

# *The Riesling Trail*



## **Hello Member**

**and welcome to our Spring 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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## **From the Chairman**



We are delighted to have received a large grant of \$198,000 from Minister Leon Bignell, from the Office of Recreation and Sport, for an upgrade of the Trail surface from Auburn to Clare. The surface, which is now 20 year's old is slowly wearing away, and in some places along the edge is down to the base stone. A re-build of this surface will make it smoother to use and improve water run-off, reducing any gutters on the Trail, especially during heavy rainfall. The Riesling Trail Management Committee will also provide \$20,000 from our reserves. As well the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council will provide \$11,000 for pipes under the Trail to improve drainage and reduce erosion. The total value of the project, including in-kind contributions, is \$252,000 – a significant amount indeed.

The re-build will be done by Clare Quarry during 2016 and 2017. This will be during the wetter

part of the year (late autumn through winter) when there are good conditions to compact the surface. We will give advanced notice when sections are being re-built, to minimise inconvenience to Trail users.

The other big project, currently in the early stages of being developed, is to continue the Riesling Trail along the old railway track north of Auburn to connect with the Rattler Trail at Mt Horrocks Wines (the old Auburn station). This will include a bridge over the River Wakefield where there was a railway bridge before. Plans for this bridge are now being drawn up with financial support from the Grosset Gaia Fund. This will provide a much better access to the start of the Riesling Trail than at present and also provide a continuous trail from Riverton to Barinia, a total length of 52km.

Finally, a reminder of our **AGM to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 8pm in the Barbara J Long room at the Clare Town Hall.** Guest speaker for the evening will be Ian Poole from the Lavender Federation Trail. Ian and his group are doing an amazing job of building a walking trail from Murray Bridge to Sevenhill.

**Allan Mayfield**, Chairman Management Committee

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## Re-surfacing the Trail



Gary Sims and Mark Hill inspect a section of the Riesling Trail that has worn down to the base rock. A grant from the Office of Recreation and Sport will fund the resurfacing of the trail, which has gradually eroded over its 20 years by rain, wind and thousands of feet and bicycle tyres.

The ever-popular Riesling Trail will soon receive a \$189,000 'face lift', funded by a state government Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program grant.

The money will be used to resurface the trail from Clare to Auburn, which has slowly deteriorated over the 20 years since it was first constructed. [Click](#) here to read full Northern Argus Article.

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## Bronze Medal for Australia in Lyon, France



Allan Mayfield competed in the 2000m Steeplechase [M65] at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Lyon, France last month taking out the Bronze Medal for Australia. In first place was Belgium and second place went to Ireland. Congratulations Allan - a fantastic achievement.

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## New Business Initiative for Paulett Wines



From left: Neil, Ali, Alison and Matt Paulett.

Paulett Wines, a Riesling Trail Business Partner, has officially opened their new Café 'Bush de Vine' located at the winery. If you are looking for great food, wine, hospitality

and the most picturesque views, you can't go past Bush de Vine.

Ring 8843 4328 for reservations.

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## Welcome to our new Businesses

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank our newest Business Friends for their support of the Riesling Trail.

Hop and Vine, Mellers of Auburn Café, Clare Valley Family Dental [Business Friends]

Shut the Gate [Business Partner]



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Discovery Holiday Parks,  
a Riesling Trail Business Partner,  
have new Managers,  
Bryce and Wendy Yon.  
Welcome to the Clare Valley.

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## New Shelter at the Lennon Street Carpark



The new shelter at the Lennon Street Carpark has been erected by SJM Builders, Riesling Trail Honorary Business Friend, shading the table and chairs which were donated by the Clare Quilters.

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## Commemorative Pavers



It is time for our annual Paver drive again - pavers will be laid under the Signboard at the Lennon Street Carpark in October/November. If you would like a paver for your

family, business or pet please go to our website at

<http://rieslingtrail.com.au/membership/> for payment options, or email [admin@rieslingtrail.com.au](mailto:admin@rieslingtrail.com.au) **Single Pavers are \$70, Double \$110**

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## Rail Trail Australia's Spring Newsletter



[Click here](#) to read the Rail Trail Australia's Spring Newsletter featuring the Riesling Trail pp.6 and 7.

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## History of the Trains



The origins of the Clare Valley Riesling Trail.  
[click here](#) to read John Wilson's history of the Trains from Clare to Auburn [edited version].

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# Membership Renewals

There are still a few outstanding Membership Renewals. All Membership renewals for the 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 are now due. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member or you would like to review your membership, either Email:

[admin@rieslingtrail.com.au](mailto:admin@rieslingtrail.com.au) or go to our website at [www.rieslingtrail.com.au](http://www.rieslingtrail.com.au) and thank you for your continued support of the Riesling Trail.

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## Riesling Trail 'Traker' Readings

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USER NUMBERS 2015							
MONTH	Clare	Watervale	Auburn	White Hut Rd	TOTAL		
January	2790	861	225	489	4365	4365	Read 30/1
February	2223	764	472	376	3835	8200	Read 26/2
March	3414	1421	542	584	5961	14161	Read 31/3
April	3897	1427	832	515	6671	20832	Read 1/5
May	2153	1054	588	343	4138	24970	Read 31/5
June	2246	1120	433	389	4188	29158	Read 30/6
July	2092	512	323	365	3292	32450	Read 31/7
August	1801	550	305	281	2937	35387	Read 31/8
September					0	35387	
October					0	35387	
November					0	35387	
December					0	35387	
TOTAL	20616	7709	3720	3342	35387		

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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.

... from the Riesling Trail Team

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