does not mean that all the redevelopment plans have been halted. The JDAP decision only related to the development application for the two-storey driving range. It did not relate to the potential over 55s lifestyle housing on the grass driving range, the short course, or holes 3-11 of the Ellenbrook course.

To date, there has been no announcement from The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd on an updated version of their plans.

Campaign Bin Stickers



Campaign bin stickers are still available. 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 website under the 'Campaign Merchandise' section. We will then deliver to your letterbox as soon as 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.

Upcoming Social Event: 11th June

Subject to the weather, our next BBQ 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.



Environment: Planting Native Trees

Planting native shrubs and trees in your garden can have benefits for our local wildlife. There are many online resources to help you to make planting selections. One of these is 'ReWild Perth', (www.rewildperth.com.au), which is "an initiative to enable immediate action to improve biodiversity and access habitat across our city, while creating a beautiful, sustainable garden for your home".

Using the ReWild website is simple - select your suburb and then look at some of the suggested activities that you can try. For example, if you want to plant a tree, you can select a size range and the website will suggest native species for you to consider.

If you don't want a large tree due to your block size, an option may be a small habitat tree. These can grow up to 5 metres tall and can provide an oasis for wildlife. Suggestions include 'Ashby's Banksia' (*Banksia ashbyi*), Jingymia Mallee (*Eucalyptus synandra*), and the Pincushion Hakea (*Hakea laurina*). All of these have beautiful flowers and attract different types of wildlife. Photos are below, in that respective order.

The Friends of Kings Park also have a website with a Native Plant Search section. This has additional functionality which allows you to select attributes of the plant, such being 'Black Cocky Feed' or suitable for planting in pots.



Wine Talk

Wine Words: What do they mean?

Aroma – the primary smell sensation of a wine originating in the grape variety used, it declines with age

Blanc – a French word for white

Soft – a palate term indicating a harmonious, smooth finish, especially of red wine, there is no firm or aggressive tannins evident

Tannin – a group of compounds present in the skin, seeds, and stalks of grapes, also in oak. They produce a drying astringent or mouth puckering effect and act as a natural preservative, they soften as the wine ages

Noble Rot – a fungus (*Botrytis Cinerea*) which develops on white grapes causing them to shrivel and concentrate the grapes juices, the resulting wines are very sweet with a characteristic spiciness

Cuvee – the blended base wine for making champagne and also the first pressing for Champagne

Fortified – wine which has had its alcohol level raised by the addition of grape spirit or Brandy, eg Ports, Muscats etc

Brut – a term applied mainly to Champagne indicating dryness



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

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:

