

THE
Vines
RESIDENTS AND
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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome everyone to the 50th edition of the Grapevine newsletter. That is a proud milestone with so much happening in the past 2 years. To reach this point is a real celebration of your continued support of the campaign against housing development on the driving range and golf course.

We can also reflect on what we have learnt and shared – and record that this is creating a legacy; The History of the Vines publication, the new “Friends of The Vines Bushlands”, and of course our strong relationships and representation with influential stakeholders.

As we move on, I am pleased to highlight some events:

- 14 August: The VRRRA AGM that resulted in 77 volunteers to support our activities;
- 3 September: Bunnings Sausage sizzle raising funds towards further social events, and raising important visibility in the wider community;
- 5 September: Registration of Friends of The Vines Bushlands with the Urban Bushland Council WA Inc. This promotes the recognition and conservation of urban bushland. Importantly we have new networking opportunities and will be able to ‘give back’ to the unique environment that we enjoy in this community; and,
- 23 September: Our launch of the Friends of The Vines Bushlands. Further details are provided below. We hope to see you there.

VRRRA annual memberships are now due for the majority of our members. It is still only \$25 and I hope you will all continue to support us.

Thank you.

Launch of The Vines Friends Group

Did you know that we have two Class A Bushland Reserves surrounding The Vines?

These are the Maralla Road and Bordeaux Lane Reserves. Between them, they contain 325 Hectares of wonderful natural bushland trees, flowers and wildlife to enjoy. There are limestone paths and sandy tracks for walking, cycling - or just sitting and taking in the moment.



But... there's a lot to do to look after these Reserves, and the rangers who work to protect and conserve these parks need a hand – so we've formed the Friends of The Vines Bushlands. This is a group of volunteers whose goal, over time, is to bring the reserves up to the most natural and pristine state possible.

Our first meeting will be on:
Saturday 23 September from 10.00am -12.00 noon

We'll meet at Annies Landing Playground carpark (Inglis Alley off Banrock Drive) and then take a short walk up to the Maralla Road Reserve.

There is some parking at Annies Landing playground and you can also park on Barbera Rd alongside Chardonnay Park and walk through to the playground. There is a short bush path at the back of Chardonnay Park.

This is a chance for volunteers to get together with the VRRRA and meet:

- Brian Inglis from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) will tell us about the parks, share what his team does, and cover how volunteers can help – including what the DBCA offers in return, such as training courses and a rewards program.



• Dean Arthurell, from Cockatoo Crusaders, will also be joining us, so that we can meet some friends of the Cockatoos that we will be helping to protect as Friends of The Vines Bushlands.



We will have some brief discussions about what work projects and priorities we would like to start with, to bring some areas needing help back to health - so that we can have less of this...



And more of this!



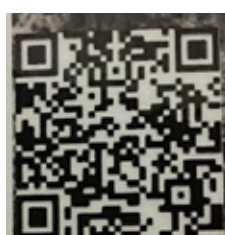
We'll finish up the morning with a walk along one of the limestone paths, to see some of the trees, wildflowers and wildlife in the Maralla Road Reserve.

Both of these Reserves form an integral part of the flora and fauna landscape that makes The Vines so special, along with the lakes, streams and green corridors of The Vines Resort - and even our own gardens.

Maralla 1



Maralla 2



Bordeaux Lane



Let's keep The Vines green

See you there - Please RSVP to vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

Campaign Bin Stickers

Would you like to show your support for our campaign against the redevelopment? We have bin stickers available which have been printed with our campaign logo.

These are a glossy vinyl sticker, measuring 340mm by 300mm. The photo to the right 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, or via our website. We will deliver to your letterbox as soon as possible.



Swan Valley Wine Show 2023



The annual Swan Valley Wine Show was held last week at Mandoon Estate, some statistics from the show are listed below as well as a link to results booklet.

A few stats from the wine show:

- 245 wines entered;
- 24 producers;
- 41 gold medals;
- 38 silver medals;
- 92 bronze medals;
- 171 total medals awarded

Click the link below to download a copy of the 2023 results booklet. And a big congratulations to all of our winners!!!

<https://swanvalleywine.com/.../2023-swan-valley-wine-show/>