
The Riesling Trail



Hello Member

and welcome to our Autumn 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

Riesling Trail Management Committee

As the weather softens into lovely autumn days we expect more visitors on the Riesling Trail. There will also be a boost in numbers with the Social Classic cycling event on the 8th of April and the SA Road Runners Club half marathon on 22 April. The trail is still open to all when these are on but look out all the same for a surge coming down the Trail. Both events will be in the mornings and starting from

Clare – the cycling event starts at 9:10am and the half marathon at 8am.

The other major event on our calendar in the next couple of months is the grand opening of the Lavender Federation Trail. This is on Sunday 5 May at the Lennon Street park next to the Riesling Trail. This is the finishing point for a walking trail all the way from Murray Bridge to Clare. It's an amazing story of persistence and achievement by a small dedicated band of walking enthusiasts. The official ceremony will be at 12.30. Morning tea and lunch will also be available. This group is expecting something like 500 to attend – such is the enthusiasm of trail walkers!

Bit by bit you will see more facilities along the Riesling Trail. Soon there will be picnic tables at Watervale and Leasingham to go with the new levelled areas done by Gary Sims and the Clare Quarry crew when doing the upgrade. We are grateful to the Office for Recreation & Sport for funding for these tables as well as for more guard rails at Penwortham.

The Riesling Trail brochure has had a major revision & will be off to the printer very soon. Special thanks to Kerstin Kothrade and Susan Cunningham for all the effort they have put into this.

We have recently contacted wine businesses in the region and are delighted that many have joined up as Business Friends. These funds, and all the other money we raise, goes towards improving the trail and facilities, so we can ensure it is an enjoyable place to visit.

Allan Mayfield, Chairman



Natalie Clothier had the honour of accepting the 2018 Community Event of The Year Award on behalf of

Clare Valley parkrun.

"It's not work if you love it, and I am so proud to have given this event to the Clare Valley, and helped to build those ties that keep communities strong and thriving into the future".

Congratulations Nat from the Riesling Trail Committee.

Clare Valley parkrun every Saturday morning

A special mention for Giulio who is now a member of the 50 club. Giulio is a regular at Clare Valley parkrun both as a runner and a volunteer - as you can see in the picture below receiving his 50 certificate. Giulio can be seen on the trail doing his hardest to get his next PB or regularly at the finish line doing his favourite volunteer position as timekeeper. Thanks Giulio for all you have contributed to our parkrun. With Giulio is Sue Mayfield, also a regular on Saturday mornings.



A dog visiting the sheep on the Riesling Trail ... photo taken by Deb Scaglione.



A Canadian couple riding the Riesling Trail from Auburn to Clare ... they have ridden many Trails around north America and they said this is one of the best..



Riesling Trail committee members and Penwortham locals celebrating the installation of a table and seats at the Morrison Rd crossing in Penwortham. Photo taken by Meredith McInnis.



The New Watervale Sign

Volunteers: Dave Spackman, Trevor Mace, Jim Jones and Allan Mayfield

Clare Classic



Make your choice from three courses: The Maxi Classic, is a challenging 160km ride through some of the most breathtaking and quintessentially Australian scenery you can experience on two wheels. There's also The Challenge Classic; a 110km option for those with less time on their hands, or distance in their legs. Or, for a more cruisy and casual experience, The Social Classic is a 50km ride through the most stunning areas of the Clare Valley that families and kids will love.

[Register Here](#) and Further ride information [Here](#)

Tickets - If you have not yet purchased tickets please do so soon to secure your spot.

Sponsor Presence at Post Event Village - If you have not yet emailed [Jasmine Gale](#) and would like to be part of the Clare Classic Village please do so now.

The Lavender Trail

Public Invitation

Saturday 5th May 2018

To celebrate the conclusion of the building of the Lavender Federation Trail. Commencing in Murray Bridge in 1997 and arriving at Clare in 2018.

This event will be held at the Lennon Street Carpark, Clare.

The day will be enhanced with displays and information from the walking community, outdoor stores and promoters of healthy life-styles.

9:00am - Onwards, conducted walks available on sections of the trail.

12:00 noon - Lunches available to purchase.

12:30pm – Official Opening

Come along and enjoy a great family day offering a variety of walks in the beautiful local countryside.



Twenty five years ago Terry Lavender OAM of Recreation SA convened a meeting in Clare, where the name "The Riesling Trail" and the Riesling Trail logo were shown for the first time.

Twenty five years later, The Lavender Federation Trail, named in honour of Terry, will terminate in Clare after volunteers complete the approx 170km trail from Murray Bridge. While the Riesling Trail didn't commence being used in 1993, that was the genesis for its eventual development.

The entire Clare Valley can be justly proud of what the Riesling Trail has become, and what it generates by way of tourism income to this area.

<https://lavenderfederationtrail.org.au/web3/>

Our newest Business Partner



The Cellar Door

Come and share the Mitchell Family's passion for their wines in the 1890's stone cellars. Situated in the Clare Valley, South Australia one and half hours drive North of Adelaide.

Our Cellar door is open 7 days from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

website: www.mitchellwines.com

The Lawn Area

You can choose a 'Picnic Basket' from Cellar Door ... with a selection of cheeses, meats and local home-made produce and sit on the lawn with a bottle or two of Mitchell Wines.



Our Business Partners' & Friends' Achievements, Awards & News



1. **Mathies Meat Shoppe**, a Riesling Trail Business Partner. Success at AMIC National Sausage King – Our 'Beef and Blue Cheese' 2nd for best Gourmet Sausage in the nation. State winners for best gourmet sausage and best lamb sausage.

W: <http://www.mathiesmeatshoppe.com.au/>

2. **Kilikanoon**, a Riesling Trail Business Friend. We present to you our fifth annual Feast of Biblical Proportions, a long-table celebration of the finest wines and the freshest seafood on Good Friday. Bookings essential.

Call Kilikanoon Cellar Door (08) 8843 4206 W: <http://kilikanoon.com.au/>

3. **Clarevale Cottage B&B**, a Riesling Trail Business Friend has been successful again this year in being awarded a Booking.com Guest Review

W: www.clarevalecottage.com.au

4. **Mitre 10**, a Riesling Trail Business Friend. The Independent Hardware Group held their national awards night at the Adelaide Convention Centre. We are very proud to share that Pinks Mitre 10 won Mitre 10 National Store of the Year medium format. Thank you to our wonderful team and to all our loyal customers, it's all of you who make us who we

are. W: <https://www.mitre10.com.au/locator/location/index/id/4545/>

Easter Goodness



Clare Rise Bakery 1895, a Riesling Trail Business Partner making Hot Cross Buns for Easter.

Our newest Business Friends

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1. clos Clare, 'early morning Riesling harvest' underway this week.
2. Jeanneret Wines Cellar Door.
3. The 'Barry Boys' at Jim Barry Wines, picking of the Florita Riesling grapes. Sam, Tom and Peter Barry.
4. Sussex Squire Wines, Mark and Skye Bollen and family.
5. Mad Bastard Wines, Gourmet Weekend 'Special Event' Past Vintage Tastings with the Mad Bastard himself, Mark Barry. Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May.
6. Knapstein Wines.
7. Wines by KT, Kerri Thompson
8. The Little Red Grape

**THE RIESLING TRAIL 'TRAKER' READINGS
USER NUMBERS 2018**

MONTH	White Hut Rd	Clare	Sevenhill	Watervale	Auburn	TOTAL	YTD
January	482	2584	1955	624	374	6019	6019
February	417	2060	1667	510	298	4952	10971
March						0	10971
April						0	10971
May						0	10971
June						0	10971
July						0	10971
August						0	10971
September						0	10971
October						0	10971
November						0	10971
December						0	10971
TOTAL	899	4644	3622	1134	672	10971	

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You can now make a one-off or regular fully tax deductible donations via 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.

Letter to 'The Editor'





The National Railway Museum [NRM]

The National Railway Museum at Port Adelaide is truly a treasure right here in our home State of South Australia. If like me you have never visited then it's time to rectify that, go along and immerse yourself in the experience. It is way more than a museum, as John Wilson describes it the exhibits are very much "alive".

The National Railway Museum pays honour and tribute to the enormous changes and developments that railways and trains brought to countries on both sides of the world.

The steam engines are gigantic, the carriages built with style and made to last, beautiful wood abounds throughout and leather clad seats, be they bench or booth style. John told us that in one of the carriages there was a 4 inch thick concrete floor! no wonder the engines were so robust to pull such weight with cargo as well.

The smell of coal and long evaporated steam pervades throughout the exhibition which is cared for lovingly by an 'army' of volunteers, not even spiders are given chance to form webs on the exhibits.

The reason for our visit at this time was due to the forthcoming, "Back to Clare" celebrations, One hundred years since the opening of the Railway line from Riverton to Clare and Cogwebs Hub Café / Coffee Cubicle have been asked to run the Cafeteria Car based at the NRM, at the two day event on 7th and 8th July 2018. John has asked that we make coffee in the style of the day which was Bickford's Iced Coffee Syrup warmed with Condensed Milk, and also serve this with Sultana Cake, (using SA grown sultana's), another favourite on the Cafeteria Car in its heyday. Along with that we will have our Clare Valley roasted Coffee, Fleurieu Milk to make our whole range of

espresso style coffees. We will have gluten free, dairy free condensed milk alternatives and gluten free sultana Cake so that all attending the event can be catered for.

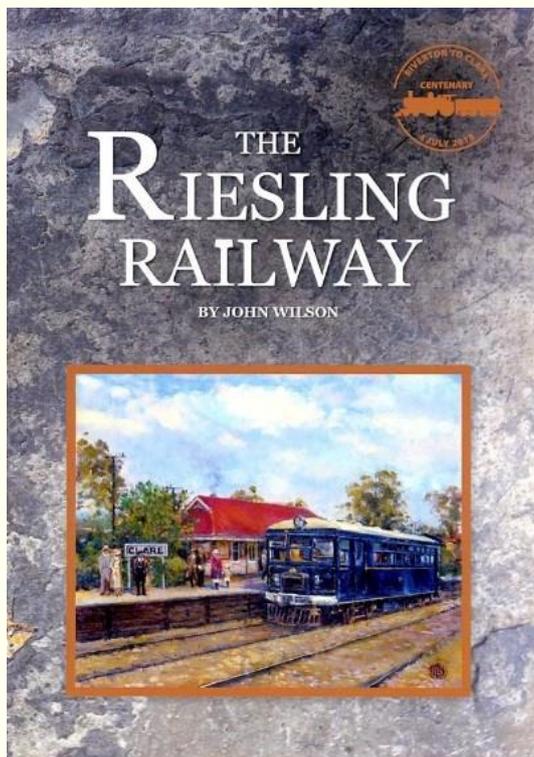
We thank John and the NRM for this wonderful opportunity, not only for us but showcasing so much about the Clare Valley, its past, present and future, thank you to John for our personally guided tour of the NRM. Hope to see many of you at the celebrations.

Judy Searley and Nick Bell

The Riesling Railway Book by John Wilson

If you would like a copy please email John Wilson at

E: wilsonriesling@internode.on.net



I am pleased to advise that I am now taking orders for copies of *The Riesling Railway*, which will be released in July. This book has involved a lot of research that has been done over the last 3 years. About a year ago I asked the other Monica (McInerney), that if she was coming to Australia about the time of the Clare railway centenary (4 July 2018) whether she would officiate at a book-launch. I am delighted to advise that Monica has recently confirmed that involvement. It will happen on the morning of **Saturday 7th July at the National Railway Museum at Port Adelaide.**

I have deliberately written the history in an “easy to read” narrative to make it approachable to visitors who come with the intention of using the two rail-

trails. Yet it contains all the fine detail that the historians and rail enthusiasts are seeking. I would like to think that the Valley's accommodation houses would each keep a copy.

Yours sincerely John Wilson

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... from the Riesling Trail Team



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