



73RD MD CONVENTION - MAY 2025

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Where has the time gone!!! Only 3 months til we are celebrating the MD convention in Traralgon. Our team has been very busy bringing it all together to make sure you have a fantastic time.

We have you covered locally for those looking for some day trips or adventures before or after the Convention.

For nature lovers, Morwell State Park is home to Australia's largest koalas, the Strezlecki Koala. A great place for a long walk to the waterfalls while keeping an eye out for a range of native birds and animals. For wine and food lovers, Narkoojee Winery and Carrajung Estate are award-winning spots to stay away in the afternoon. Looking for a place in Traralgon for a coffee or a night out, we have you covered. With 4 local coffee roasters in the area, we know quality coffee. And don't forget we have 2 chef-hat restaurants in Little Prince (serving great tapas) and Neilsens, who do great taster plates! From a range of Thai restaurants to tasty Italian and everything in between, you'll find a place to satisfy your taste buds.

We are finalising the food trucks for the Convention and the Friday night expo. Lion Kevin has some very tasty treats lined up to tempt your taste buds. You'll be able to get a much-needed coffee at GRISS in the morning, along with an egg and bacon sandwich for breakfast on the go.

Sooo, now is the time to book your room or powered site, register online for the Convention, and book an adventure the week before, the week after, or both. Our Traralgon Lions President will have plenty of suggestions for you.

Yours in Lions,

Dale Harriman

Chairman 73rd MD Convention





WELCOME BACK

Having now explored the wonders of the Latrobe Valley and its surrounds prior to, during or after the Convention, I can strongly recommend visiting East Gippsland before you depart the area.

Head east on the Prince's Highway through the towns of Rosedale, Sale and Stratford, you will reach Bairnsdale, the gateway to east Gippsland and the Gippsland Lakes. You may elect to take the longer, but prettier route through the timber towns of Heyfield and Maffra, before reaching Stratford, which is on the river Avon and does have an annual Shakespeare festival! Don't forget to try a meal at the Tinamba Hotel on your way, which has won many Chefs Hats over the years - highly recommended! On reaching Bairnsdale, you may opt to turn off to the village of Paynesville and take the ferry to Raymond Island, famous for its wildlife.

Bairnsdale is also the gateway, via Bruthen, to Omeo and Mt Hotham. This is a busy area during the winter with the snow capped mountains and the popular ski resort. Onwards to Lakes Entrance, the jewel in the crown of your tourist destination. Sailing, boating, fishing, surfing, golfing, bowls and swimming dominate the activities in this area.

You could also turn south at Swan Reach before Lakes Entrance, to experience the delights of peaceful Metung and its new Hot Springs - well worth spending a day exploring.

You are also spoilt for choice in restaurants, golf courses, cruises, bowling clubs, hiking and trail tracks, National Parks, but don't leave without grabbing some fresh fish from the Co-Op at Lakes entrance, home to the Bass Strait fishing fleet.

I am sure you could allocate a full week to this area if you can or 3 days if you are pushed for time.

Enjoy.



Lion Mark Henning

President

Lions Club of Traralgon



Convention Registration Forms

[Word Document](#)

[Fillable PDF](#)

[Online Form](#)



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. Ring or email Licola Wilderness Village to book.

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.



THINGS TO DO IN GIPPSLAND

[Destination Gippsland](#)

[3 Day Itinerary](#)

[Suggested Road Trips](#)



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.**

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

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Hi All,

Registration forms have been available for some weeks now and we are pleased registrations are quickly rolling in. Thank you to those who have registered. Register if you haven't already so as not to miss out. The links to the registration forms are listed below.

For those still planning to participate please note we will need to have your registrations in by the end of February so that Ride jerseys can be ordered in time for our Ride. As previously mentioned, rider numbers will be capped at 60, so please have your registrations in as soon as you can.

Preparation and Training

It is timely to start training and preparing for our Ride if you haven't already. Firstly, ensure your bike you are using for the Ride is properly set up and is in road worthy condition. Start with easy medium length rides and slowly build on distance. Speed is not important especially in the early part of your training. You do not have to ride 95kmkm – our longest day. Build up to around 50 to 60km. If you are able to ride this distance comfortably you would be able to ride our two longest days (85km and 95km) reasonably comfortably. You will enjoy your RFS event more if you are prepared.

We have booked our pre-Ride get together dinner at participants cost on Thursday 1 May 2025 at the Traralgon Butter Factory.

As mentioned previously our fund-raising target is a challenging \$90,000. We need all participants to do their best in raising much needed funds to go to the Centre for Eye Research Australia as part of our Lions District's Lions Eye Health Program. Note, donations over \$2 via our fundraising portal [Raisely 2025](#) are tax deductible. Our 2025 Ride fundraising target is \$90,000 – a challenging amount but with strong support from riders and commercial sponsors we believe it is achievable.

Event permit applications have been submitted to relevant Councils, VicRoads and Victoria Police. Thank you, Committee member Rod, for attending to this important task.

The 2025 Ride for Sight Organising Committee

Registration forms: [4 Day Ride](#) [4 Week Ride](#) [Support Crew](#)

Ride for Sight webpage: [RFS webpage](#)

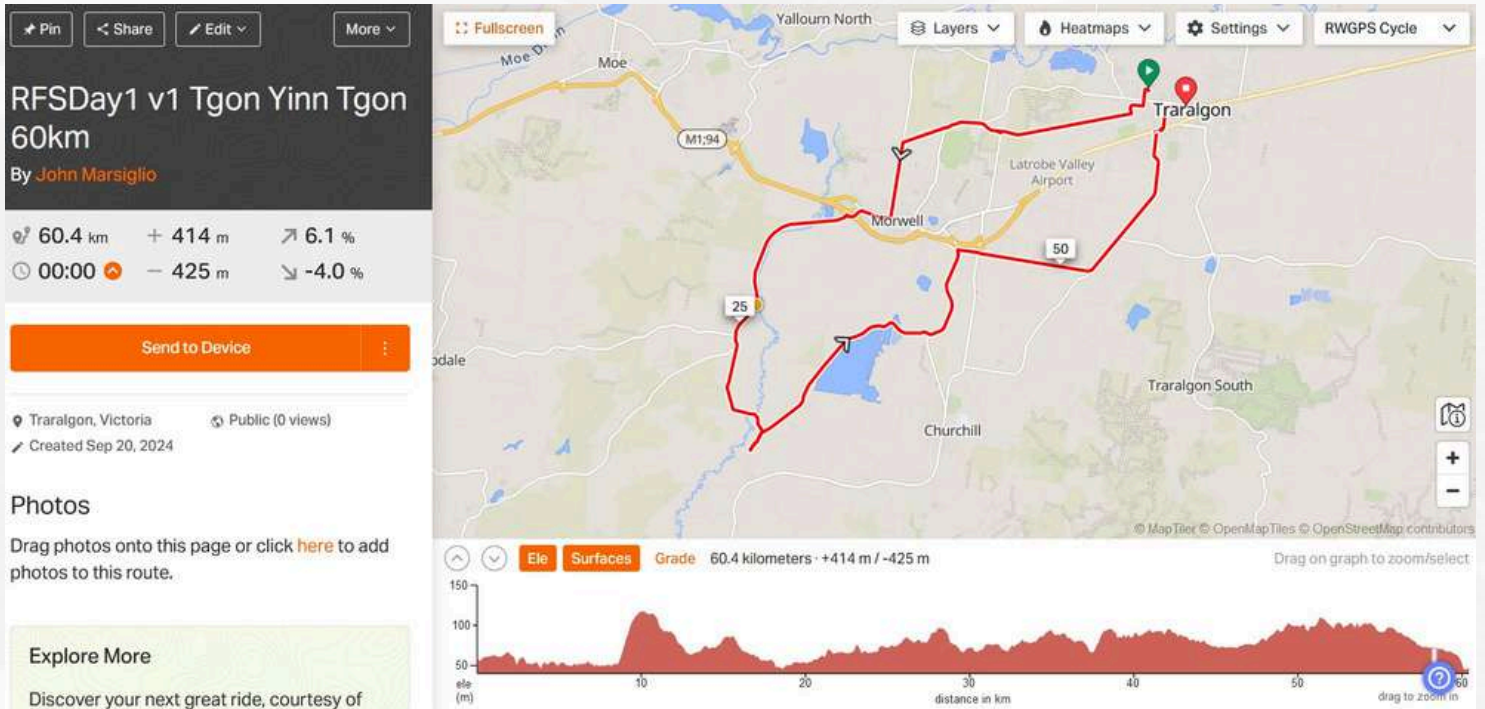
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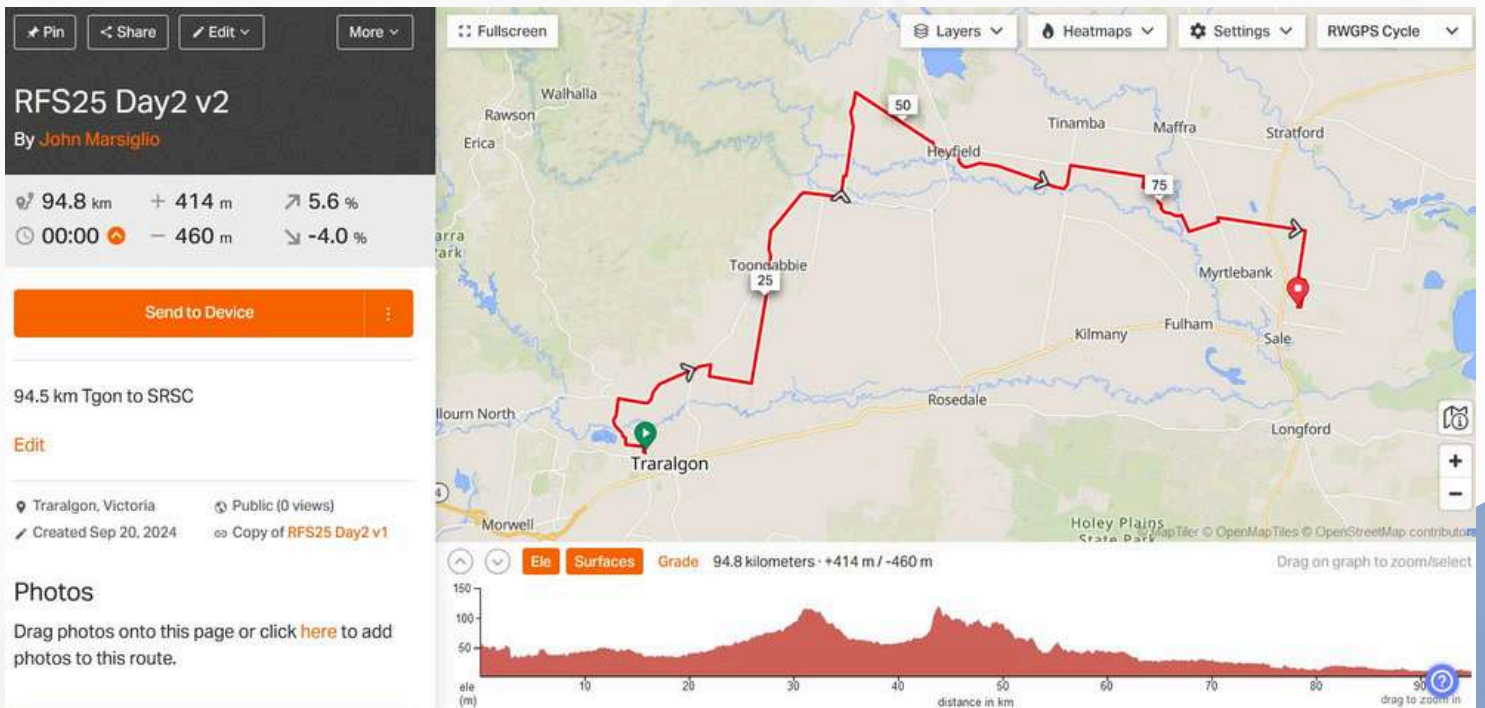
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Our Four Day Ride Map

Day 1 Friday 2 May 2025



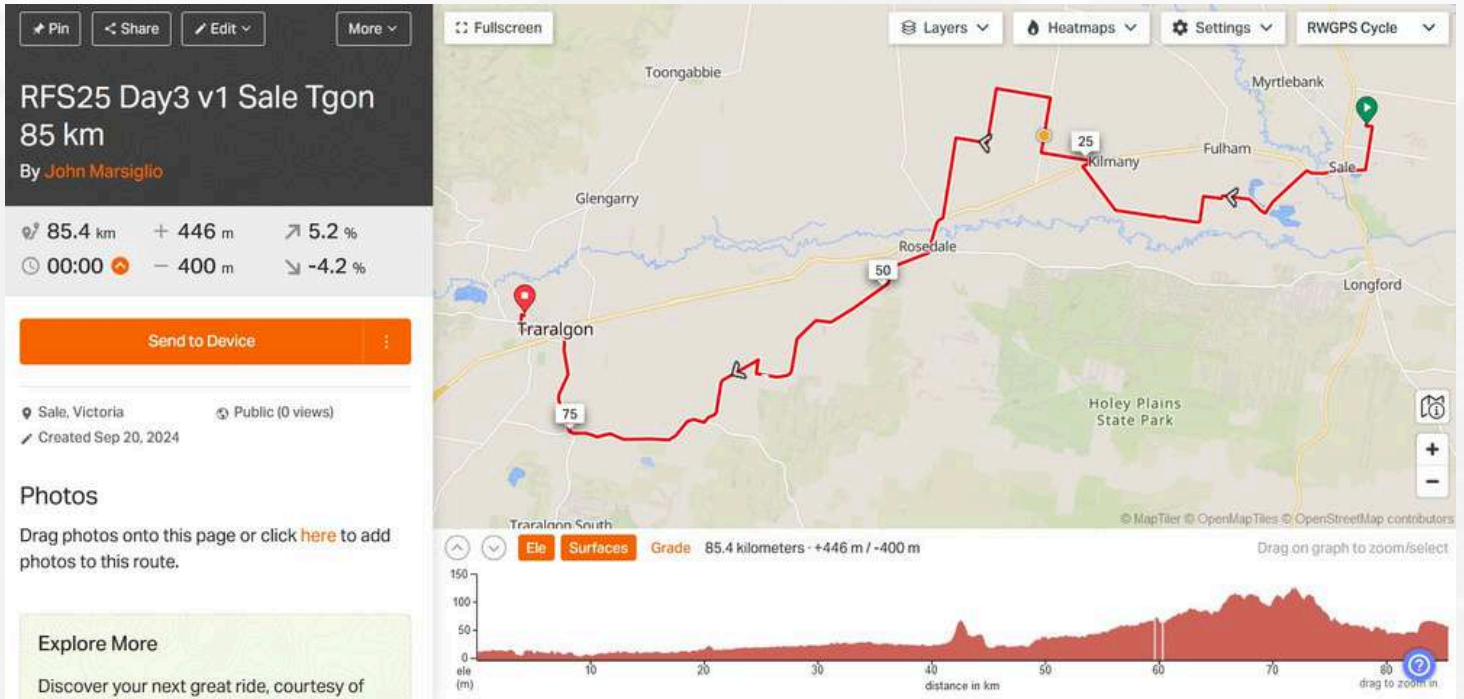
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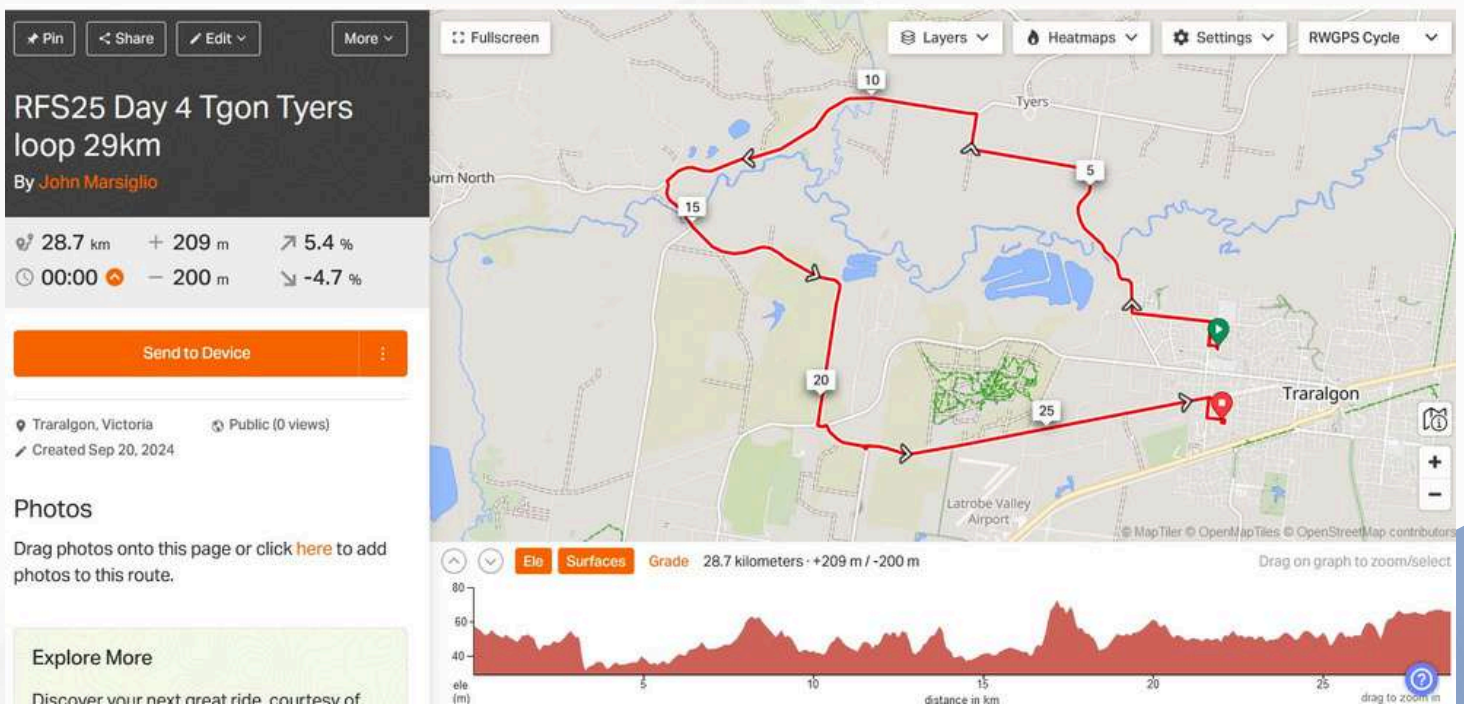


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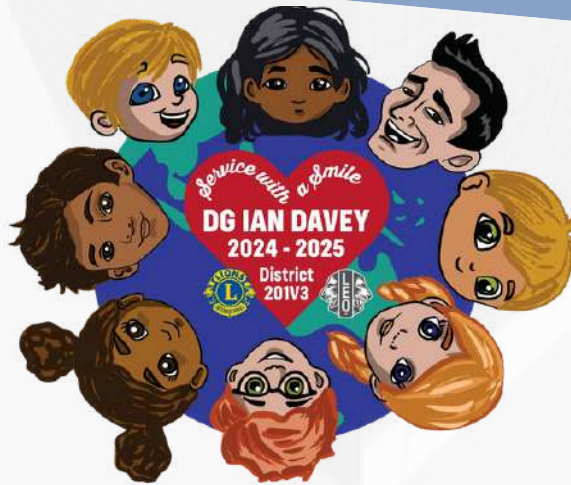
Day 3 Sunday 4 May 2025



Day 4 Monday 5 May 2025



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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