
The Riesling Trail

Merry Christmas to all of our Sponsors and Friends. Thank you for another year of wonderful memories.



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

Even though we are getting into warmer weather, there are plenty of shady walks along the Riesling Trail, especially earlier or later in the day. Trail user numbers this spring were down slightly compared with last year but still 30% greater than our long-term average. For the full year though we will exceed 100,000 users for the first time.

Completion of the platform and sculpture next to the Clare Showgrounds now provides an outstanding feature along the trail and will no doubt be photographed by many. To celebrate this completion we had a very pleasant evening there to thank contributors and to hear about the creation of the sculpture from local artist, Paul Leditschke.

We have recently received a very generous donation from the Open Gardens of SA which we are planning to put towards another artwork along the trail. These funds were from the Open Garden of Geoff and Di Hood's at the Station Master's House in Clare, where Riesling Trail Committee members and Friends managed the gate. With another generous donation, a second seat funded by the local Coffee and Chat group has now arrived and will be installed next to the Riesling Trail bridge over the River Wakefield just north of Auburn.

Re-forming and sealing a section of the trail in front of the Riesling Trail Cottages has been completed by Smart Earthworks. Safety signs and lines along this section will be installed in the next few months. We have also identified several small bridges that need to be re-built or re-inforced. This work will take place earlier next year and includes a major rebuild of the bridge at the northern end of the Watervale station yard and will be funded by a special maintenance grant from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Trail users may have noticed continuation of an olive removal program by volunteers and contractors. The latest section was north of Mount Horrocks Road and along the western side of the Watervale station yard. This is part of an on-going program to turn the tide on the spread of olives and allow space for the regeneration of native species. We realise that one of the attractions of the Trail, as well as wineries, is its bushland setting.

Finally, we had a most interesting presentation by Jon Ruwolt on the history of the Riesling Trail at our AGM in October. Jon is compiling a comprehensive history from all of the pieces of history that we have. This will be a most valuable record. We appreciate all contributors to the Trail making it a better place for all to enjoy.

Allan Mayfield
Chairman

Unveiling of the new Sculpture by Paul Leditschke

Yesterday Riesling Trail friends gathered at the Showgrounds to 'unveil' the newest sculpture on the Riesling Trail by Paul Leditschke.

CEO of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Dr Helen Macdonald and Mayor Wayne Thomas were present.

Also thank you to our Chairman Allan Mayfield, Treasurer Peter Wood and Sue Wurst for their organisation.



Work Along the Riesling Trail

The 'Two Wise Men ... Doug May and Jimmy Jones our valuable Volunteers who construct many of the log seats along the Trail.

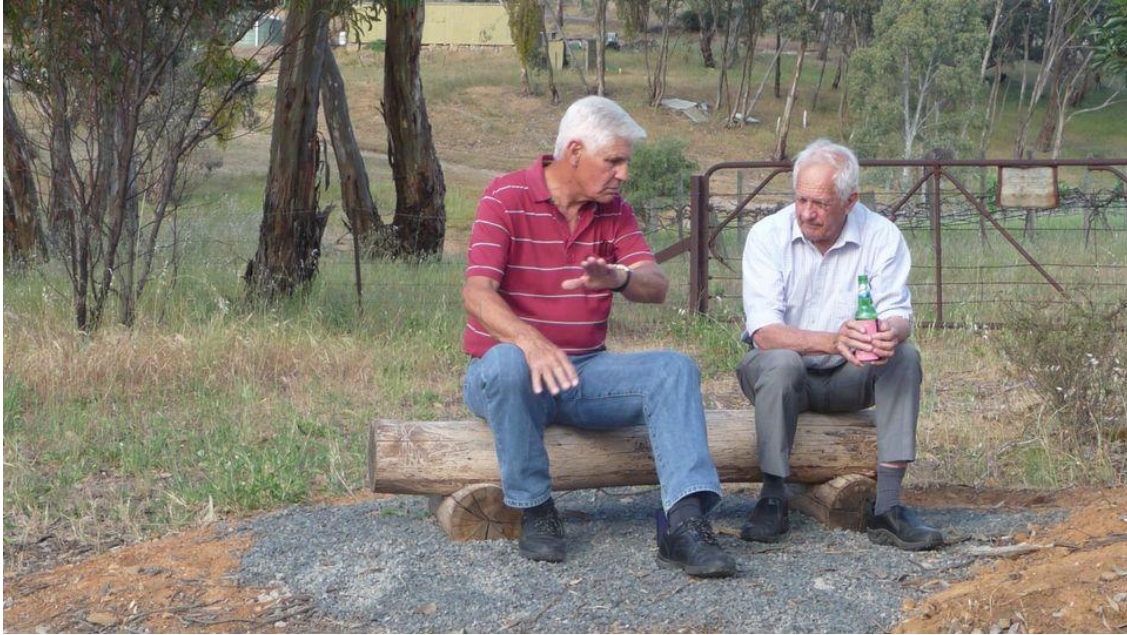


Table donated by Don Howell in memory of his late wife Suzanne Howell.



Smart Earthworks, an Honorary Business Friend, upgrade of Riesling Trail surface north of Warendra Road. Great job Boys and thank you.



The **Clare Valley Wine & Wilderness Trail** was launched this month. When completed, this will be a 100km walking/cycling trail around the Clare Valley and will pass 24 cellar doors and numerous restaurants & cafes.

Stages 1 and 2 of the Walking Trail and Stage 1 of the Cycling Trail are now open. For more information and to download the maps visit <https://bit.ly/3DuWSDg>



Chairman Allan Mayfield presenting Geoff Brock MP with his 'Friends Forever' Certificate.



The Stationmaster's House

Monica McInerney, author visited the home she grew up in, the Stationmaster's House, in Clare, South Australia, which was part of the [Open Gardens SA](#) program earlier this month, showcasing the wonderful garden the current owners, Geoff and Di Hood have created. Hundreds of people visited, helping to fund raise for [The Riesling Trail](#) in the Clare Valley.



Snake Season

Please be aware when walking, riding or running on the Riesling Trail in the months to come, it is snake season. This snake was seen sunbaking on the section where parkrun is, just before the Quarry Road Bridge. It is also advisable to keep your dog on a leash as they tend to 'sniff' out snakes and try to play with them. Snake bites are most of the time fatal to dogs.



parkrun every Saturday morning



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support of the Riesling Trail

Our Latest Business Partner

The UPPside Restaurant & Wine Bar

Showcasing the Clare Valley's 'UPPside' of Life.

Christian and Caity Uppill have purchased Mocundunda Restaurant and Winery.

We wish you both the best of luck with your new venture.



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Opening Hours: Thursday to Monday

Lunch 11am to 3pm

Dinner 5pm to 9pm



Above: Jim Barry Trophy, Best Wine of Show



Right: Laura Sharrad, Chef, visited Jim Barry Wines



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GREAT AUSSIE PIE COMPETITION 2021



Mathies Meat Awards

8 GOLD
5 SILVER
4 BRONZE



Arts Collective Painting by Lou White





We have some exciting news. Our mum, Jane Mitchell, was honoured this week as Life Member of the Australian Wine Industry by Australia's national association of wine-grape and wine producers, [Australian Grape & Wine](#).

This award recognises Jane's outstanding individual achievements and contribution to the wine industry during her professional life.

An early pioneer, Jane was one of the first female graduates from Roseworthy in 1978 and an instigator in the formation of Clare Valley Winemakers Inc in 1976, to which she has been an active member since. Moreover, she was the founder of the Clare Gourmet Weekend concept in 1985, creating a blueprint for the wine industry throughout Australia; it's now in its 33rd year and recognised as a ground-breaking promotional strategy.

As the first female recipient of this award, we hope her success inspires and gives rise to other women in the wine community.



Skilloalee Winery



Clarevale Cottage B&B



Left:
Clare Valley Tours

Right:
MacKenzie Homes &
Commercial Pty Ltd.



CLARE VALLEY RIESLING

2021

Lifted bouquet of green apples
with a floral/perfumed edge.
A tight elegant mineral-like
palate with good length of
pure riesling flavours showing
hints of sweetness.



Tour de Vines, Damian Cerini and his daughter
from Melbourne having lunch at Skilloogalee
Winery and Restaurant.



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	Watervale	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	517	2555	2653	1111	464	7300	58138
July	684	2520	2618	1152	445	7419	65557
August	734	2564	2176	1078	436	6988	72545
September	809	2948	2916	1373	710	8756	81301
October	870	3677	3801	1668	732	10748	92049
November	631	2796	2276	1106	326	7135	99184
December						0	99184
TOTAL	7743	35564	33899	15207	6771	99184	
MONTHLY VARIATIONS							
	White Hut	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	Total	YTD
Nov-21	631	2796	2276	1106	326	7135	99184
Nov-20	691	2752	1937	1387	738	7505	91402
Variation	-8.68%	1.60%	17.50%	-20.26%	-55.83%	-4.93%	8.51%
YTD 2021	7743	35564	33899	15207	6771	99184	99184
YTD 2020	6567	35946	27973	13558	7358	91402	91402
Incr/Decr	17.91%	-1.06%	21.18%	12.16%	-7.98%	8.51%	8.51%

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 Australian Sports Foundation website, Payment Options [Click here](#). or search the Riesling Trail website at [The Riesling Trail | The Riesling Trail Development Fund \(asf.org.au\)](#)

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.

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
