

# *The Riesling Trail*

## **Hello Members**

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

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'Riesling Trail' framed acrylic painting by Linda Stanway, Arts Collective Clare Valley

# From the Chairman



The big news recently has been the opening of the sculpture next to the Station Master's house in Clare. This will be a great feature for the trail in recognition of one of Clare's most famous citizens, Monica McInerney. With the skill of local artist, Paul Leditschke, and generous donations from the community, the concept of Mayor Allan Aughey from several years ago has finally been achieved. We are also grateful to Jason Gill and Trevor Mace for the tricky job of installing this fine piece of artwork. The opening by Monica was a rather touching ceremony on a very pleasant late afternoon next to the trail. Special thanks also to Sue Wurst and her helpers for organising this special event.

Back on the trail, we have had a few instances of trail wash with the heavy rainfall this spring. This is especially just north of Wakefield Road and just south of Barinia. Please bear with us as we need to put in extra piping and other drainage before undertaking trail resurfacing. It is especially at times like these that your donations to the Riesling Trail are put to very good use.

As part of our bridge replacement program, the bridge just north of Tatkana Road will be replaced by mid-year. We may have to close off this section of trail for a week or so, but will give plenty of notice if this is to be the case.

We welcome new committee members, Mick Mittiga and Larn McMurray, elected at our recent Riesling Trail AGM and look forward to their contribution. The address by Crown Lands has prompted us to follow up in the new year, especially in relation to land tenure so use of the trail land is more secure.

But right now, I am visiting the Otago Rail Trail in the South Island of New Zealand – as always looking for ideas on how we can improve our trail.

Trust you are enjoying using the Riesling Trail through the summer months.

**Allan Mayfield**

**Chairman**

## 'A message from Monica McInerney'

About two weeks ago, I was in my home town of Clare, South Australia, officially unveiling this wonderful artwork by Paul Leditschke, commissioned by the Riesling Trail committee. It depicts me as a 10-year-old booklover, when I would sit on the

roof of my family house opposite, lost in reading. As it says on the plaque, everything I do as a writer is because I'm a reader.

It was an incredible experience to be part of sculptor Paul Leditschke's creative process over the past year. The day after the unveiling, we visited his workshop in Clare and met his equally creative wife Lisa, and daughters Amalie and Greta.

My biggest thanks again to Paul and his family, to everyone in the Riesling Trail for this special honour and to the donors and fundraisers in the local community. It all means the world to me.

I hope you enjoy this behind-the-scenes photo gallery. And if you ever visit Clare to see the sculpture at the Lennon Street start of the Riesling Trail, please do send me a photo.





## parkrun every Saturday morning



Allan Mayfield, Chairman was presented with a 'Friend Forever' Certificate for his outstanding contributions to the Riesling Trail.

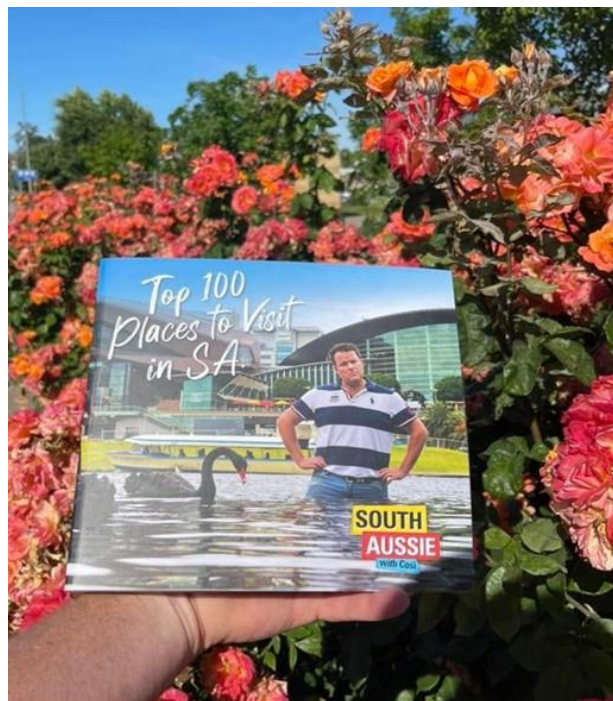


At the Riesling Trail's AGM at the Bentley's Hotel Allan Mayfield, Chairman received a very well-earned Certificate for his outstanding commitment to the Riesling Trail. Well done Allan. Certificate presented by Mark Hill, Vice Chairman.

The guest speaker was Renee Thompson from Crown Lands speaking about 'Land tenure and the Riesling Trail'.

Also present was Penny Pratt, Member for Frome, Dr Helen Macdonald, CEO and Mayor Wayne Thomas and our wonderful sponsors. Thank you all for attending.

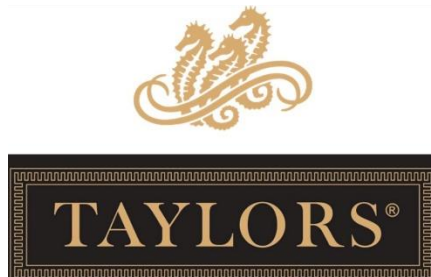
Cosi's Book is available to purchase for \$45 at the Clare Valley Wine, Food and Tourism Centre



Cosi Book features the Riesling Trail as one of the top 100 places to visit in SA



Welcome to our two new Business Partners,  
Taylors Wines and Scoot the Valley Bike Hire



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The Taylors family have been crafting great Australian wines in the Clare Valley for over three generations. Taylor's philosophy is that truly great wines are made in the vineyard and that the art of fine winemaking is to respect and capture the essence of the vineyard site and to highlight the unique varietal expression of each grape variety. Their recent international victory for the Taylors Estate Shiraz 2020 which took the title of "International Champion 2022" at the prestigious VINUS International Wine & Spirits Competition demonstrates Taylors Estate Shiraz's reputation as one of Australia's top value-for-money wines.

Taylors are committed to ensuring they operate in the most responsible and sustainable manner with numerous programs in place including Sustainable Winegrowing Australia certification, ISO14001 Environmental Management System certification and was the first Independent Australian Winery to sign up to the Science Based Targets Initiatives. Recently Taylors was the First-Australian launch of an Innovative Flat 100% Recycled, Superlight weight, RPET Wine Bottle.

Taylor's 'homeplace' and cellar door is located at its winery in Auburn, open 7 days a week (except for Good Friday and Christmas Day), they provide an exceptional tasting experience. Taylor's are mid-way through an ambitious project to relocate their current cellar door to a brand new building adjacent to the original property's homestead located on the grassy lawns of the property. Taylor's aim to deliver an elevated guest experience when it opens from May 2023.



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## Riesling Trail







CV Caravan & Cabin Park, Leasingham

## Grosset Polish Hill 2022 Score: 98

*"Spectacular nose with a cornucopia of delicate citrus, stone-fruit and wildflower aromas. Then, a no less stunning combination of fruit and radically slate, flint and aniseed character. Very long finish with so much energy and great minerality. Excellent aging potential! From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap."*

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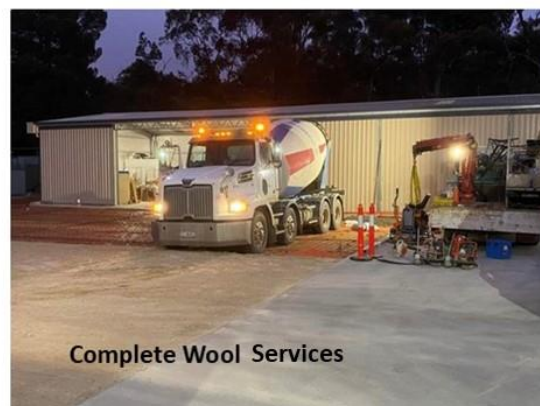


Join us at Skillogalee Estate for our special Summer Dinner Sessions - a limited series of four-course dinners with matched wines, looking over the valley at sunset.

Visit

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or call 8843 4311 to reserve your twilight table.

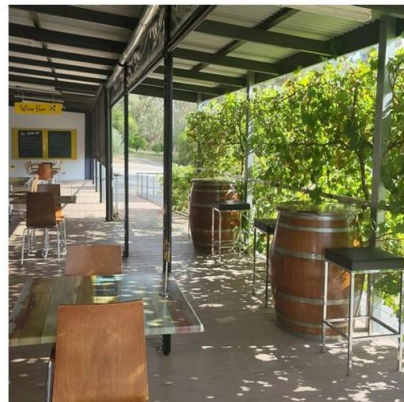




We had another great year at the Endeavour Group Clare Valley Wine Show, taking home two trophies 🏆

Our 2021 'First Cut' Riesling was awarded the trophy for 'Best Sweet Wine of the Show', and our 2022 'Luccio' Fiano received the trophy for 'Best Dry White Other Than a Riesling'

Pictured are Sam Maitland (Seed Clare Valley) and Andrew Kenny (Senior Winemaker at Pikes Wines) and Adam Wright (Hood Sweeney) and Cathy Pike (Pikes Wines).



UPPside Restaurant & Wine Bar





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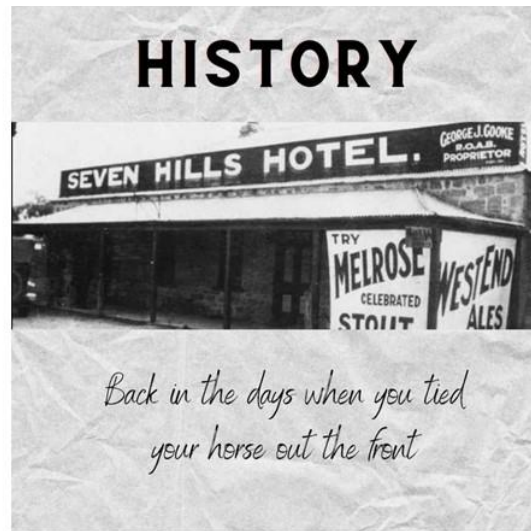
#### Winner—Best Tourism Restaurant

The Watervale Hotel was announced as the Best Tourism Restaurant at the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia awards earlier this month. Nicola reinforced our low-waste and locavore philosophies as she accepted the award; and acknowledged that we walk softly on Ngadjuri country as we carry out our business.

The Watervale Hotel and Penobscot Farm also won the award for Excellence in Food Tourism for the Six Senses Penobscot Farm Tour and Six Course Degustation at the Watervale Hotel Chef's table.

Federal Tourism Minister Senator Don Farrell and his wife Nimfa were guests at the event and also dropped in for a congratulatory drink on their way home to Sevenhill.





*Back in the days when you tied  
your horse out the front*



Clare Valley Tours



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

The Riesling Trail Committee

## Traker Readings – 2022

THE RIESLING TRAIL 'TRAKER' READINGS							
USER NUMBERS 2022							
MONTH	White Hut Rd	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	TOTAL	YTD
January	624	3211	3075	1268	404	8582	8582
February	581	3098	2373	1092	301	7445	16027
March	671	4138	3837	1749	478	10873	26900
April	775	5424	5574	2238	883	14894	41794
May	647	3047	2774	1375	515	8358	50152
June	501	2456	2089	940	238	6224	56376
July	575	2440	2532	1062	313	6922	63298
August	490	2382	1537	760	385	5554	68852
September	569	3080	2692	1243	640	8224	77076
October	689	3803	3667	1668	890	10717	87793
November	594	3066	2684	1205	692	8241	96034
December						0	96034
TOTAL	6716	36145	32834	14600	5739	96034	
MONTHLY VARIATIONS							
	White Hut	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	Total	YTD
Nov-22	594	3066	2684	1205	692	8241	96034
Nov-21	631	2796	2276	1106	326	7135	99184
Variation	-5.86%	9.66%	17.93%	8.95%	112.27%	15.50%	-3.18%
YTD 2022	6716	36145	32834	14600	5739	96034	96034
YTD 2021	7743	35564	33899	15207	6771	99184	99184
Incr/Decr	-13.26%	1.63%	-3.14%	-3.99%	-15.24%	-3.18%	-3.18%

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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* ~~~~~