

Winter on the Riesling Trail

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## *The Riesling Trail*

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**Hello Member**

and welcome to our Winter 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 must be doing something right, because the popularity of the trail since last July has been greater than ever, with around 30% more trail users compared with the same periods in recent years. For the three months from March to the end of May this year we recorded 34,547 trail users, compared with 24,096 for the same period in 2020 and 26,768 in 2019. We are seeing more groups riding along the trail, such as Tour de Vines, as well as other events returning, such as the Clare Valley half marathon (in April). We are also receiving a lot of positive feed back from visitors about how much they enjoy being on the trail and of their plans to return...sometimes to bring others as well.

Our application to the SA Government Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for \$31,900 to seal a section of the trail (approx. 170 metres long) in front of the Riesling Trail Cottages has been successful. This is to improve safety for trail users along this section by adding warning signs and line markings at the four crossings. The Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing, Corey Wingard, visited Clare on 5<sup>th</sup> of June to present the cheque to the Riesling Trail Committee. The balance (\$12,000) for the total cost for this work (\$43,900) is being paid from Riesling Trail funds – that is, your donations.

The seat donated by the local U3A Coffee and Chat group has now been installed next to the cliff face near the Lennon Street carpark. Twenty five members of the group came along for the “opening” and a great photo. Thank you also to Jason Gill who generously gave his time to level the site and help install the seat. A shelter with table and seats near the southern end of the showgrounds (next to the parkrun start) is near completion. This has been funded by a grant from the Australian Government through the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and being built by SJM. And finally, the re-build of part of the railway platform at the showgrounds and a sculpture on the platform is moving along and hopefully will be in place for the Clare Show this year.

So, there is plenty happening to enhance the trail and to continue to make it an enjoyable place to visit.

Allan Mayfield  
Chairman

# Clare voted Top Tourism Town



A great headline in The Plains Producer, newspaper with Clare Valley taking out the Voters Choice award of the Top Tourism Town competition.



Colin Stevens (Vice Chair, Clare Valley Business and Tourism Association)  
 Christine Clissold (Secretary, Clare Valley Business and Tourism Association)  
 Accepting the award on behalf of the Clare Valley Business and Tourism Association and the Clare Valley Tourism region at Government House from His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC.  
 The CVBTA produced and financed a quirky 90 second video a 4 day self drive itinerary and a 500 word editorial which promotes our full tourism region and

needed to make the finals before being eligible for public voting.

Clare, winner of the *Top Tourism Town 2021 Voters' Choice* of the year, over 10,000 votes.

Click here to view video [Top Tourist Town, Clare, South Australia – YouTube](#)

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## Work Along the Riesling Trail

Congratulations to the Riesling Trail Committee who have won funding from the SA Government's Office of Recreation & Sport's infrastructure project - recreation & sports facilities program.

The Riesling Trail will receive \$31,900 to upgrade and improve the safety of a section of this iconic trail at Clare.

**Pictured:** Penny Pratt, Hon Corey Wingard MP, Peter Wood, Allan Mayfield and Sue Wurst.



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**Clare Valley Short Walks** - something new to explore in the Clare & Gilbert Valleys. Clare Valley Short Walks were launched today and will highlight some of the best parts of the existing trails network in our region - landowners and other stakeholders joined our mayor Wayne Thomas at the Neagles Rock Reserve this morning for the launch and a short 1km loop walk.

The project has been funded by the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme.

More information on the walks can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3esXXRc>

Times for each walk:

- o Cascades – 1.3km - 40 minutes
- o Clare to Sevenhill – 7 km - 3 hours return
- o Mintaro to Martindale Hall – 9.6km – 2.5 hours return



- o Neagles Rock – 1 km loop – 45 minutes
- o Riverton to Rhynie – 18km return – 4 hours return
- o Watervale Mt Horrocks – 11.5 km return – 4 hours return

The walks take in locations including vineyards, open farmland, conservation parks, our unique heritage towns and buildings and offers spectacular views.  
Mayor Thomas is pictured with landholder David Spackman.



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The U3A Coffee & Chat group at the new seat. [photo taken by Gabrielle Hall from the Plains Producer].



Jason Gill, Doug May and Kevin Daly putting in the seat.



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## parkrun every Saturday morning

Sue Mayfield 100th parkrun and parkrun Volunteer and Giulio's 100th parkrun.  
Congratulations to you both







## Thank you to our Sponsors for their continued support of the Riesling Trail

The Riesling Trail Committee would like to thank Di and Dave Palmer for their support of the Riesling Trail over many years, it has been very much appreciated. We wish you all the best for the future years.



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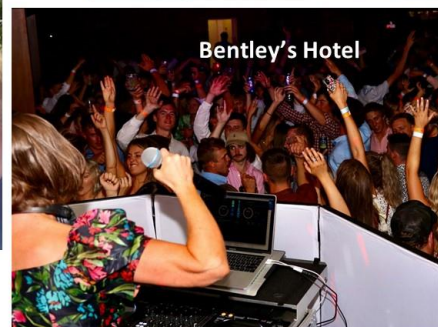
After more than 30 years of excellence and pride in wine production and a passion for food and hospitality, Dave & Diana Palmer are handing over the 'Skillogalee' reigns to a new owner.

Dave & Diana created an award winning restaurant and cellar door along with the production of premium wines which have been and still are very highly regarded (there is a very extensive list of awards from over the years!) plus they have seen people travel from all over the world just to visit 'Skillogalee'.

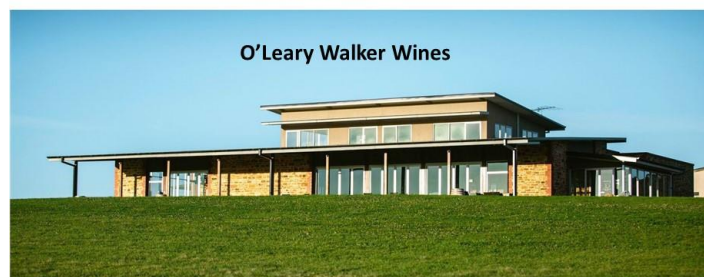
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Clare Valley Tours  
With Mr Willson



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Caroline Quixley, Bed in a Shed, out on the Riesling Trail.

Below: Tour de Vines Cycling Group



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**Tim Adams Wines**



**Bungaree Station**

staying at Bungaree with kids? Squeeze in their bikes and they will sleep well after a day of exploring. For a longer cycle, hit [The Riesling Trail](#), a favourite walking and cycling trail for visitors and locals alike.

Below: **Calaby Real Estate**



**Mollys Chase B&B**



Thank you for your continued support of the Riesling Trail,  
it is very much appreciated.

**The Riesling Trail Committee**

## Traker Readings – 2021

MONTH	White Hut Rd	Clare	Sevenhill	Water-vale	Auburn	TOTAL	YTD
January	653	3379	3261	1318	592	9203	9203
February	544	2693	2341	1088	422	7088	16291
March	662	3562	3246	1550	806	9826	26117
April	796	5318	5356	2048	930	14448	40565
May	843	3552	3255	1715	908	10273	50838
June						0	50838
July						0	50838
August						0	50838
September						0	50838
October						0	50838
November						0	50838
December						0	50838
TOTAL	3498	18504	17459	7719	3658	50838	

MONTHLY VARIATIONS							
	White Hut	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	Total	YTD
May-21	843	3552	3255	1715	908	10273	50838
May-20	694	3678	2170	1154	476	8172	37433
Variation	21.47%	-3.43%	50.00%	48.61%	90.76%	25.71%	35.81%
YTD 2021	3498	18504	17459	7719	3658	50838	50838
YTD 2020	2574	15515	10800	5259	3285	37433	37433
Incr/Decr	35.90%	19.27%	61.66%	46.78%	11.35%	35.81%	35.81%

## Tax Deductible Donations are now easy to make

We rely heavily on donations to maintain and improve the Riesling Trail. Individuals can claim their donations as a tax deduction if the funds are directed through the Australian Sports Foundation.

Simply click on the link which will take you to the Riesling Trail website, Payment Options [Click here](#).

This method of donating is mainly for Donors who do not have an ABN for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support of the Riesling Trail, any donation is greatly appreciated.

If you have a specific project you would like to see completed and can make a significant contribution towards it, please contact the committee to discuss your requirements."

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A special thank you to the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council for printing of the Newsletter for distribution to Members who do not have email.

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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

*Every season, another reason*

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