

# THE RIESLING RAILWAY



The story of the Riverton to Spalding Railway, will be my book published in July 2018, to mark the centenary of the opening of the railway to Clare.

This book will not be sold through ordinary book shops. To purchase a copy, you will need to be on the distribution list for this newsletter.

## Newsletter No. 9 MARCH 2018

**THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THIS BOOK WILL BE BY MONICA MCINERNEY AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM AT PORT ADELAIDE ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

### **DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOOKS**

**On the weekend of 7/8 July** at the National Railway Museum at Port Adelaide, books may be collected from the bookshop 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**On Friday 6 July** customers in the Clare and surrounding districts may collect at Clare, Auburn and Riverton. Times and locations to be advised by e-mail or phone.

**Thereafter** books may be collected, by arrangement of a suitable time, from The Wilson Vineyard at Polish Hill River, the bookshop at the National Railway Museum, or from my home at Banksia Park.

**Posted copies will be mailed out on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Orders for Goolwa, Port Elliot, and Victor Harbor will be sent by rail** at no additional cost, and will arrive by the morning Cockle Train on Sunday 8 July.

**Peterborough, Jamestown, Gladstone, Burra & Spalding orders:** I will not charge additional for these places, as I will personally deliver books to one central location in each centre on Monday 9 July, according to the following approximate schedule; I will also do drops if required at business/private addresses.

Burra Railway Station 10.30

Terowie Railway Station 11.15

Peterborough "Bob the Railway Dog Statue" 12.00 noon

Jamestown Old Railway Station 1.00 pm

Gladstone Discovery Centre 2.00 pm

Spalding Railway Station 3.00 pm

### **ORDERING AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Price is \$95 per copy if collected or delivered to one of the locations listed above, and \$110 if posted to an address within Australia. Delivery to a Post Office box is acceptable. I am unapologetic about the price. I have set a very high standard for all aspects of production.

### **SCROLL DOWN FOR PAYMENT AND ORDERING**

## **THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER**

**I WILL CEASE TAKING ORDERS ON 18 APRIL. AFTER THAT YOUR ONLY WAY OF GETTING A COPY IS TO JOIN THE QUEUE AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY 7 JULY, AND EXPECT TO PAY A LITTLE MORE.**

### **USB FLASH DRIVE**

I have reproduced below, the contents of the USB Flash Drive. There are about 3mB of data

### **IMAGES OF SOME PAGES ON FACEBOOK**

The Riesling Railway has a Facebook page, and over the last few months I have been submitting posts that have included some sample pages.

### **PROOF COPIES FOR INSPECTION**

Until mid-April, there will be a proof-copy of the book available for inspection at the Wilson Vineyard at Polish Hill River, 10.00 pm to 4.00 pm weekends.

**BACK ISSUES OF THESE NEWSLETTERS** are on the Riesling Trail website [www.rieslingtrail.org.au](http://www.rieslingtrail.org.au) under the History Tab.

## Contents of USB flash Drive

**1913 Cadastral** map showing the proposed line of railway and the Proclaimed Railway District.

**1924 SAR Timetable** 204 pages.

**2007 Model Railways Convention** Powerpoint slide show of the Spalding line compiled by Des Egan.

**Baby Health Train.** Train Notices 1939-1947.

**BDT. The *Barrier Daily Truth*.** Newspaper items relevant to the shooting of Percy Brookfield.

**Blueprints.** Barracks, cottages, Clare Station-master's residence.

**Bridge Report (1975)** Folder containing sheets photographed in State Records SA with distances in km (shown to two decimal points) from Adelaide, of every bridge, culvert and drain pipe between Riverton and Barinia.

**Brookfield.** Witness statements, police reports, medical reports, Madge Kewey death certificate.

**Clare Centenary Show 1964.** ARHS special train description.

**Clare Spalding Train Notices.** Clare Show trains 1949 to 1962. Poison train 1958, 1936 Centenary Limited included "Broughton" car.

**Clare Station modifications.** Includes proposed barracks, parcel shed.

**Contract drawings** gradient profiles, cuttings, embankments, per-way, check-rails, crossings, fences, mile-posts, passenger & goods platforms, culverts, arch culvert near Farrell's Flat Rd, Farrell's Flat Rd. concrete bridge.

**Detailed station drawings** of major stations, proposed slate quarry, Broughton bridge, Spalding engine shed, Penwortham timber bridge.

**Gawler 1907 collision & 1912 near-collision.** 1913 station yard layout and newspaper reports.

**Gradients and curves.** Spalding-line. 1935 original, and the redrawn diagram.

**Harry Sherwin.** Railcar No. 5 painting as used on front cover. High and low-resolution files. High resolution file is suitable for producing reproduction.

**John Evans Train Orders** & explanation of permissive block.

**Linear maps.** A series of 7 maps of the Riesling Trail and the Rattler Trail from Riverton to Barinia with distances, all features up to date 2018.

**Northern Argus** reporting of the opening day.

**Railway Facts** Produced by W. A. Webb in 1929. 124 pages.

**Railway Transportation Magazine** An index of items relating to South Australia, Northern Territory, Silverton Tramway, and Commonwealth Railways 1952 to 1972.

**Riverton Station Yard Diagrams.** 1913 & 1928.

**SAR Placards.** English Cricketers, Clare Show and Races. Back to Watervale an Auburn.

**Signals.** Pages of diagrams pertaining to signals, and also has diagrams of Penwortham overway bridge.

**Spalding**

**Special Trains**

**Stations.** Station timelines, stacking block plans for stations.

**The Riesling Railway.** Newsletters Nos. 1 to 9.

**Track plans & WTT.** Diagrams of all station track arrangements and Working Timetables 1950 – 1971.

**Train Orders (more) from John Evans' Collection.**

**Weekly Notices** relevant to the opening of the railway to Clare and to Spalding. A listing of summaries of the highlights of Weekly Notices 1907 to 1972. Some years missing.

**Weekly Notices Index.** A listing of items relevant to railway operations from 1907.

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## **The history of the Riverton to Spalding branch-line.**

**To be released in July 2018, being the centenary of the opening of the line to Clare. Content will include the Riesling Trail and the Rattler Trail.**

**200 pages, A4 size, hard cover with colour throughout, this book will come with a USB Flash Drive containing extensive files and diagrams.**

**Price will be \$95. The last day I can accept orders will be 18 April.**

**Price posted anywhere in Australia is \$110**

### **Dear Friend of the Clare Valley**

It is about the origins of The Riesling Trail. We all want the Riesling Trail to be South Australia's No. 1 rail-trail, and having its story told will help it be there.

The book comes with a USB Flash Drive crammed full of interesting data. There are 7 digital files that are linear maps of the Riesling and Rattler Trails showing gradients, curves, cuttings, embankments and many other features. These can be printed out and given to visitors to take on their trail excursion.

This book will not be sold through the usual retail outlets..

This is a high-quality digital printing production that is printed in South Australia by OpenBook Howden of St Marys.

On the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1921 at Riverton railway station Percy Brookfield MLA, was gunned down. It has been claimed that this was Australia's first political assassination. Some disagree. Within the USB Flash Drive are copies of Coronial depositions, witness statements, medical reports, and newspaper reports – you be the sleuth.

The Trail's Marketing Committee has granted me space on their website. This includes quarterly newsletters, and a book synopsis. You will find this material under the tab labelled HISTORY.

The Riesling Trail website will include reviews.

[www.rieslingtrail.org.au](http://www.rieslingtrail.org.au)

Arrangements for collecting books.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July at the National Railway Museum 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July at Clare, Auburn and Riverton (locations and times to be advised).

You can pay by cheque or direct bank deposit into my account **065 149 1036 2850**.

I will need to know your name, contact details, and collection or delivery request. **We must have a mobile number if sending by post to allow tracking.** Cheques to my home address, 27 Nunyah Drive, BANKSIA PARK 5091. I am not quoting an ABN or GST as I am doing this as a hobby. An ATO quoting form will be on Newsletter no. 8. It can be downloaded from The Riesling Trail website. Receipts will be provided on request, and will be enclosed with the book.

I am planning further books and it will help me if you can indicate your field of interest, using the following menu as a guide – you may indicate more than one.

Railway fraternity (including modellers), regular user of the Trail(s), SA History, a fan of Monica McInerney, Rail-Trails other than the Riesling/Rattler, an attachment to Clare/Auburn/Riverton/Spalding.

A proof copy of the book will be available for inspection at The Wilson Vineyard, Polish Hill River, weekends only, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, from 17 February.

\*For customers unable to collect their book at one of the nominated locations and times, alternative arrangements can be made and will be notified ahead of the day.

**I have produced this book because the Riesling Trail is evolving into a major attraction of the region, and the growing interest by visitors in the history behind it. It has involved research over the last 3 years, and the book is extensively illustrated with photographs, maps, and diagrams relevant to the text.**

**Copies of the book will be numbered. Numbers will be issued in the order that we receive your order.**

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**John Wilson March 2018**



