

THE  
*Vines*  
RESIDENTS AND  
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (INC)



# The Grapevine

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## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

I thought it timely to provide an update on the proposed development and to dispel rumours circulating around this. We have received feedback from many of you on *"what"* you are hearing. The Vines WA Pty Ltd through their consultants, applied for a two storey all weather concrete driving range to be located on the 9th hole of the Lakes course. The first step was an application to the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP). The City of Swan were asked to prepare a report, which they duly did and were unanimous in rejecting it on planning grounds. JDAP then heard the application at their meeting in April where they also rejected it on the grounds *"that the application is a significant departure from the adopted Outline Development Plan (Vines ODP\_ number 37E"*. The Vines WA Pty Ltd decided not to appeal that decision to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT).

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) then received an *"enquiry"* from The Vines WA Pty Ltd as to the possibility of re-zoning sections of Lot 1003 - more specifically, the area where the current grass driving range exists. This *"enquiry"* was forwarded to the City of Swan for their input. A report by the City's Planning Department rejected this, again on specific planning grounds.

We will continue to keep you updated as events unfold, much as we have done for the past 2.5 years as we continue to oppose this unfair development.

## Council Elections

Many of you have asked *"who should I vote for?"* Whilst The VRRRA is a-political, here are a few facts for your consideration

## Mayor

**Aaron Bowman** is a resident of The Vines and was responsible for reforming The VRRRA once the news of the proposed development was known. He put together the first working committee and was inaugural chairman. Since being elected to Council Aaron has continued to be a valuable ally and is always responsive to our questions.

**Charlie Zannino** has been our ward councillor for many years and is also a former mayor. Charlie has been a very valuable resource for The VRRRA with his knowledge and experience when it comes to planning issues. He tabled the motion to reject the application for the driving range on the Lakes 9th hole at the JDAP meeting. When most people did not expect the motion to be carried, Charlie remained steadfast in his belief that we would win.

**Rachelle Predovnik** has supported The VRRRA, visiting The Vines Resort with committee members to see the issues first hand. She has also assisted The VRRRA with having the council's Biodiversity Strategy republished on the council website after it was removed. She remains committed to preserving and improving the City's tree canopy, environmental and bio-diversity strategies.

**Rod Henderson** is our current ward councillor and is up for re-election. Rod is very experienced and has always been available to The VRRRA. He attends almost all of our events and is always available to talk and meet with us. Rod also voted against the development proposal on the JDAP panel

## Councillor

**Lauchlan Foley** and **Mario Romeo**, members of The VRRRA have nominated for the vacant councillor position.

**We wish all nominees for the Mayor and Councillor positions all the best.**

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# Update from the Treasurer

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Thank you to all those members who have paid their annual membership fee of \$25. We appreciate your continued support.

For those members who are yet to pay their membership fee we would ask that you do this as soon as possible. In order to stop the proposed development The VRRRA needs your support. Evidence of the number of residents that are opposed to the changes sought by The Vines WA Pty Ltd is essential in maintaining the unique lifestyle that we enjoy.

If you are able to donate to the "fighting fund" to cover the cost of legal and other expert advice it would be appreciated. We expect The Vines WA Pty Ltd to continue to try to achieve their objectives. The fight is not over.

Refer "Renew or Donate: Payment Details" for payment options.

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# Friends of The Vines Bushland

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**The Friends of The Vines Bushland group was launched on Saturday 23 September 2023**

We had an interesting morning, firstly learning about the feeding and breeding habits of Black Cockatoos from Dean Arthurell of Carnaby's Crusaders. Brian Inglis and Anne Harris from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) then led the group on a walk through the Maralla Road Bush. Forever Reserve pointing out new plantings, native flora and identifying weeds.

Volunteers from the Friends group have since met with DBCA to identify priority work for the Friends Group and the following activity schedule has been planned for the next few months. Save the dates!



- Saturday 28 October, 9.00 - 12.00 Marella Road Reserve. Path maintenance and bush care (includes: weeding, pruning and collecting rubbish) DBCA will provide an overview on weed identification.
- Thursday 9 November, 9.00 - 12.00. Marella Road Reserve. Perimeter overhang pruning and bush care.
- Saturday 25 November, 9.00 - 12.00. Bordeaux Lane Reserve. Some site rehabilitation and bush care.
- Thursday 7 December, 9.00 - 12.00. Bordeaux Lane. Boundary path maintenance and bush care.

A reminder to all those interested in being involved to complete the DBCA Volunteer registration form. To obtain a form and DBCA volunteer information contact us via email: [vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com).

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# Christmas in The Vines

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PRESENTS

## *Christmas in The Vines*

**Saturday 2nd December**

**4pm to 9.30pm**

**Chardonnay Park, Vines Ave**

Christmas market,  
family movie, food trucks,  
music, plus lots more!

**FREE ENTRY**

Market and food trucks  
organised by  
Kanga Markets



**Please make a note of this in your diary. We hope to see you at this event.**



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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/>

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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:

