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# *The Riesling Trail*



## **Hello Member**

**and welcome to our December 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.

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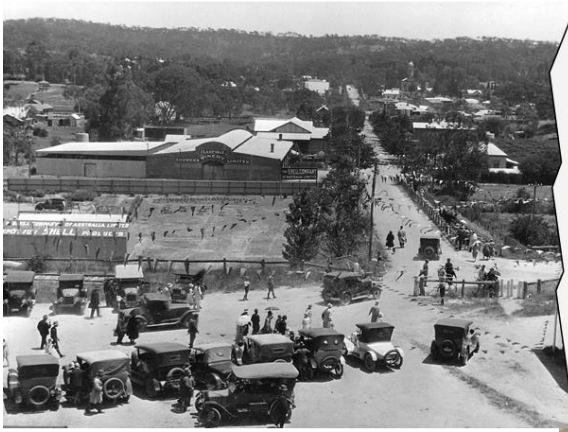
**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a  
Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year**



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## **Step back in time on the Riesling Trail**

These two photos were taken at the top of Lennon Street, a hundred or so years apart. The building on the left is The Clarevale Winery Co-operative. The photo on the right was taken on the 24th November 2014, the area now referred to as the Riesling Trail. Cycling Trails are very often referred to as "Rail Trails" and that's because that's what they used to be. Below is a photo of a train pulling into the station at the top of Lennon Street. The tracks were later pulled up and replaced with a walking/running/cycling track, now known as the Riesling Trail. [Photos courtesy of the Clare Historic Society].




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## Riesling Trail Management Committee AGM



**20 years of history ... presented by special guest past Chairman Graham Mill.**  
 [pictured are Allan Mayfield, current Chairman, Graham Mill and Peter Wood, Treasurer].  
 The symbolic "Riesling Trail Cake" was made and decorated by Sue Mayfield and Cindy Growden.

Since its inception 20 years ago, the Riesling Trail has come to represent so much about

the Clare Valley, from the wine industry and the grape that gives the Trail its name, to the resilience of the community to recover from adversity.

Most of all, it represents the hard work of more than 70 people who have pulled together over the years to turn the vision of two winemakers into a reality.

At the Friends of the Riesling Trail AGM in November, founding President Graham Mill gave a recount of the development of the cycling and walking track that extends from Auburn in the south to north of Clare.

Graham described the Clare Valley as a "DIY Community" has achieved great things through working together.

The 1983 bushfires that destroyed sections of the Riverton to Spalding train line, the decision to shut the line down, and the demolition and removal of the rail infrastructure could have devastated a lesser community.

Instead it opened the way for a Trail to be created that would enhance tourism of the region and make good use of the derelict and unsightly rail corridor.

Tony Brady from Wendouree and Evan Hiscock from Petaluma, together with Leith Hughes from the Office of Recreation and Sport [ORS] and Greg Carmody of Transport SA developed a vision for a trail in the late 1980s that would allow a range of walkers and cyclists to explore the length of the valley ..... story written for the Northern Argus by Keira James.

To read more of the History of the Riesling Trail please [click here](#).

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

For those who couldn't attend the AGM in November but are interested in the financial side of things, please contact Peter Wood, Treasurer E: [retepdoow@gmail.com](mailto:retepdoow@gmail.com)

#### **The New Executive for 2014/15 are:**

Chairman - Allan Mayfield

Vice Chairman - Mark Hill

Treasurer - Peter Wood

Secretary - Chris Cootes

Nat Peek, Chris Roberts, Sara Twigg-Patterson, Kate Matchett, David Pritchard, Ryves Hawker and Judy Searley

#### **Delegates:**

Clare Valley Winemakers Inc - Chrissy van der Jeugd

Clare Valley Business & Tourism Association - Peter Wood

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council - Allan Aughey

Office for Recreation and Sport - Anthea Shem

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## **Commemorative Pavers**

The Riesling Trail Committee would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers and businesses who helped lay the pavers and who provided the material and expertise for this very significant project.

The final stage - the Commemorative Pavers - will be laid on Sunday 14th December from 9.00am. If you can help we would very much appreciate your company and time.





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## U3A Lower North - exploring the Riesling Trail

A group of University of the Third Age [U3A] members have taken the opportunity to walk sections of the Riesling Trail with experts in the field of botany, geology, bird watching and the history of the Trail. This is about raising awareness and appreciation of what can be experienced on the Riesling Trail. The very capable guides are Millie Nicholls, Steve Wicks, Trish Lampard and Sue Mayfield. Course Co-ordinator is Val Tilbrook M: 0448183748 or E: [valtil@bigpond.com](mailto:valtil@bigpond.com)



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**Thank you to our Business Partners and Business Friends for their on-going support of the Riesling Trail**

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## The Clare Country Club

Long lunches, sleep-ins, hot and bubbly spa baths, fresh country air, sunshine, premium wines, amazing views of rolling vineyards, laughter, chats about nothing and everything all at the same time, and a chance to put your feet up and simply relax. All things that make for a memorable weekend away.



To celebrate the completion of our recent ensuite bathroom and kitchenette refurbishments, the Clare Country Club are rolling out the red carpet and inviting guests to come and experience the Clare Valley as a VIP this Summer. In partnership with a number of businesses across the region, the Clare Country Club are offering an exclusive package which will treat visitors with extra privileges, discounts and unique experience across the Clare Valley.

The Summer VIP package is now open for bookings, valid for travel from Monday 24th November 2014 until 28th February 2015. You can find more information at [http://www.clarecountryclub.com.au/item/summer\\_vip/](http://www.clarecountryclub.com.au/item/summer_vip/)

The Clare Country Club is rolling out the 'Red Carpet' for its VIP guests with a warm welcome from newly appointed Sales Executive, Georgia Cameron-Hill. Welcome back Georgia.



## Blue Goanna

Stu Nankivell is the 'maker' of the fantastic video "Regeneration by the new Generation – new food and wine heroes of the Clare Valley"

<http://youtu.be/bsBeCJpPHbY>

Congratulations Stu on a wonderful video.

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Contact Stu M: 0488 233 658 or visit [www.bluegoanna.com.au](http://www.bluegoanna.com.au) to find out more.

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## Molly's Chase B&B

For that ultimate peaceful get-away in a natural bush setting on 55 acres, Molly's Chase is the ideal retreat. It has two country style cottages which are designed for comfort, including a spa bath to relax in after that day of riding, walking or sightseeing. There is wildlife galore – watching kangaroos, birdlife and at certain times of the year, lavender clad hill-sides.

Maggie and Bill's last guests were from Hong Kong and they must have been so taken with the 'romantic essence' he 'popped the question' – according to the Visitor's Book.

Well-behaved dogs are very welcome.

For more information you can go to their website at [www.mollyschase.com.au](http://www.mollyschase.com.au)





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## Sevenhill Hotel

Paul, owner of the Sevenhill Hotel has installed a new bike rack for those who have ridden to the Hotel from the Riesling Trail nearby. Very stylish indeed.



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## Mid North Motor Company

For your next vehicle stop by at Mid North Holden and Mazda Dealers at the top of the Main Street. Manager, Don Heath or any of the boys will be more than happy to help you select your new car, truck, 4x4 or ute.



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## Clare Valley Motel

Lee and Jan Stokes would like to take this opportunity to thank their valued staff for the great work they do in helping with the successful running of the Motel. They are: Kez Webb, Ruth Warnock, Katrina Nitschke, Maureen Minnie, Lee Stokes, Margaret Hammond, Fran Dale, Madonna Kennedy and Liz Nutt. Photo courtesy of Camron Slessor, Journalist, Northern Argus Newspaper.





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## Vine Art Studio, Gallery and Therapeutic Massage, Leasingham



Vine Art Studio, Gallery and Therapeutic Massage is becoming known in the Clare Valley for innovative art, relaxing gardens and some of the best scones in the Valley.

In October 2014 Carolyn Quixley Dip. RM opened her new dedicated massage room at Vine Art.

Plans are underway in 2015 to build a 15 metre x 8 metre dedicated professional art gallery to be linked into the existing Studio and Gallery.

We are also planning to make our own wine in 2016 so we can serve platters and wine in a quiet country setting.

Andrew has had many good personal art sales and of the art exhibitions he has held over the last year.

Look out for our business on

[Facebook@VineArtStudioGalleryandTherapeuticMassage](#) and our reviews on Tripadvisor under Leasingham attractions.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thank you for your valued support in 2014.

Andrew and Carolyn Quixley.

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## Kilikanoon Wine by Cycle

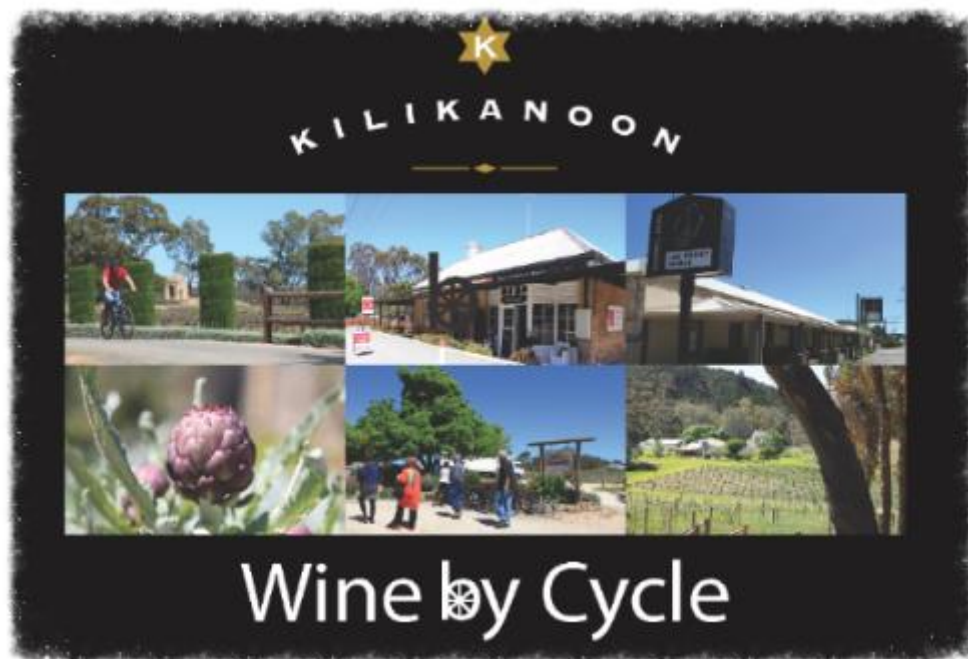
Kilikanoon has all you need for a day of cycling, limit of 6 bikes, water bottles, bum bags.

If you would like to join up as a Kilikanoon Club member, go to their website at [www.kilikanoon.com.au](http://www.kilikanoon.com.au) or pop into the Cellar Door.

This self-guided tour is available all year round, except of course, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

For more information or to book your experience, contact Kilikanoon Cellar Door

on [08] 8843 4206 or email [cellardoor@kilikanoon.com.au](mailto:cellardoor@kilikanoon.com.au)



*Clare Valley  
Business & Tourism Association*

The CVBTA now have a new website at [www.clarevalley.com.au](http://www.clarevalley.com.au)  
Well done.

## **Mathies Meat Shoppe**

Nigel and Jason ready to take your Christmas Orders, including all the traditional meat and seafood, including SA cooked King Prawns direct from the boat. Order forms are available at the shop.

You can't beat Mathies delicious King Prawns.



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## We would like to welcome our latest Business Friends ...

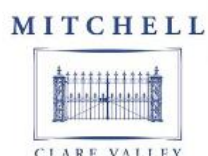
A very warm welcome to our latest Business Friends and thank you for your support of the Riesling Trail:

Stu Nankivell [Blue Goanna] new Riesling Trail Marketing Committee member,  
Nathaniel Peek [PixelHarvester] new Riesling Trail Management Committee member, Sevenhill Hotel, Mitchell Wines, Annie's Lane, Shut the Gate, Open House and Ray White Real Estate.



**Ray White**

**PixelHarvester**



**SHUT the GATE**  
CLARE VALLEY

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## Shut the Gate Wines - Clare Valley

Do yourself a favour and pop into Shut the Gate Wines at Watervale and try their Rose, it's worth the visit.

Perfect garden setting to relax and have a platter and wine with friends.

Find Shut the Gate Wines on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ShutTheGateWines>





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## Open House Homewares and Gifts

Come in and see Donna, Trevor, Julie or Sabrina at Open House for your Christmas presents and a wonderful display of Christmas decorations. Gift Vouchers also available.



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## Advertise your Event here...

Our E-News | Along the Riesling Trail | will be produced Seasonally from now on. If you would like to advertise a special event please let us know before the mid March Issue is due. Email your event to [admin@rieslingtrail.com.au](mailto:admin@rieslingtrail.com.au) with text and/or photos [high resolution jpg].

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# Riesling Trail 'Traker' Readings

The Riesling Trail Traker Readings are taken each month. The Trakers are situated in four locations along the Trail as a record of users.

MONTH	Clare	Watervale	Auburn	White Hut Rd	TOTAL	
January	2201	712	408	362	3683	3683
February	2065	606	357	345	3373	7056
March	2579	685	519	412	4195	11251
April	3618	1024	775	468	5885	17136
May	2575	756	348	411	4090	21226
June	1667	811	299	308	3085	24311
July	1846	764	417	383	3410	27721
August	2223	615	362	454	3654	31375
September	2618	976	476	456	4526	35901
October	2718	942	585	525	4770	40671
November					0	40671
December					0	40671
TOTAL	24110	7891	4546	4124	40671	

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# Thank you to our Business Partners



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Finally ... sincere thanks to you, as a Business or Individual Friend of the Riesling Trail, for your continued support to upkeep and continually improve the Trail for users.

See you in 2015 ...

... from the Riesling Trail Team

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