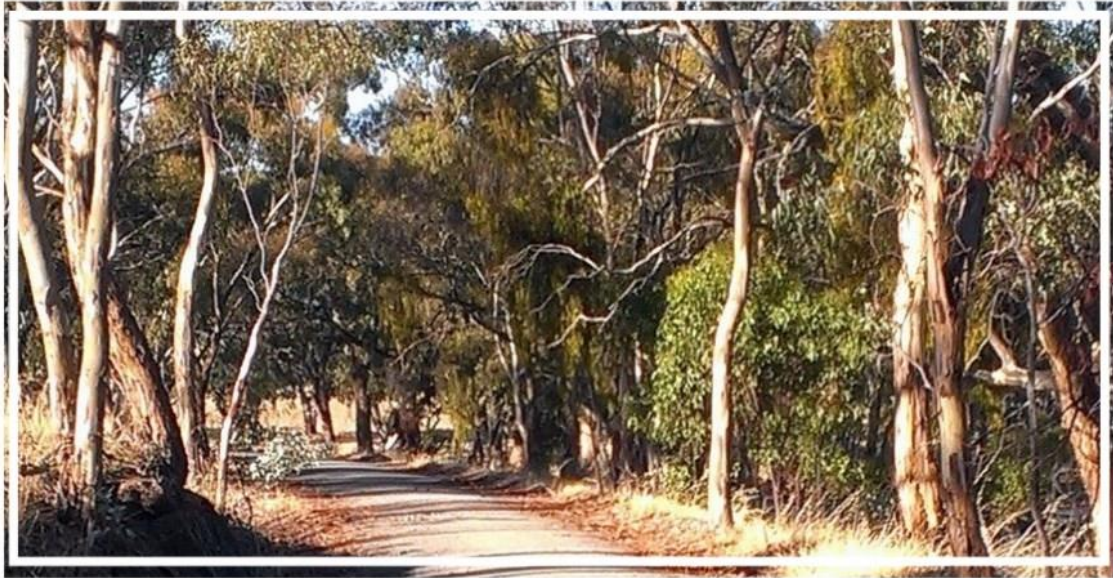


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# *The Riesling Trail*



**Hello Member**

**and welcome to our Summer 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.

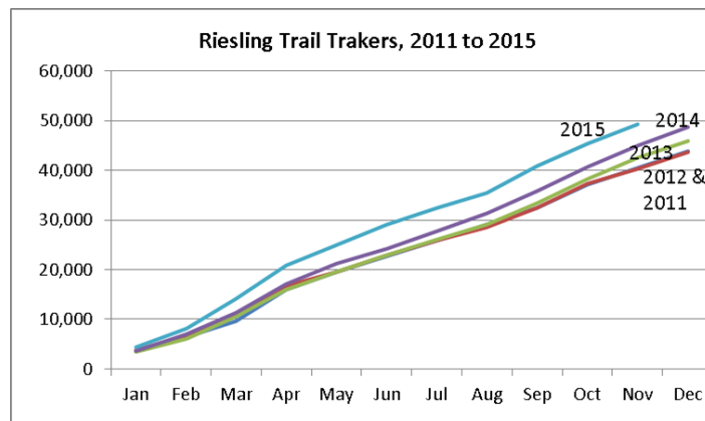


# From the Chairman



As this Newsletter goes to print we will have reached 50,000 Traker readings for the first time in any year. These Trakers (at Auburn, Watervale, Clare and at the White Hut Road crossing north of Clare) record movement of people (and possibly very large dogs!). We have these recordings going back for many years and so have a good measure of any change in the number of users. This number continues to increase, up from 44,000 Traker readings 3 years ago. We estimate half of the Trail users are visitors and so the Trail brings a lot of people into the region, bringing economic and other benefits.

This graph shows the number of Trail Traker readings for each month since 2011.



As well as our other national and international awards this year, we have recently been listed in the top 50 international "wine experiences" by the Gourmet Traveller magazine. This increase in Trail users and widespread recognition is a result of the great work by all who support the Riesling Trail, either directly on the Trail or with associated businesses, such as accommodation and meals, wineries, bike hire, etc.

At our recent AGM, there was an inspiring talk by members of the Lavender Federation Trail Committee. This Trail is a remarkable achievement of a small dedicated team. So far they have completed 278km of designated walking trails, starting in 1999 at Murray Bridge and are now north of Eudunda. They plan to cross the Heysen Trail at Webb's gap in April next year and then meet the Riesling trail at Watervale in 2017.

Finally, we welcome Kirsten Kothrade, from Watervale, to our Management Committee for 2016 and thank Ryves Hawker very much for his valuable contribution to the Riesling Trail over many years. **Allan Mayfield, Chairman Management Committee**

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# AUSTRALIAN GOURMET TRAVELLER

The Riesling Trail has again been recognised as one of the top attractions in the world ... [click here](#) to see the article published in this month's 'Gourmet Traveller' Magazine.

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## New Owners for the Clare Valley Motel



Janece Peters and Errol Eastman with their beautiful dog Georgie have moved to the Clare Valley from Port Douglas and just recently the Sunshine Coast to manage the Clare Valley Motel.

The Motel has 33 rooms, an outdoor BBQ area by the pool, a restaurant which is also opened to the public for breakfast [from 8-9.30am] and dinner [bookings essential].

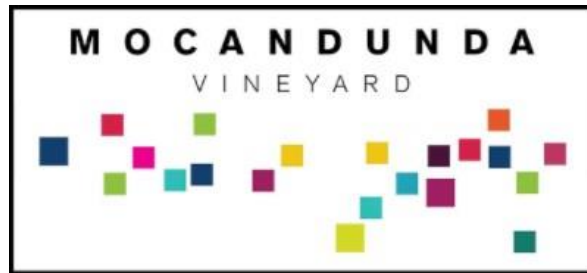
The Clare Valley Motel is a Riesling Trail Business Partner ... we wish you all the best with your new venture.

**For Bookings [BOOK NOW](#) or Enquiries T: 8842 2799,**

**E: [admin@clarevalleymotel.com.au](mailto:admin@clarevalleymotel.com.au)**

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# Mocandunda Wines - a new Business Friend



The Clare Valley's newest Restaurant opened on the 19 November, right next to the newest Cellar Door - Mocandunda at Penwortham.

Mocandunda took out the Chairman's Trophy at this year's Clare Wine Show with their 2015 Stony Ridge Riesling.

Vino e Cucina, the Restaurant brings authentic Italian pizza, pasta and mains by chef Angelo. Also gelato made on the premises and some great coffee. There is an extensive wine and beer list, a cocktail menu and breakfast on weekends.

Open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 11.30am until 10.00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9.00am to 10.00pm.

**For Reservations 8843 0086.**

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## Sevenhill Hotel named top Pub to eat in SA



Congratulations to Paul Longbottom on a wonderful achievement. The Sevenhill Hotel, a Riesling Trail Business Friend, has been named the No. 1 Pub in South Australia to eat in.

Inside there are fireplaces, cosy leather armchairs and a stone cellar stocked with a huge collection of Clare Valley wines. The pub's beer garden is the perfect place for a glass or two on a sunny day.

The head chef, who goes by the name BJ, has created a menu with traditional pub grub and more.

Expect the likes of a pulled lamb shoulder wrapped in prosciutto and slow cooked pork belly with a potato and garlic dip, crispy kale and apple and pear cider chutney. **For Reservations 8843 4217**

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## Family Bike or Walk on the Riesling Trail



Back in November the 1st Clare Scout Group had a 'Family Bike Ride or Walk' to create awareness for "Keeping Kids Safe" - Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

The Theme was RED and a Prize was given for best decorated bike/pram and person.

The walk was approximately 2kms each way along the Riesling Trail.

Photo supplied by Natasha Quinton.

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**Pictured are Tracey and Daryl Andriske**

Willson's Wool has had a name change ... to **Complete Wool Services**, a Riesling Trail Business Friend.

For information call Daryl Andriske on 0407 085 979

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# Letter to 'The Editor'

Dear Editor

For some years the website of The Wilson Vineyard had a feature on the history of the Riverton to Spalding Railway. I am now considerably reworking the content with a view to producing it in book form, to be released in July 2018, which is the centenary of the opening of the railway to Clare. To give your members some idea of the magnitude of the contents, the present segment that has been made available for your website, which is "The Declining Years of the Clare Railway" is about 5% of the content. The book, to be entitled "The Riesling Railway" will include material (both photographic and text) relevant to The Riesling Trail and the Rattler Trail. Accordingly, I am inviting expressions of interest from your membership, who may be interested in submitting material for the book. Interested persons should contact me [wilsonriesling@internode.on.net](mailto:wilsonriesling@internode.on.net)

Yours sincerely John Wilson

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## Traker readings for November 2015

We have now reached 25,000 walkers/runners/riders who have used the Riesling Trail this year ... first time ever. This is based on a total of 50,000 Traker readings and Trail users going past a Traker twice.

MONTH	Clare	Water-vale	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	3155	950	780	528	5413	40800	Read 2/10
October	2844	819	494	429	4586	45386	Read 1/11
November	2431	709	406	456	4002	49388	Read 1/12
December					0	49388	
TOTAL	29046	10187	5400	4755	49388		

# 50,000th Trail User



Pictured are: the 50,000th Riesling Trail Traker for this year, Kirsty Walsh who is a local and walks a section of the Trail near Clare with her dog most days and Allan Mayfield.

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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.

**Merry Christmas everyone ...**

**... from the Riesling Trail Team**