



73RD MD CONVENTION - MAY 2025

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Happy New Year and welcome to our latest newsletter.

Plenty of Lions are asking what we are going to be doing to make MD 2025 different, so let me let you in on a little secret! One of the new things we will be bringing in is the Lunchtime discussion tables.



Topics will include - "What events our club runs", "What fundraising is successful" and a few other topics aimed at Lions sharing knowledge and experiences to help other clubs. We would love everyone to get involved!

So if you have never been to a Convention before or have an interest in improving your club, come along and get not just a feed but a feast of information!

Also we have booked a great band for our Gala Dinner who epitomise the High Country theme, so make sure you book early as it will sell out !!

Speaking of booking, check out Destination Gippslands website to find out how to make the most of your stay in Gippsland. Whether it's the week before or the week after Convention, there is plenty to do on a 3 to 7 day stay. Check out some great suggestions from Traralgon Lions President, Mark Henning in the coming Newsletters.

Looking Forward to seeing you all in May 2025 in Traralgon.

Cheers,
Dale Harriman
Chairman 73rd MD Convention

WELCOME

We are spoilt for choice when deciding what to visit in the Gippsland region. The town of Traralgon is centrally located to explore the sights of the central, south and east Gippsland regions.

When in central Gippsland, you may choose to head north and visit the old gold mining town of Walhalla and its nearby Thompson Dam or Blue Rock dam north of Moe.

If wine is your thing, there are numerous wineries with tasting rooms to select from, across the whole region, such as Narkoojee, Blue Gables, Glenmaggie Wines, Carrajung Estate and many others.

We also enjoy numerous options for bushwalking's, rail trails, 4WD tracks, swimming, boating or fishing, for those more energetic types.

The culturally minded are not forgotten, with a chance to explore the Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell, the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale, its nearby Wedge Performing arts centre and Old Gippstown Heritage Park in Moe, while you will be attending the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) in Traralgon for some of the convention events.

To our south we have the ancient trees and spectacular rainforest of Tarra Bulga National Park or discover the enchanting forested gullies, peaceful picnic spots and elusive native orchids of Morwell National Park, nestled in the northern foothills of the Strezlecki Ranges.

After all that exertion you must be hungry by now. Luckily you have a broad selection of dining options to choose from in Traralgon, much to the envy of other Gippslanders, while our reputation for a fine coffee is renowned.

From the mountains to the sea, Central Gippsland is a truly special place to visit.

For further details, check out visitgippsland.com.au



Lion Mark Henning

President

Lions Club of Traralgon



MEET THE COMMITTEE

MEET THE MD CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Dale Harriman
MD Chairman



Mark Henning
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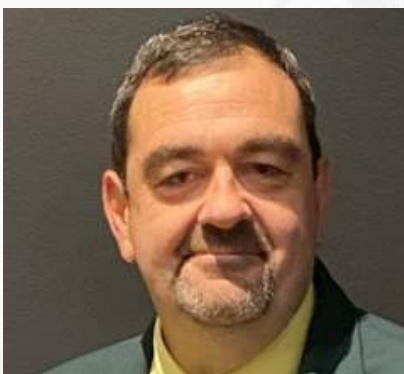
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Transport/ Logistics

DISCOVER GIPPSLAND

LICOLA CARAVAN MUSTER

If you have never had the opportunity to come to Licola Wilderness Village, then after the Convention is the perfect time to come! Owned by the Lions Clubs of Victoria and Southern New South Wales, Licola is the only town off the grid in Australia. Bring your caravan, campervan, motorhome or yourselves and stay in one of our cabins. We'd love you to come and see why Licola is so special.

We are always looking for volunteers! In fact this is why a lot of our camps don't run. We can't get enough volunteers to assist with running the camps.



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

Firstly, apologies for not sending our 2025 registration forms as promised by the end of November. We had a few minor tidy ups to attend to. Registration forms are now available. Ride as an individual or as part of a team. Sight affected riders on tandems are most welcome. The four week 'Ride With a Difference' is for riders who are unable to participate in the four-day ride. You will be able to ride in locations and distances of your choice while raising funds.

The registration forms can be access by the following links:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Four Day Ride | <u>4 Day Ride</u> |
| Ride with a Difference | <u>4 Week Ride</u> |
| Support Crew | <u>Support Crew</u> |

The number of riders for the Four Day Ride will be capped at 60. Be early so not to miss out.

** Volunteers for our RFS convention stand at [GPAC](#) and [GRISS](#) need not register.

The above registration forms will also be available on our District 201V3 RFS webpage and Facebook when they are uploaded in the next few days. You will be advised when this is done. Your participation and support will go a long way to achieving our \$90,00 fundraising target and to make our Ride a successful event. Funds raised from our Ride be donated to the Centre for Eye Research Australia ([CERA](#)) for their ongoing valuable research into preventable blindness.

Our Four Day Ride will be between 1st to 5th May 2025:

Day 0 muster at Traralgon West Sporting Complex ([TWSC](#)), dinner at local venue (own cost)

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 60km.

Day 2 will be from Traralgon to Sale for our overnight stop 95km (a full riding day).

Day 3 is when we will return to Traralgon via Rosedale 85km (another full riding day).

Day 4 will be a short ride out and back from Traralgon, to return to [GRISS](#) by 10:30am for the end of our ride and the Convention 30 km.

A high fundraising target of \$90,000 has been set. To this end we are actively searching for a major sponsor. Naturally we will be looking forward to participants to do their part in raising funds by way of donations or sponsorships to help reach this target. You will be advised of the link to our Ride for Sight Raisely fundraising portal when your registration is received.

Thank you for your attention. Our Organising Committee looks forward to your support and registration. Please email your queries or if you are seeking further information to lionsrideforsight@gmail.com



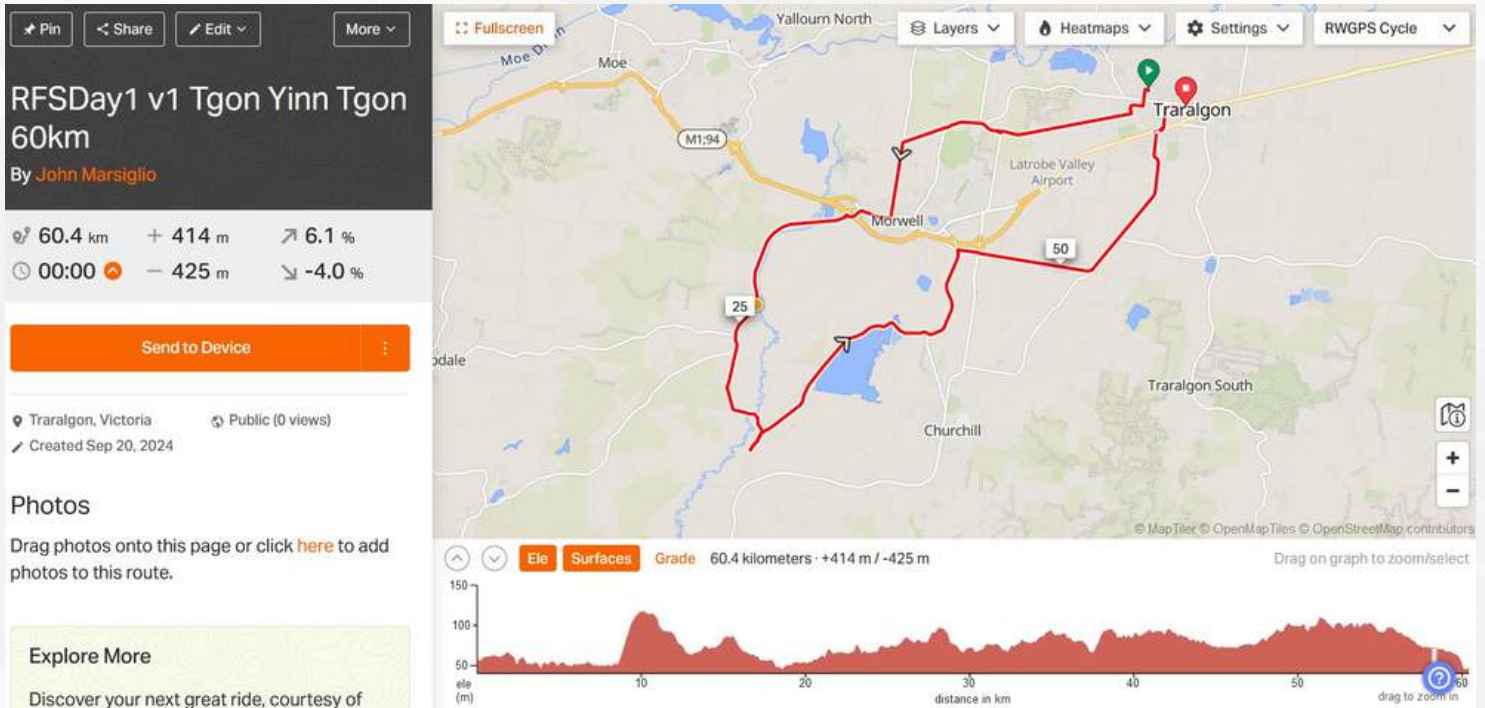
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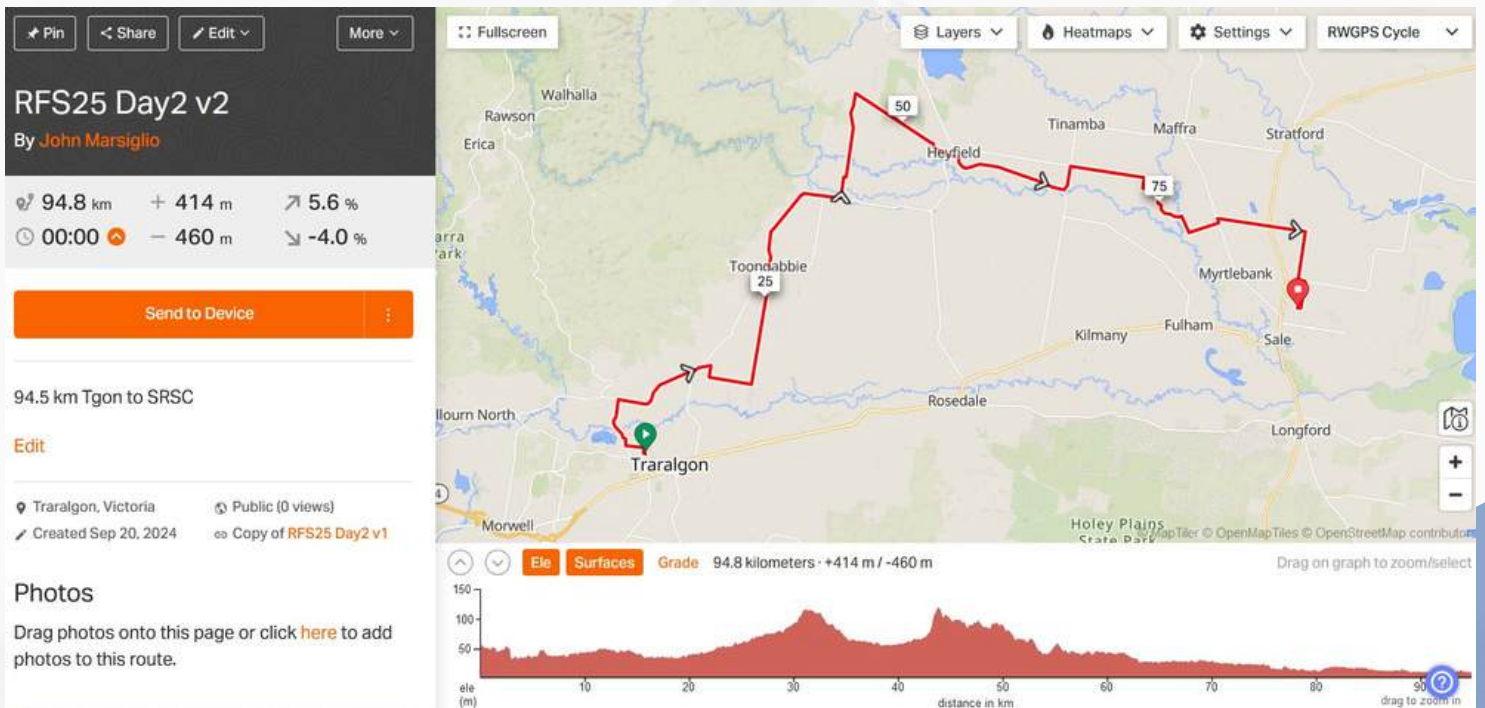
LIONS RIDE FOR SIGHT

Our Four Day Ride Map

Day 1 Friday 2 May 2025



Day 2 Saturday 3 May 2025





LIONS RIDE FOR SIGHT

Day 3 Sunday 4 May 2025

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RFS25 Day3 v1 Sale Tgon 85 km

By **John Marsiglio**

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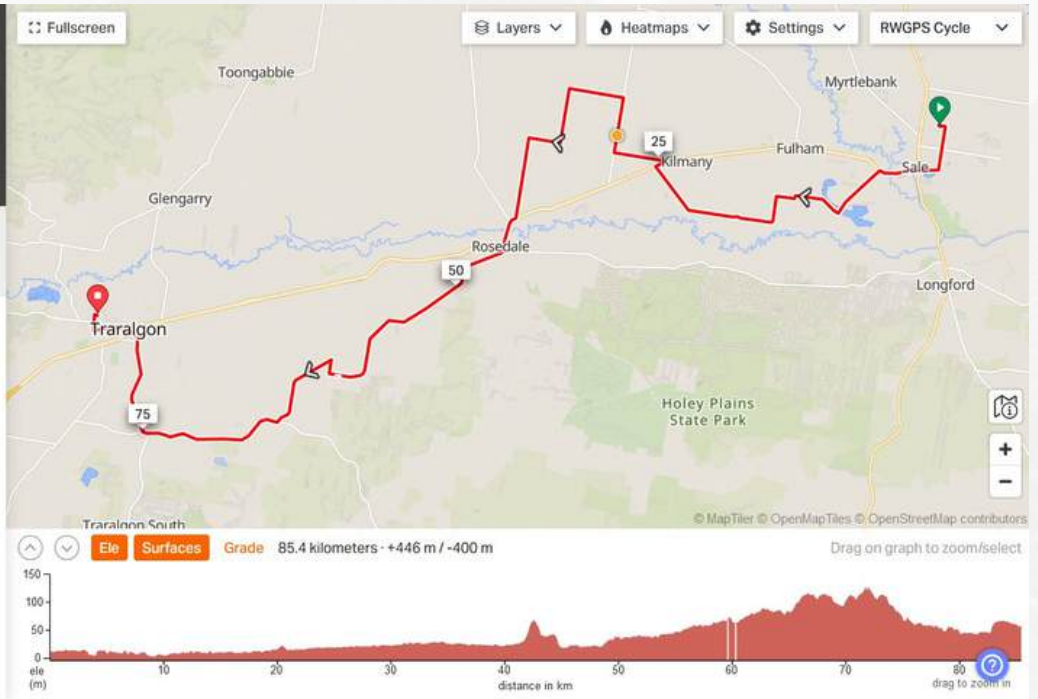
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Day 4 Monday 5 May 2025

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RFS25 Day 4 Tgon Tyers loop 29km

By **John Marsiglio**

📏 28.7 km + 209 m ↗ 5.4 %
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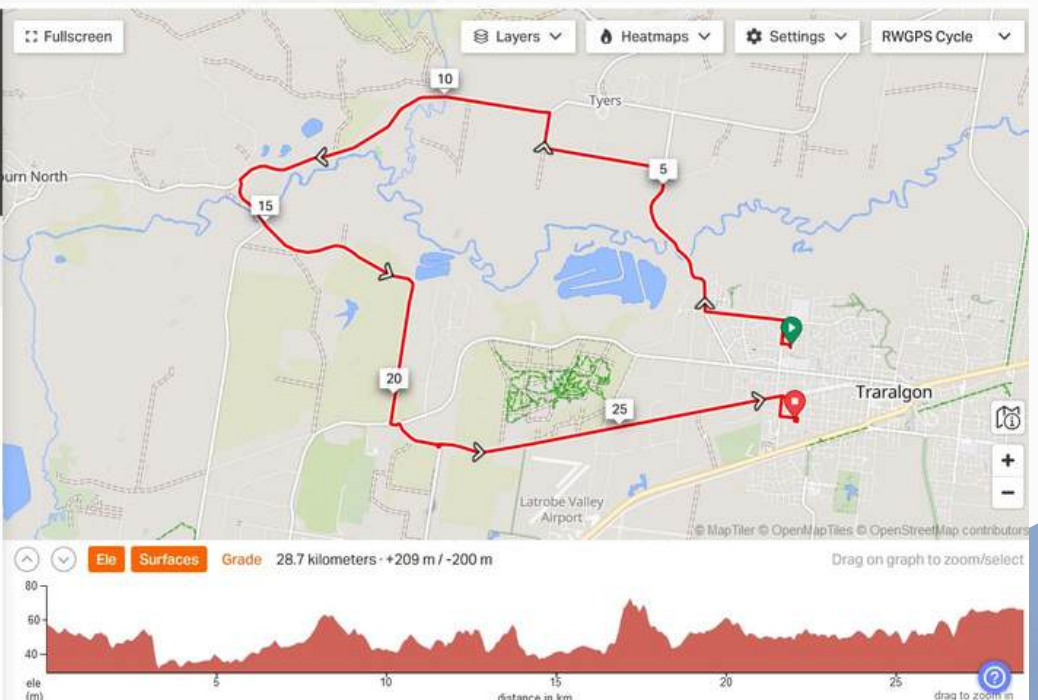
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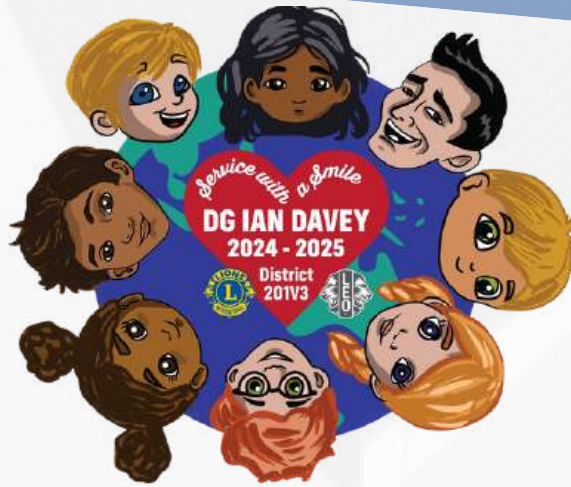
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

Lions Club International 201v3

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