

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

I hope that you are all out and about enjoying this beautiful winter weather. In between holidaying, playing golf, and dining at some brilliant Swan Valley wineries, there has been a lot of work still going on in our efforts to preserve The Vines Golf Course.

This week we met with our planning lawyers to discuss the next stage of our campaign. We are covering all contingencies. If The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd continue with their plans to wipe out vast areas of green space, including replacing large sections of the golf course with housing, we need to be ready. We are also due to meet with Hammond Legal as part of our scenario planning.

In addition, we continue our work with many of the environmental authorities who are guiding us in the areas of state and federal legislation, and the role that we have in ensuring the resort owners are upholding current laws. We are due to meet with the City of Swan CEO, Stephen Cain, to discuss many of the outstanding questions that the City have not yet provided satisfactory answers to (and, in some cases, no answers at all).

So, as you can see, your committee remain vigilant and prepared. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for details on how you can be involved.

In other news, we unfortunately had to cancel our Dingle Park social BBQ because of the wet and cold weather last weekend. Sorry for any disappointment. However, we are planning our next social event, which will hopefully be towards the end of July. We are also planning for our annual AGM, which is likely to be held in mid-August. Details will be published in The Grapevine and on our Facebook page as soon as we can.

Also, we have started work on our community Christmas event! Although it is still some months away, this takes a lot of advance organisation, as well as various applications to the City of Swan for permissions and grant funding. Last year's event was a huge success, and we are aiming high again this year. Pencil it into your calendar now for Saturday 2nd December!

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# Environment: Boobook Owls

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The Boobook is named after its two-tone call, which also sounds quite similar to a cuckoo. These owls are doing well in The Vines, with several known nesting sites.

This is the smallest owl in Australia, growing to a maximum of 36cm. Whilst active at night, they can also be seen snoozing in the tree canopy during the day – Marri trees and fig trees are quite popular locally as these owls like fairly dense cover. The photo is of a Boobook resting in a tree on Cardinal Drive.

They mainly hunt from a perch, ambushing insects and small vertebrates. They also hunt from trees and power lines along the road at night - probably attracted by the bugs brought in by streetlights.

Boobooks breed in late winter to early summer and need tree hollows as nesting sites. Please don't cut down any big, dead trees unless they are dangerous, as they may be owl homes.

Young owls stick around with their parents for several months, learning how to hunt, so it's not uncommon to see several owls at a time, close together in adjacent trees.

These owls can live for up to at least 16 years and keep in touch with their mates with a wide variety of sounds other than their territorial "boo-book" sound, including a purring or braying call used by both sexes as a contact call, along with growls, high-pitched yelps, and screeches made when defending their nest or territory.



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## Wine Talk

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### Wine Words: Part two

**Crisp** – a palate term often applied to the acid, especially in young wines.

**Malolactic fermentation** – a bacterial conversion of malic acid to lactic acid, softening the wine in the process.

**Palate** – a general term used for the overall taste sensation of a wine.

**Bead** – the fine stream of carbon dioxide bubbles which rise though Champagne when poured into a glass.

**Vintage** – the harvesting of grapes also the year of the grapes are picked and used in making a vintage wine.

**Body** – the weight or fullness of the wine in the mouth, attributed mainly to the level of alcohol but also the effects of tannin, flavour, glycerol etc.

**Breathing** – opening the wine and leaving it for a time to allow the air to interact with wine vapour and giving the wine time to open up.

**Mature** – a term applied to wine which has aged beneficially, with softening of rough acids and tannins and the development of complex flavours.



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# Committee: Volunteer!

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We are still looking for someone to join our committee to assist with general tasks, as well as helping us to run events and participating in other activities.

If you want to be involved with your community, this is the ideal opportunity. We have been running without a full complement for a number of months now, which puts extra pressure on the other committee members.

You will need to attend our committee meetings which are held regularly, usually on a Monday evening. Please feel free to email us with any questions.



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## Campaign Bin Stickers

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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.

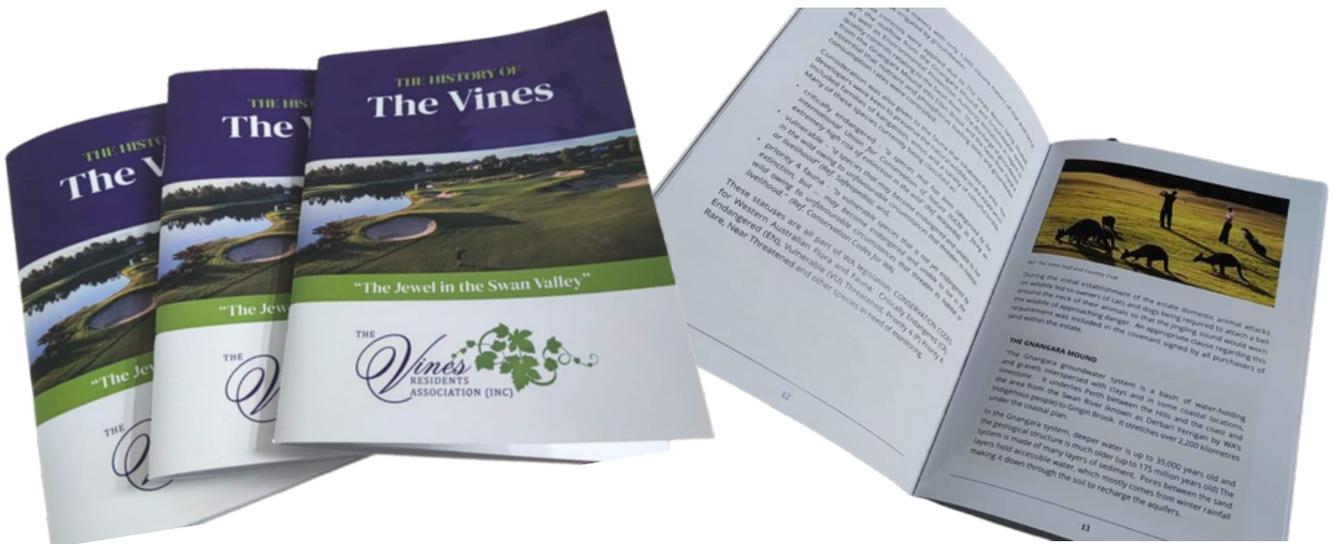
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## The History of The Vines

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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](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing these books.



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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:

