

Mid North



Stationmaster's Residence (The) All enjoys some of the Clara Valley in the Mid North region of South Australia

The Clara Valley is well known for its fine wines and of course the Baring Trail. The trail follows the old railway line, which begins in the heart of Clara, naturally, where the old railway station used to be.

The last train pulled out of Clara in 1950 when the Ash Wednesday bushfires burnt the track out. The station is gone but the old Stationmaster Residence survives. It's the last link with the days when a train trip to the big smoke took the best part of a day...



Christina Jones has given the old railway house a facelift but she's kept the links with the past. A photo of the late Steve Wilkinson takes pride of place. He was Clara's last Stationmaster and did his bit to keep the trains running on time for 30 years.



Steve and his wife Mary had seven kids - and they were all brought up here including the international writer, Marina McIntyre.

While Christina renovated the house, her husband Chris put his efforts into the backyard and what he calls the Stationmaster Country Club. He converted what used to be a four-car garage into the ultimate playground complete with pool table, television TV, bar + you name it - it's all here.

The Stationmaster's Residence is in New Road, Clara. Log on to the website for bed and breakfast rates. If you have any further questions

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