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The Grapevine

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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

As we approach the end of yet another year, I thank you for your continued support of The VRRRA. Our successes have not been achieved by a few individuals, but by the strong contributions from many. Consider this years' wins:

- Comprehensive defeat of the redevelopment plans at both local council and state level.
- A second attempt to initiate the urbanisation of The Vines has also been successfully opposed.
- Strong finances for both The VRRRA Operating and Fighting Fund Accounts.
- Productive stakeholder engagement through Government representatives, and our consultants: Legal, Media and Planning.
- Environmental improvements to The Vines through the work of The Friends of The Vines Bushland group.

I thought it timely to remind everyone of just what's at stake if the "new vision" as proposed by The Vines WA Pty Ltd becomes a reality.

- Loss of the grass driving range and Holes 3 – 11 on the Ellenbrook Course.
- The destruction of 100's of native old growth trees.
- Natural waterways and streams in-filled, lakes emptied, the deaths of so many of our endangered native animals.
- Minimal consideration shown to the increased bushfire risk and traffic dangers.

To date, the consultants have presented only a small fraction of the "new vision" to planning authorities – and each time the authorities have comprehensively rejected their applications. Despite this, the foreign investors in The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd are still strongly advocating the Redevelopment Plans and are expected to present more Plans in 2024. We will fight on and look forward to stopping these proposals permanently. Accordingly, our work to prevent this development from proceeding continues unabated.

MORE FROM THE CHAIR

Some interesting news from last week. During the second reading of new planning legislation in parliament, our local MP, Jessica Shaw, spoke for 30 minutes about the issues affecting The Vines. Please have a listen to this and share it with your neighbours. It provides a great summary of the last two and a half years of the work undertaken by The VRRRA, and of Jessica's commitment to residents' of The Vines.

A link to her speech can be found at the conclusion of this article and on our Facebook page.

We still enjoy enormous support from you our members, as well as many other groups and stakeholders. As you would appreciate, we cannot detail in our newsletter all that we are doing, as it risks giving advantage to the developers. But we can say our resolve to prevent this development from proceeding is unchanged – and that our position grows steadily stronger.

On a final note - our annual Christmas event is only a couple of weeks away and we are all looking forward to taking a little time out to enjoy everything Christmas. I hope to see many of you there.

Speech here: <https://www.facebook.com/JessicaShawMLA/videos/846139493908820>

Christmas in The Vines 2023



We appreciate your ongoing support and wish to extend a personal invitation to all members to join us at The Vines Christmas Fair which will be taking place on December 2nd at Chardonnay Park, on Vines Avenue, from 4.00 pm until 9.30pm.

Kanga Markets have gathered a variety of Market Stalls that will showcase a selection of possible Christmas gift items and stocking fillers for family and friends. For our little people, a collection of animals from the Cuddly Animal Farm will be onsite for children to nurse and feed, along with the Gym Bus, where children will be able to shed off some excess energy. A collection of food stalls, along with a choir and several local community groups will also be a part of the festivities.

The evening will close with a surprise visit from Santa and a family Movie, "A boy named Christmas" rated PG

We Need Your Assistance

To ensure the safety of all attending the Christmas fair **we urgently require volunteers to act as traffic wardens** prior to, and during the event. If you are able to assist with this task please confirm via email: vinesresidentsassociation@gmail.com

There are many jobs to do to get everything in place for this event (e.g. setting up The VRRRA tent, the placement of road signs and cleaning up afterwards). If you are able to assist with any of these tasks please let us know. Any assistance that you are able to provide would be appreciated.



Friends of The Vines Bushlands

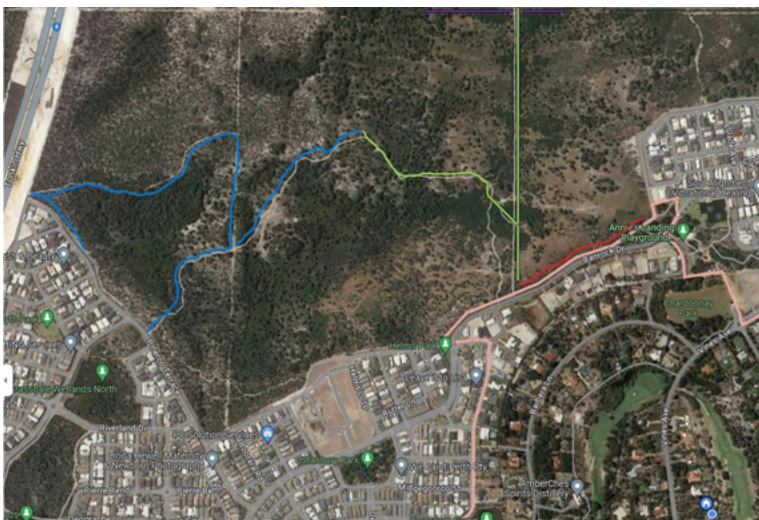


We have had two tremendously successful activity days at the Maralla Road reserve, with over 30 volunteers working together to clear over 4km of paths for access, benefitting residents and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) emergency vehicles. Additionally, the fire risk has been reduced by cutting down dead Acacia trees along firebreaks, the weeding of non-native species and removing rubbish.

We've spotted lots of great wildlife whilst working (beavering!?) away. This includes Carnaby's Cockatoos, Emus, Kangaroos and Bobtails.

Our last two activity days will be at the Bordeaux Road Reserve on Saturday 25th November and Thursday 7th December, 9.00 - 12.00. There will be some site rehabilitation and bush care, path maintenance and weeding.

We are also excited to announce that we will be working in conjunction with the City of Swan on some of the parks within The Vines. The Friends Group will be announcing dates for the new year soon, although we will take a pause during the hottest months!



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 REFERENCE 142658913
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 REFERENCE 187023775
Last Name & Street (eg: Smith – Vines Ave)

Or, donate via this QR code:

