

Winter on the Riesling Trail

The Riesling Trail



Hello Member

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

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From the Chairman

Even though we are heading into the winter season use of the Riesling Trail hardly seems to wane. People just get more rugged up! "Traker" readings, which record the use of the Trail at four locations (Auburn, Watervale, Clare and White Hut Road (north of Clare)) continue to increase. The total for this year to the end of May was 24,970, compared with 21,226 at the same time in 2014, 19,588 in 2013 and 19,479 in 2012. I expect publicity on Facebook and the revised website (managed by Monica Trengove) have a fair bit to do with this increase of over 25% in the last couple of years.

As far as the Trail surface goes, there has recently been a major rebuild of a 600m section between Greenwood Park Road and Mulkirri Road by Clare Quarry. Gary Sims has also done a great job grading the edge of sections of the Trail between Greenwood Park Road and Clare to improve drainage and reduce water erosion.

Improved signage is something that gets mentioned every now & then. We are mindful though that there is a trade-off between having enough signage for visitors and not too much that it detracts from the great bush settings along the Trail. The four "Trail head" signs (at Auburn, Watervale, Sevenhill and Clare) will be updated in the next few weeks, to show new features, such as artworks and correct a few mistakes. Can you spot these? We will also make it easier for visitors to find the start of the Trail north of Auburn from the car park at Mt Horrocks (the former railway station) by adding more signs directing people to the Riesling Trail.

We are endeavouring to get around to all businesses we think need Riesling Trail brochures for their guests. If you need any brochures please contact Monica Trengove (admin@rieslingtrail.com.au). We also have laminated A4 maps of the Trail if you would find one useful to display.

Finally we are delighted to receive three special mentions recently. These are the second best Rail Trail in Australia (after Murray to the Mountains), the Award of Excellence from Trip Advisor and a special mention in the June Qantas flight magazine.

Allan Mayfield, Chairman Management Committee

'Certificate of Excellence' awarded to the Riesling Trail by Trip Advisor



The Riesling Trail continues to be recognised as one of the best recreational Trails in Australia, and the management committee would like to express its appreciation to you for your ongoing support.

Trip Advisor awards a 'Certificate of Excellence' to attractions that consistently earn great reviews from travellers.

On behalf of 'The Riesling Trail' thank you for your valued contribution.

Mark Hill, Vice Chairman Management Committee

Rated No 1 with Qantas



1. BEST WINE TRAIL

A tree-lined walking running or cycling route following an old railway track, the Riesling Trail links seven villages in South Australia's most idyllic wine region, the Clare Valley. Each stretch is a comfortable length—5-8km with loops that make it easy to return to your starting point. Which one to try first? The Clare to Sevenhill route allows stocking up on treats at one of Clare's gourmet stores and a picnic at the area's oldest winery, the picturesque Sevenhill Cellars. Alternatively, you can spend the morning cycling from Leasingham to Auburn with lunch at Terroir, the best restaurant in the valley. Make sure to leave room in your bicycle basket for a bottle or two of the area's superb wines standouts include the internationally acclaimed Grosset Wines in Auburn and Jim Barry Wines at Clare.

New Business Friend - Legless Dog Pop-up Café



With my property abutting the Riesling Trail midway along the Trail, between Watervale and Penwortham, I wanted to capitalise on the European trails' convenience of an informal stopping point that provides light meals, sweet and savoury snacks, and hot and cold drinks. Assembled from mainly second-hand items, the 'pop-up' café just metres from the Trail became a reality in late March this year.

For Trail users, the café provides an opportunity to stretch their legs, socialise, and take a breather.

Locals are encouraged to walk and ride for a coffee/tea, though people are welcome to use the drive-in option! Some of our visitors are becoming (well almost) regular weekend patrons.

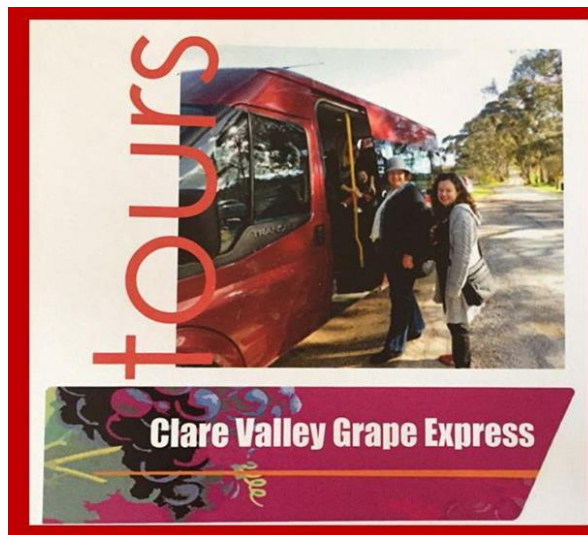
I post the menu for each week and also photos of patrons on the café's Facebook page. People are invited to post reviews and comments on www.facebook.com/pages/Legless-Dog-Pop-Up-Cafe/1559941390936961

This year the café will be open on weekends between March and September from 10.00am to 3.30ish pm. Hopefully my idea will have legs and become a regular fixture on the trail every year!

Look for the bright orange umbrellas which can be seen from Horrocks Highway.

Sara Twigg-Patterson, Owner

New Business Friend - Clare Valley Taxis



New Business Friend Clare Valley Taxis david@clarevalleytaxi.com.au

Taxi, Mini Bus, Wine Tours, Pickups and more ...

For further information contact David or Cheryl - T: 08 8842 3098, M: 0428 055 590.

David also has a **"RESCUE"** service ... if you are out on the Trail and can't ride any further or you have tasted too many wines ... ring David and he will get you, your wine and your bike back to your accommodation safely.

We also have a new Friend Forever

Lisa Koo and Paul Leditschke, welcome.

The Cinque Terre Trail, Italy



Hi from Italy

We are walking the Cinque Terre trail on the West coast of Italy.

Our first walk was a 3.7 km walk from Levanto to Bonassola along a late 1800's railway hugging the rocky coastline.

About 2kms of the trail was in the 5 or so cool tunnels.

At Clare we have views of vineyards, crops, pine trees and our monastery.

Here we are in a dark tunnel with openings to broken views of the sea, bathers and sunbathers, yachts and some vineyards and a number of churches high up on the hills, an interesting comparison.

We lunched on local salads and white vino (good) and then returned on the trail for an affogato under cool plain trees at Levanto.

Don Howell and Liz Venning
Riesling Trail Friends

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 or go to our website at www.rieslingtrail.com.au and thank you for your continued support of the Riesling Trail.

Riesling Trail 'Traker' Readings

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					0	29158	
August					0	29158	
September					0	29158	
October					0	29158	
November					0	29158	
December					0	29158	
TOTAL	16723	6647	3092	2696	29158		

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