

Spring on the Riesling Trail

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# *The Riesling Trail*

Thank you to Tour de Vines for the great photo on the Riesling Trail when they visited



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*Hello*

*and welcome to our Spring 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



Welcome to our Spring edition of the Riesling Trail Newsletter. Spring is certainly the best time of year, with green countryside and some nice fragrances, such as from the English broom. Our trail user numbers for the past three months are on a par with last year – 19,701 vs 20,182 for 2023, so the trail is as popular as ever.

We have had a lot of publicity in the past couple of months marking the 30<sup>th</sup> year since the opening of the first section of the Riesling Trail, from Sevenhill to Watervale in 1994. This includes a radio interview, Facebook postings and a feature article in BikeSA magazine. Thank you to Gabrielle Jones for putting the story together and organising the publicity. The next big nationwide publicity will be screening of the Riesling Trail as part of SBS television Great Australia Walks series. This will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:30pm. We were delighted to be one of nine trails around Australia to be selected for this current series. It will feature great shots of the trail as well as interesting stories from locals. Filming was done over three days earlier this year. A further bit of publicity will be a stop-off to show the Melbourne Cup (yep, the real thing!) at the Lennon Street park around midday on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. This will be taken to a few locations in Clare that day, including the Racecourse and Visitor Information Centre.

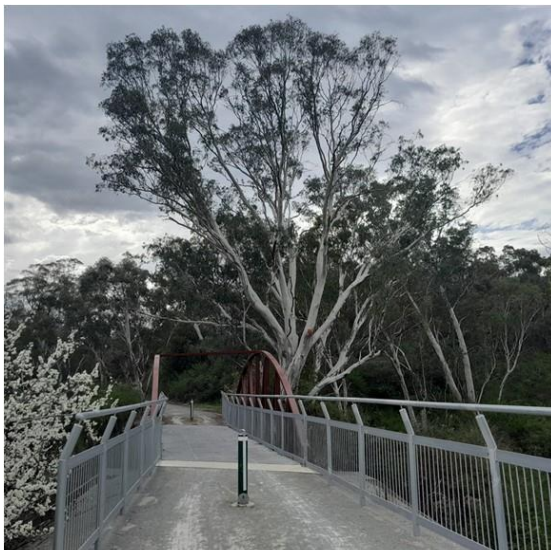
We are continuing to upgrade the trail, with more work due to be done this spring. This includes replacing another bridge (midway between Maynard Road & Wendouree Road) and sealing at four more crossings. These crossings will have line markings to improve safety for trail users. Trust you are not inconvenienced much during this work. There will shortly be a new drinking fountain (donated by SA Water) next to the trail at the southern park next to Station Road in Clare. We are also planning to install several more along the trail, including one at Auburn. Some of the regular trail users may have spotted a spruced-up gum tree just north of Quarry Road bridge. We decided that this tree was too important to let mistletoe take over so we contracted a crew from Adelaide to climb up and cut it out. Because of the cost we will be very selective about what other trees we fix in the future.

And it's also that time of year for our AGM, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm at the Clare Town Hall (Barbara J Long Room). To add a broader perspective, our guest speaker will be Mike Keller, an avid visitor to cycling trails around the world.

**Allan Mayfield  
Chairman**

**Left:** Large gum tree at Quarry Road bridge after mistletoe was cut out.

**Right:** Filming along the Riesling Trail for Great Australia Walks – to be shown on SBS television on 24<sup>th</sup> October.



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**The Quarry Road Bridge between Sevenhill and Clare on the Riesling Trail**

Just a reminder that we are now in **'Snake Season'**. If you are walking your dog on the Riesling Trail please make sure you have him/her on a leash so they don't go 'wandering' off.

Snakes are very potent at the beginning of the season after being in hibernation for the winter but their venom becomes less potent towards the end of Summer.

It is also nearly **"Magpie Swooping Season"**. Magpies swoop if you get too close to their nests with their babies in it.



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## parkrun every Saturday morning

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Saturday 14th September marks the 400th Clare Valley parkrun. Everyone is invited and you don't have to register to be involved. Starts at 8.00am sharp south of the Showgrounds and access to the start point on the Riesling Trail is opposite Spring Gully Road.

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Congratulations to Julie Cowperthwaite on her 250th parkrun. What a wonderful accomplishment and congratulations.

The bottom photo was taken the week before at Julie's 249th parkrun with her family Suzi and James Cowperthwaite.

Julie was an inaugural member of the Riesling Trail Committee.



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For a one off donation to the Riesling Trail please click here [DONATE](#)

This donation is tax deductible and is very much appreciated by the Committee. These donations assist to make the Trail safer, more accessible, more enjoyable for all the runners, walkers and cyclists who use it on a regular basis.

We thank you very much. The Riesling Trail Committee.

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Thank you to our Sponsors for their continued support of the  
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Our newest Business Friend Gullyview Vineyard

Chris and Anthony Koerner

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**CLARE  
HOTEL**



## The Clare Hotel has new owners. Welcome to Ben and Martha Kerlake

Welcome to The Clare Hotel, built in 1871 the Clare Hotel is situated in the heart of the beautiful Clare Valley. The Clare Hotel is in a prize position in the middle of the main street leading to the locals affectionately calling it “The Middle Pub”

As you stroll through our doors you'll feel the laid-back atmosphere that sets us apart. Our accommodation offers a great location with comfortable family or budget rooms.

Our casual dining options are sure to hit the spot. From hearty pub classics to our daily specials, our kitchen serves up tasty dishes daily. Pull up a chair, grab a drink, and enjoy a meal in our relaxed dining area or order your [take away meals online](#).

Our front bar is the place to be! Sip on a cold beer enjoy fox sports and free to air TV, so you can sit back and soak in the friendly atmosphere whether you're here to socialize or unwind.

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**Welcome to our newest Business Partner 'Clare Valley Distillery'**

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Watch this space in our Summer Newsletter for more details and opening date.

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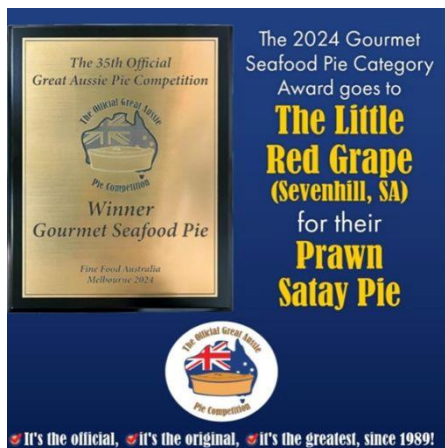
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Congratulations to The Little Red Grape.

They have won 6 Gold, 14 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals.

Their greatest achievement was Winner of the  
2024 Gourmet Seafood Pie Category with their Satay Prawn Pie







**Art Collective Clare Valley**



**Clare Rise Bakery**



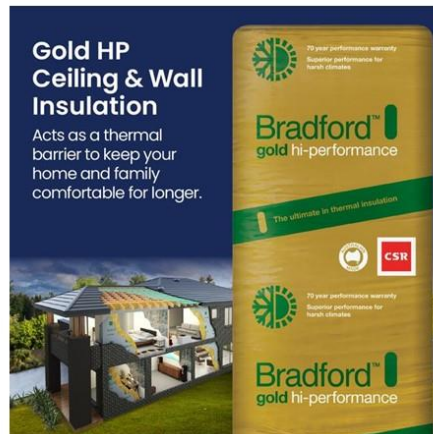
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# Black Tie Gala Ball Major Sponsor Tim Adams CLARE VALLEY



Join the recovery party on Sunday 27th October @ **MR.MICK**  
Pizza, wine & entertainment. Bookings essential



Watervale Hotel



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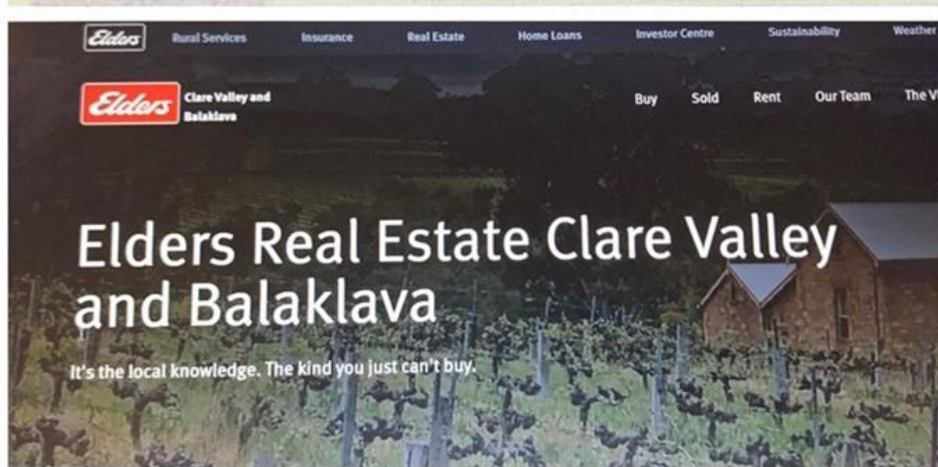
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Mid North Real Estate has joined up with Wardle Real Estate. Best wishes  
Graeme Nield for the future.





**Neagles Retreat**



**Watervale General Store**



**Riesling Trail & Clare Valley Cottages**



**Scout the Valley Bike Hire**



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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 - 2024

<b>USER NUMBERS 2024</b>							
Trak No	14443	14493	11987	11535	14237		12765
	2023	2024	2018	?	2022		SPARE
MONTH	White Hut Rd	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	TOTAL	YTD
January	507	3146	2250	1033	540	7476	7476
February	487	2820	1970	821	398	6496	13972
March	564	2655	3055	1316	641	8231	22203
April	757	4835	4716	1698	981	12987	35190
May	795	3780	3025	1485	788	9873	45063
June	488	2368	2119	922	479	6376	51439
July	466	2249	1642	693	345	5395	56834
August	637	2981	2598	1210	504	7930	64764
September						0	64764
October						0	64764
November						0	64764
December						0	64764
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4701</b>	<b>24834</b>	<b>21375</b>	<b>9178</b>	<b>4676</b>	<b>64764</b>	

<b>MONTHLY VARIATIONS</b>							
	White Hut	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	Total	YTD
<b>Aug-24</b>	637	2981	2598	1210	504	7930	64764
Aug-23	558	2856	2090	894	446	6844	67847
<b>Variation</b>	<b>14.16%</b>	<b>4.38%</b>	<b>24.31%</b>	<b>35.35%</b>	<b>13.00%</b>	<b>15.87%</b>	<b>-4.54%</b>
YTD 2024	4701	24834	21375	9178	4676	64764	64764
YTD 2023	4569	25593	22967	9314	5404	67847	67847
<b>Incr/Decr</b>	<b>2.89%</b>	<b>-2.97%</b>	<b>-6.93%</b>	<b>-1.46%</b>	<b>-13.47%</b>	<b>-4.54%</b>	<b>-4.54%</b>

## 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.

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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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