
The Riesling Trail



Hello Member

and welcome to our Autumn E-News | *Along the Riesling Trail ...*

Visit our website at <http://rieslingtrail.com.au/> for up to date information of what's happening on the Riesling Trail and around the Clare Valley.

From the Chairman

As the Riesling Trail scenery shifts to autumn there will be several major activities along the Trail. The Clare Valley half marathon, 10 & 5km races are on Sunday 3rd of April, so if you are out for your usual Sunday morning walk, watch out for something like 500 runners on the Trail. The half marathon starts (from Station Road) at 8am and heads south, turning back at the Penwortham station sign. The 10km starts at 8.30 and turns back near the 5km post south of Quarry Road bridge. The 5km run starts at 8.45 and heads north, turning back in the cutting south of the 2km to Clare marker. These events should be completed by 10.30am.

The other major activity is not a sporting event, but the Trail upgrade by Clare Quarry. This will be from Auburn to Clare, starting possibly later April and continuing through to spring. Short sections of the Trail may be closed as this is being done. We will list details on where and when this will be on the website and through information centres. This upgrade should give us at least another 20 years of a good Trail surface.

Other Riesling Trail projects planned for this year include:

- renewing the rail station signs at Sevenhill, Penwortham, Watervale and Leasingham. These will have steel frames, so will last much longer than the current timber frames.
- a railway and Trail history display at the Lennon Street park
- town maps next to the Trail at Auburn, Watervale and Clare
- a metal kangaroo sculpture (by Paul Leditschke) at Barinia
- continuing with plans for building a bridge over the River Wakefield north of Auburn, to connect the Trail directly to the Rattler Trail at the old Auburn station at Mt Horrocks winery.
- a wine raffle fundraiser

We are also collaborating with the Lavender Federation Trail group to assist them with completing their walking trial (from Murray Bridge) through to Neagles Rock, Clare in 2017. There will be a celebration of completion of the Eudunda to Webbs Gap section (where it crosses the Heysen Trail) on Sunday 17th of April at Webbs

Gap. <http://lavenderfederationtrail.org.au/web/>

We have received a generous contribution of herbicide from Crop Care Australia for control of weeds along the northern section of the Trail (from Clare to Barinia). We are also grateful to Andrew Boylan, from Mid North Pest & Weed Control, who voluntarily provides time & equipment to control the weeds along this section.

In recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Riesling Trail, especially for art along the Trail, we recently awarded Ann and Ryves Hawker an Honorary Friends Forever membership.

Allan Mayfield, Chairman

Italian Runners visit the Clare Valley



From Left: Marco Roccella, Pierluigi Benini, Giulio Dichiera, Paolo Venturini, Allan Mayfield
Roccella, Pierluigi and Paolo (from Padua, Italy).

An Italian TV crew from Sky TV Italia was in Clare last week as part of a television documentary about leisurely running. Paolo Venturini, a policeman from Padua, is being filmed running in stunning scenery all around the world. While in Clare they filmed Paolo running along part of the Riesling Trail with local Giulio Dichiera from Evilo Estate who was born in Italy. Giulio is training for the Clare Valley Half Marathon, which is to be held on Sunday 3rd April. The group from Italy had already been filming on Kangaroo Island and the Barossa Valley before coming to Clare. They were to have come to Australia in October but Paolo had a bicycle accident last year and suffered a punctured lung. They came to Clare on a 38 degree day and were travelling on to film in the Flinders Ranges the following day.

The South Australian Road Runners Club [SARRC] organises several half marathons in South Australia. The first for the year, the Northern Argus Clare Valley Half Marathon, will be held on Sunday 3rd April 2016 on the Riesling Trail.

To register for the Half Marathon, 10km or 5km, visit <http://www.sarrc.asn.au/>

The Northern Argus Half Marathon 3rd April 2016



To register for the Half Marathon go to www.sarrc.asn.au

Honorary Friends Forever

Ann & Ryves Hawker



Ann & Ryves Hawker were presented with an Honorary Friends Forever Certificate for their outstanding commitment to the Riesling Trail, including Art Sculpture, Drover & his Sheep. The Riesling Trail Committee thanks them most sincerely.

Sunday 7th July 2013 marked a special occasion for the Riesling Trail – “Drover & his Sheep” Sculpture was officially celebrated on New Road Clare by Artist and Sculptor Ty Manning and organised by Ann and Ryves Hawker.

Mr Manning said each sheep took about 60 metres of mild steel to complete and he had spent many hours MIG-welding them together. "The project started with six sheep and grew as they gained more sponsors, so I almost dreaded the phone calls from Ann Hawker to order another sheep," he said. Mr Manning, who has won prizes for his sculptures at Clare, Kapunda and Brighton art shows

Drover and his Sheep Sponsors

Each part of the Mob of Sheep sculpture is tagged with the name of its sponsor. They are:

Drover - Ann & Ryves Hawker, Anama

Dog – J Barrington-Case, D Howell, G&R Pulford, J&M Pratt.

Sheep – Hill River Station, John Koch and Larelle Fenner of Clare Animal Hospital, Gum Creek PL and Hughes Park PL, Leon & Margaret Zweck and Boconnoc Park (Jeff and Gail Weckert), Bungaree Station, Margaret Brooks (Boconnoc Park), Jim and Zeenee Michael

Oora-Ma, Graham Clarke and family, Nelda and John Bruce. Lamb – Caroline and Roy Schaefer Buckinnie.

The Comfort Inn Clare Central Business Partner, has new owners



A very big welcome to Loula and George Mazis who have purchased the Comfort Inn Clare Central. Loula has been in the hospitality industry for many years but this is her first Motel Owner experience. George works for Telstra here in Clare, plays soccer and helps as much as time permits around the Motel.

Loula is an extremely warm person who would love to be known as the 'Motel with the friendliest, most comfortable, hospitable service' reputation in the Clare Valley. They also have lots of changes in the pipeline.

Beccy Cole will be staying at the Motel for her concert at Greg Cooley's on 26 and 27 March.

The Restaurant is open for dinner Monday to Friday from 6pm - 9.00pm and a new chef, Frank Sparks has come on board. Loula and George would love you to come in and say hello. We wish you every success for your new venture ... from the Riesling Trail Committee.

For bookings and enquiries: info@clarecentral.com.au P: 08 8842 2277.

Clare Rise Bakery 1895

Business Partner, named No. 6 top Bakery in South Australia



From Left: Bec Ashmeade, Kylie Day, Amanda and Chris Harris.

Seeing a need in Clare for a bakery, former wine industry professionals Chris and Amanda Harris opened Clare Rise Bakery in 2013.

It was a return to his roots for Chris, who trained under a German baker as a very young man.

It was also a return for the 1895 stone property that houses their enterprise; the hand engraved foundation stone reveals it was built by another baker, all those years ago. Their six-days-a-week offering is a mix of the classic and experimental, using as much local produce as much as they can.

Lucky for them, Australia's only producer of stone milled durum flour, Pangkarra, is nearby in the Clare Valley.

It's made from 100 per cent durum wheat from the family farm and the stone milling means it retains the whole grain, making it a healthier food with a great taste and texture.

Chris and Amanda combine it with local seasonal fruits including quandongs, figs and rhubarb to produce goods that are not only in demand on their beautiful shop verandah with district views, but also for restaurants and cafes elsewhere.

Hot Cross Buns are baked on the premises daily ... delicious.

The Little Red Grape, Business Partner has expanded their Bakery



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Letter to 'The Editor'

Dear Editor

I am reporting progress of the Clare Railway Centenary book project, with the book to be released in July 2018. The text is largely completed. The immediate need is to seek photographs and anecdotes. I have looked at printing and publishing options, and the present indications are that the book will be printed by a digital process, which will allow full colour on all pages.

I have attached an item of interest, by way of a sample of the sort of anecdotes that will be sprinkled throughout the book.

Your sincerely

John Wilson wilsonriesling@internode.on.net

THE "GHOST TRAIN"

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Quirke, was reported in *The Northern Argus* on 12 November 1952, as referring to the local railcar service as 'The Ghost Train.'

"I have asked the Minister of Railways and the Railways Commissioner to take a trip by railcar from Riverton to Clare, and people in my district are prepared to care for their ills and dislocations on arrival at Clare, for they must suffer the same disabilities as regular travellers on that train whose bones are a jangling mass for a week after the trip."

The travellers on the railway were to endure their jangling bones for a further 18 months, when the service was replaced by road bus running between Jamestown and Riverton. The Jamestown road bus service commenced on Monday 24 May 1954.

That was not the end of matters of the macabre. In 2009 Reece Jennings published a book called "Holding The Candle", which was an autobiography that was liberally embellished with anecdotes about his time with the South Australian Railways. He writes that the Jamestown road bus was the idea of F. B. Harvey, who was then the General Traffic Manager.

The contractor who operated the Jamestown bus, did a deal with the local undertaker of a special reduced rate for coffins, which were transported on the roof of the bus. Jennings does not say whether the coffins were occupied. When Harvey learnt of this traffic he put an immediate stop to it.

Traker readings for February 2016

MONTH	Clare	Watervale	Auburn	White Hut Rd	TOTAL		
January	2422	698	334	403	3857	3857	Read 1/2
February	2214	641	242	442	3539	7396	Read 29/2
March					0	7396	
April					0	7396	
May					0	7396	
June					0	7396	
July					0	7396	
August					0	7396	
September					0	7396	
October					0	7396	
November					0	7396	
December					0	7396	
TOTAL	4636	1339	576	845	7396		

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