



73RD MD CONVENTION - MAY 2025

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Lions 2025 MD Convention in Traralgon! We can't wait to welcome you to what we know will be a fantastic and memorable event. Let me start by letting you in on our welcoming Party on Friday night.



From 4.30 pm at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) precinct, we will be running an Expo on what Lions do and opening it up to the public. We intend to showcase all the wonderful things like Hearing dogs, Ride 4 Sight, LCIF and so much more, in fact we are looking at around 40 diverse and exciting stalls! We will also have music from our local Bands and award winning singers.

Its going to be a fun night with our local community and a fantastic way to kick off Convention 2025!!

See you in May.

Cheers,

Dale Harriman

Chairman 73rd MD Convention

WELCOME

On behalf of the organising committee, I would like to warmly welcome all Lions and guests to Traralgon and Latrobe City for the 2025 Multiple District Convention, to be held from 02/05/25 until 05/05/25.

This will be a great opportunity for Lions to gather together for fellowship, fun, celebration, and inspiration. You are encouraged to attend and extend your stay and experience the vibrant, bustling town of Traralgon and the surrounding Latrobe City and Gippsland. Traralgon and Latrobe City will provide a wide range of arts, culture, food and wine, and sports and recreation to keep visitors occupied during their stay.

Traralgon's café, restaurant, and coffee shop scene will provide you with a surprising range of quality choices for even the fussiest of coffee drinkers! A variety of wineries, including nearby award-winning Narkoojee Winery, Carragung Estate, Blue Gables, and Glenmaggie Wines, are just a few. Head north to the historic mining town of Walhalla, or further to the Lions Village Licola, a V District project of many decades standing.

The recently constructed Gippsland Performing Art Centre (GPAC), Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, and Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) all complement the Latrobe City package. You will attend some of these venues during your stay.

Finally, we encourage you to stay and enjoy our beautiful region of Gippsland; from the Mountains to the Sea, you will find somewhere to soothe your soul.

For further details, check out visitgippsland.com.au.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May 2025



Lion Mark Henning

President

Lions Club of Traralgon





VENUES

GPAC - GIPPSLAND PERFORMING ART CENTRE

The recently constructed Gippsland Performing Art Centre (GPAC) at 32 Kay St, Traralgon will be where our most preliminary meetings and our Friday night celebration will take place.



GRISS - GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

The Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) at Catterick Cres, Traralgon is where the convention and the public display will be held.



GETTING TO TRARALGON

BY PLANE/ TRAIN

Arrival Tullamarine Airport

Board Skybus (Melbourne City Express). It picks up and drops off at the front of T1 and T3 at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport. It will take you express to Southern Cross Station. Services run every 15 minutes from 4am to 1am. Pre booking, via the Skybus website, will enable a 20% discount to conventioners. Discount details to come.

At Southern Cross station you will walk 6-7 mins to platform 15 or 16 where you will board the Traralgon/ Bairnsdale train. This will take you direct to Traralgon. Services operate approximately every hour from 6.5 am until 11.59 pm. Travel time is around 2hrs, 20 minutes. The ticket cost of this is \$10.60 full fare, 5.30 Concession. Tickets can be purchased from the Vline ticket pod, just as you exit the Skybus coach terminal.

Arrival Avalon Airport

Board Skybus (Avalon City Express). It picks up and drops off at the front of the departures/ arrival's terminal at Avalon Airport. It will take you express to Southern Cross Station. Services run of every arriving flight. Pre booking, via the Skybus website, will enable a 20% discount to conventioners.

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BY CAR:

From Melbourne to Traralgon – 164 Km

From Sydney to Traralgon – 852 km

From Newcastle to Traralgon – 1001 km

From Canberra to Traralgon – 571 km

From Brisbane to Traralgon – 1751 km

From Adelaide to Traralgon – 890 km

From Hobart to Traralgon – 957 km

From Launceston to Traralgon – 779 km

From Perth to Traralgon – 3582 km



LIONS RIDE FOR SIGHT

It has been a while since our last newsletter. Although our 2025 Ride for Sight seems many months away, planning is progressing well. As advised earlier, next year's Ride is being undertaken in conjunction with the **Lions Clubs Multi District (MD) Convention**, which is to be held in Traralgon from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th May 2025. The Convention is using the **Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC)** and the **Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS)**, both of which are well designed modern venues with modern feature expected as premier public venues in the City of Traralgon.

The Ride has been asked to make an appearance at each of these venues, at GPAC on Friday 2nd May and at GRISS on Monday 5th May, and so our route and accommodation venues are being arranged to enable this to occur.

The Ride has secured a primary overnight stop venue at the **Traralgon West Sports Complex (TWSC)** for the nights of Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th May 2025. This venue is a recently renovated and extended sporting facility. For your interest see attached pics of GPAC, GRISS, and TWSC.

Planning is in progress for a four-day ride which at this stage is to cover around 250+km on sealed, quiet local roads. We are still determining if our Saturday 3rd May overnight stop will be at either Maffra or at Sale. You will be updated when this has been finalised. Our current preliminary plan is as follows:

Day 1 will be a ride out and back from Traralgon as we will be required as a group to be at our Ride for Sight stand at GPAC towards the end of that day.

Day 2 will be from Traralgon to Sale (to be confirmed) for our overnight stop (a full riding day).

Day 3 is when we will return to Traralgon via Rosedale (another full riding day).

Day 4 will be a short ride out and back from Traralgon, to return to GRISS by late morning for the end of our ride and the Convention.

Being a fundraising event we are in the process of searching and securing major commercial sponsors. We look forward to your participation and raising funds which will be, as in previous years, directed to the Centre for Eye Research (CERA) for valuable research into preventable blindness.

Registration forms for our 'Four Day Ride,' 'Ride with a Difference' and for support crew members will be available around mid November 2024. Please email your queries or seeking further information to lionsrideforsight@gmail.com

Ian de Bruyne
Ride for Sight Chairman 2025
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Gippsland Performing Arts Centre

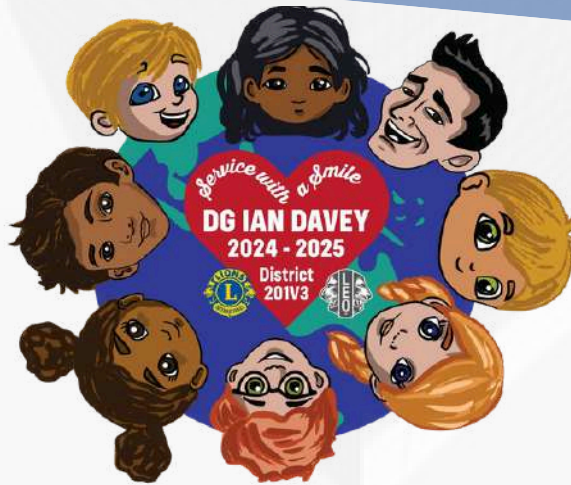


Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium



Traralgon West Sports Complex

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed for our Multiple District Convention in Traralgon on the 2nd to 5th May 2024.

Your assistance is needed in the areas of Parking, seating, helping at the train station, main convention centre, food area, bus pickups and downloads, and as we need your help any where else.

Should you be able to help please let PDG Terry Hayler know via email (tha89654@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0437 353 651.

Your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated could all members please consider helping out during this week.

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