Spring on the Riesling Trail

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The Riesling Trail

Photos taken by Cindy Growden, Marketing Committee

Hello Members

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.

From the Chairman

You don't have to travel far along the Riesling Trail to realise that we are now in spring – new fresh growth on trees and shrubs, strong fragrances in the air and the occasional swooping magpie! These menacing magpies are quite rare along the Trail and will only behave this way for a few weeks. While wearing a helmet they should not be of any concern. While on the topic of helmets, it is a legal requirement to wear one when crossing a road, which happens fairly often along the Trail.

The four Trakers, which record the number of Trail users, have been replaced recently as we suspect they were starting to fail. Their guaranteed life was 10 years and we have had them for 21! Being a sealed unit the whole unit (costing $850 each) needs replacing. We are told that these new ones will last for 20 years. The SA Government (Office for

Recreation & Sport) purchased three of these and the RT Management Committee the other one. Two of the old Trakers, which still seem to be working OK, have been given to other groups – one to the Rattler Trail Committee and the other to the Clare Lions for the Wetlands project.

We have also started replacing the railway station signs with sparkling new ones. These have a metal, rather than a wooden frame, so should last for a very long time. Before installing these we have been in discussion with rail historians and locals to see if they should be replaced at, or closer to, the actual station sites. At Penwortham it appears that the train may have stopped at three different locations! The one we have chosen is at the Morrisons Road crossing.

In the near future the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council will be sealing sections of roads at several crossings of the Riesling Trail. These include Greenwood Park Road and Wakefield Road. We are very grateful for this excellent cooperation from the Council, as some of these gravel crossings can be quite rough for cyclists.

The upgrading of the Trail by Clare Quarry is yet to start, but we expect some activity on this in the near future.

We receive an annual grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport for maintenance of the Riesling Trail and facilities. This includes further drainage, guard rails and equipment, such as the Trakers. Last Friday three staff from the Dept of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI), who manage this grant, visited the Riesling Trail to see firsthand how the Trail operates and the benefits it has to the community.

Allan Mayfield, Chairman

Representatives from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure visited the Clare Valley on Friday 9th September, Rachael Hryciuk, Alan Edmond, Connie Pezos and Riesling Trail Chairman Allan Mayfield.

2016-17 Memberships are due by 30 September

Thank you for your continued support of the Riesling Trail

2016 Paver orders due by 30 September

If you would like a personalised Paver please email admin@rieslingtrail.com.au with details or visit our website at http://rieslingtrail.com.au/business-partners-business-friends/membership/ for payment options.

Single Paver $70 - Double Paver $110

A tree blocking the Trail was quickly removed

A tree that had blocked the Riesling Trail between Watervale and Penwortham was removed by a Riesling Trail volunteer, John Peet. Thank you to John and those people who promptly notified us of the obstruction and those who arrived quickly to clear it.

Mr Mick Riesling Trail Pilgrimage - 24km run/walk

Mr Mick Riesling Trail Pilgrimage – 24km run/walk was held back in July raising money for Charity on a very cold wet day. Well done to all participants.

Photo taken by Judy Searley.

Wine Raffle – Win an instant Wine Cellar

Thank you to all participating Wineries who have donated wine for the 'Monster Wine Raffle'.

Tickets are available at Cellar Doors and local Businesses.

The proceeds will go towards the continued maintenance of the Riesling Trail.

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New Business Partner

Mocandunda Vineyards, Main North Road, Penwortham

Bookings Ph.8843 4244

www.mocandundavineyards.com.au

Opening Hours:

Cellar Door – Open 10am – 5pm – Friday to Monday

Restaurant – Chef : Jackie Pittaway

Lunch 12:00pm – 3:00pm – Friday to Saturday

Function and Group Booking Enquiries – Rodger Ackland 0418 819 995

Pictured are: Peter Wood and Rodger Ackland

'Website' Business Partners – new initiative

Website Business Partners' logos appear on every page of the Riesling Trail Website [as opposed to a sign on the Trail] http://rieslingtrail.com.au/

To become a Website Business Partner please email to admin@rieslingtrail.com for more information.

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Tour de Vines will be having a longer tour that is passing through Clare for two nights in late November, and still have two places left. This same tour is also running in March 2017. Click on the link to book your Clare Valley Cycling experience http://tourdevines.com.au/tour/cycling-tour-south-australia/

For more information about Tour de Vines you can go to their website at http://tourdevines.com.au/

New Business Friend

Watervale Retreat

Mike & Petra Kison

18 Popes Hill Road Watervale 5452, Enquiries: 8843 0070 or M: 0417 600 494

E: admin@watervaleretreat.com.au W: www.**watervaleretreat**.com.au

Change of Business Owners

Clare Animal Health, new owner, **Martin Edelmaier**. For all your Veterinary needs

P: 8842 1074 or E: admin@animalhealth.com.au

Riesling Trail & Clare Valley Cottages, new owners, **Chris & Mick Mittiga**

M: 0417 842 232 or E: stay@rtcottages.com.au

Our Business Partners' and Friends' achievements

Photo 1: Pikes Wines has been awarded a $320,000 Regional Development Fund (RDF) grant to expand its operations with a modern visitors' centre showcasing regional and local produce, as well as creating an enhanced visitor experience for the region.

Pictured: *Geoff Brock, Jay Weatherill and Andrew Pike.*

Photo 2: Chrissy van der Jeugd. Claymore Wines have been announced in the Top Ten 'Dark Horse' Wineries in James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion for 2017.

Photo 3: Kate Shadiac and Paul Longbottom, **Sevenhill Hotel** were thrilled to receive a certificate of merit for 'Community Service & Support' at the Australian Hotels Association Awards last night ... 'It's exciting for us that our small hotel is recognized as being a significant contributor to the local community'.

Letter to 'The Editor'

Dear Editor

Please click on the link below to read John Wilson's updated Book Synopsis September 2016 [the first paragraph explains the photos below]

http://rieslingtrail.com.au/history/the-history-of-trains-by-john-wilson/

Your sincerely

John Wilson wilsonriesling@internode.on.net

Traker readings up to August 2016

MONTH	Clare	Watervale	Auburn	White Hut Rd	TOTAL		
January	2422	698	334	403	3857	3857	Read 1/2
February	2214	641	242	442	3539	7396	Read 29/2
March	2696	930	514	470	4610	12006	Read 31/3
April	3934	1169	739	603	6445	18451	Read 30/4
May	**2249**	672	438	436	3795	22246	Read 31/5
June	2020	681	577	415	3693	25939	Read 30/6
July	2160	597	492	436	3685	29624	Read 31/7
August	1911	428	280	398	3017	32641	Read 30/8
September					0	32641	
October					0	32641	
November					0	32641	
December					0	32641	
TOTAL	19606	5816	3616	3603	32641		

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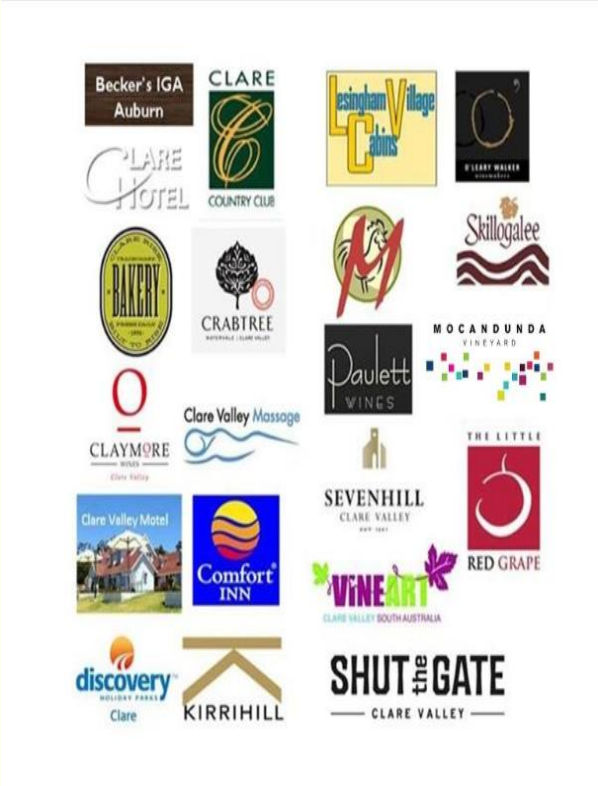

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TOUR DE VINES – Gourmet Cycling Tours –

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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