



The Grapevine

Nangarin Vineyard Estate Newsletter

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Dear Residents,

Just a reminder that the 2011 AGM and Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday November 26, just over three months away. This is a great opportunity to hear what's happening within the estate, participate in the meeting and enjoy a fun social event with the whole family afterwards. More information will be posted on the Nangarin.com website next month and mailed to every household shortly. Stay tuned!

Message



We also hope to have an estate cleanup date tentatively scheduled for September 17. This will include a quick site collection of discarded plastic, can and paper items. Also we are hoping to have some fire and associated pump awareness drills. This will be followed by a social BBQ. An agenda and confirmation date will be sent out soon.

Also in this newsletter we have an update on what's happening around the vineyard including the maintenance shed construction, the tennis court refurb and some general housekeeping around the estate.

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Maintenance Shed Construction

Many of you have probably noticed a small green shed under construction at the eastern end of the main vineyard. The purpose of the shed is to provide a permanent home for the equipment being used by our maintenance contractor, and to allow for the future storage of equipment and machinery as we start to build upon our own assets (excluding fuel). This includes fire equipment, any plant and machinery we may acquire with a view to reducing future costs, and items and spare parts required for the maintenance of the STP (excluding chemicals).

In addition, the shed includes a room for the purposes of holding the Committee meetings, and other meetings that may be required for the Community Association. The building will also house the solar panels, which will reduce our future electricity costs.

The complete plans and layout drawings can be viewed online:

- [Site plans](#)
- [Shed elevation](#)
- [Floor plans](#)

Winter TLC for The Estate

We are currently in the middle of the winter/annual site TLC effort being undertaken as per the new caretakers function. This will get the estate in top condition for spring

Drains are also being cleaned out. Dead and diseased trees are being removed. Small bits will be mulched and used on estate gardens. Larger bits will be stockpiled for residents to collect - for those who have fires. We are not sure where the pile will be yet but will advise.



Tennis Court Refurbishment

Recently our tennis court has undergone a significant refurbishment. The playing surface, we have been told, now has a consistency of the Wimbledon courts - whatever that means! Anyway please take the opportunity to dust off the rackets and play a few sets with the family. Don't forget to make a booking using the online form on the Nangarin.com website beforehand.

No Vino In 2011

As has been the case for the previous two years, there was no harvesting of our Chardonnay grapes in April of this year. We are sadly the victim of an over supply of white wine in Australia. Ten years ago Chardonnay grapes fetched over \$700 a tonne but today they fetch less than \$160 a tonne. Given that plus the very expensive cost of bottling in this area, it is just not financially viable to harvest the grapes. Fingers crossed for next year. The vineyard however, is still being maintained by Bradcorp as per the covenant and only last week the lads were spotted pruning the vines with due diligence.



A Very Photogenic Estate

As everyone who lives in Nangarin knows, we have a very photogenic estate and that's something that acts as a great magnet for all residents. Winter is particularly suitable for great sunrises and sunsets as well as other landscapes at anytime throughout the year. We always encourage residents to share their best work with others. We have lots of [slide](#)

[shows on our website](#) but plenty of storage space to add more if there is any interest.

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