

Lions District 201V3 Lions Ride for Sight

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Hello Riders!

The Ride is fast approaching and the Committee has some important updates to share with you.

We still need your help to recruit new riders!

Registrations have been steady, but more riders would be most welcome.

Please be proactive in recruiting friends, family, colleagues, club members by sharing the RFS poster attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Registration will remain open until **27 February**.

If you have a new rider interested in joining the 2026 RFS, please pass them the registration links:

To register for the 4 day "*Strzelecki Spin*" ride, please click this link: [4 Day Ride Form](#)

To register for the 4 week "*Ride with a Difference*", please click this link: [4 Week Ride Form](#)

If you are unable to ride but would like to help out as *Support Crew*, please click on this link: [Support Crew Form](#)

Ride Information

The routes can be viewed by clicking the links below or viewing the screenshots and/or QR codes at the end of this newsletter.

Final Course total: 325km Elevation Gain: 2,884m

Day #1 Thurs 19 March 26: Longwarry to Churchill

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/53715407>

91km, 815m

Day #2 Fri 20 March 26: Churchill to Inverloch

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/53716639>

107km, 1,061m

Day #3 Sat 21 March 26: Inverloch to Loch

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/53717079>

77km, 741m

Day #4 Sun 22 March 26: Loch to Longwarry

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/53717155>

51km, 281m

The pre-ride dinner (at participant's cost) will be at the **Longwarry Hotel**, 4 Kennedy St, Longwarry VIC 3816.

For anyone needing to travel to Longwarry by train, it's served by V/Line (Traralgon - Bairnsdale).

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Training

Hopefully, everyone has started doing some training for the Ride by now.

As you can see from the elevation gains, **the route does have quite a few hills** so getting a few medium-length training rides (with some hills!) under your belt is a good idea.

E-bikes are welcome if you feel you need a bit of extra support along the way. If you are intending to bring an e-bike, please ensure that the battery can last a full day of undulating riding.

As with previous years, vision impaired riders are most welcome to participate on their tandem.

Finally, now is a good time to get your bike serviced to make sure it's roadworthy and comfortable.

Fundraising

Hopefully everyone has started their fundraising efforts via the [Ride for Sight Raisely](#) site.

We need all hands on deck to meet our ambitious **fundraising goal of \$100,000** to fund the fantastic programme of research into prevention and management of vision loss run by the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA).

Please share the link for your individual or team profile via social media, direct messages, email, in your workplaces etc.

Even if you can't ride this year, please consider making a donation to the Ride here:

<https://32nd-lions-ride-for-sight-2026.raiselysite.com/lions-ride-for-sight>.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Raffle and Auction

We will also have a **Raffle** as part of our fundraising efforts run by Team Sisters with all proceeds going to CERA.

There are some fabulous prizes up for grabs **worth almost \$15,000 dollars**.

Tickets will be available for purchase during the ride, and prizes will be drawn at our *Eye Health Night* in Inverloch on Thursday 14th May.

More information about the Raffle will be provided in the next newsletter.

As usual, we'll be running our **Auction** on the evening of Saturday 21 March.

This fun-filled and wine-fuelled event is a huge contributor to the overall fundraising success of the ride, so **please bring down something to donate** and some cash for the bidding wars!

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Our Sponsors

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous Sponsors of the 2026 Ride for Sight!

Your generosity is much appreciated by the Committee, the Riders, the recipient of the funding (CERA), and anyone who has been touched by vision loss or blindness.

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Other Resources



Our Facebook and Instagram Page are ready! Please visit and follow to spread the word.

[RFS Facebook page](#)



[RFS Instagram page](#)



Click 'Follow' and you'll start seeing real-time Ride updates in your thread.



For general information about the Ride For Sight, [visit our webpage](#) or scan the QR code below:



For more information about Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA), [visit their website](#) or scan the QR code below:



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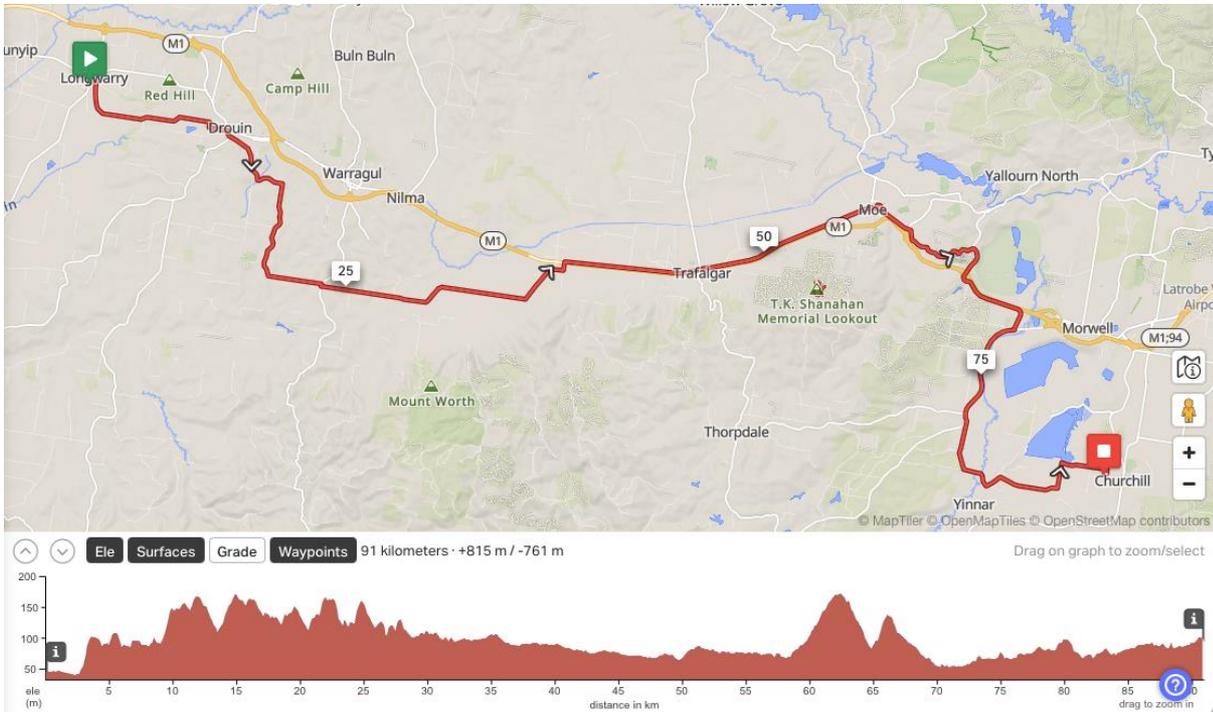
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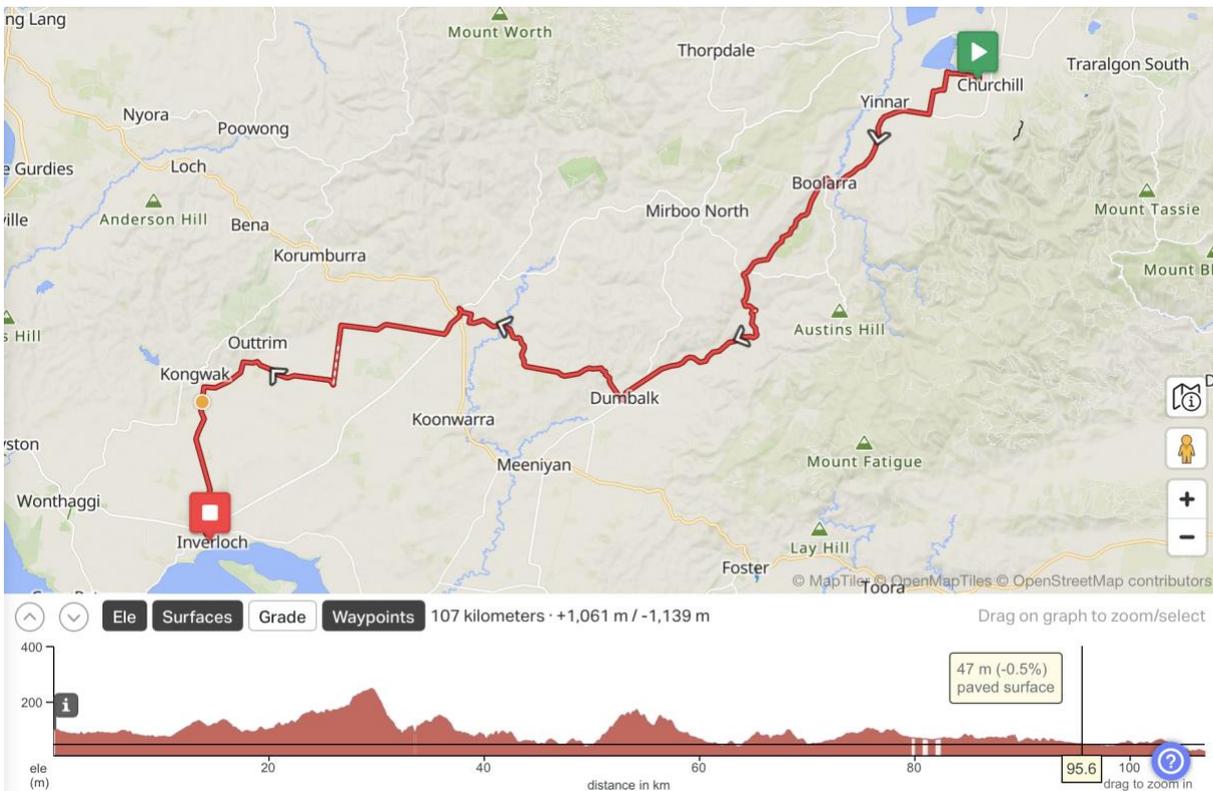


Daily ride routes

Day #1: Longwarry to Churchill



Day #2: Churchill to Inverloch



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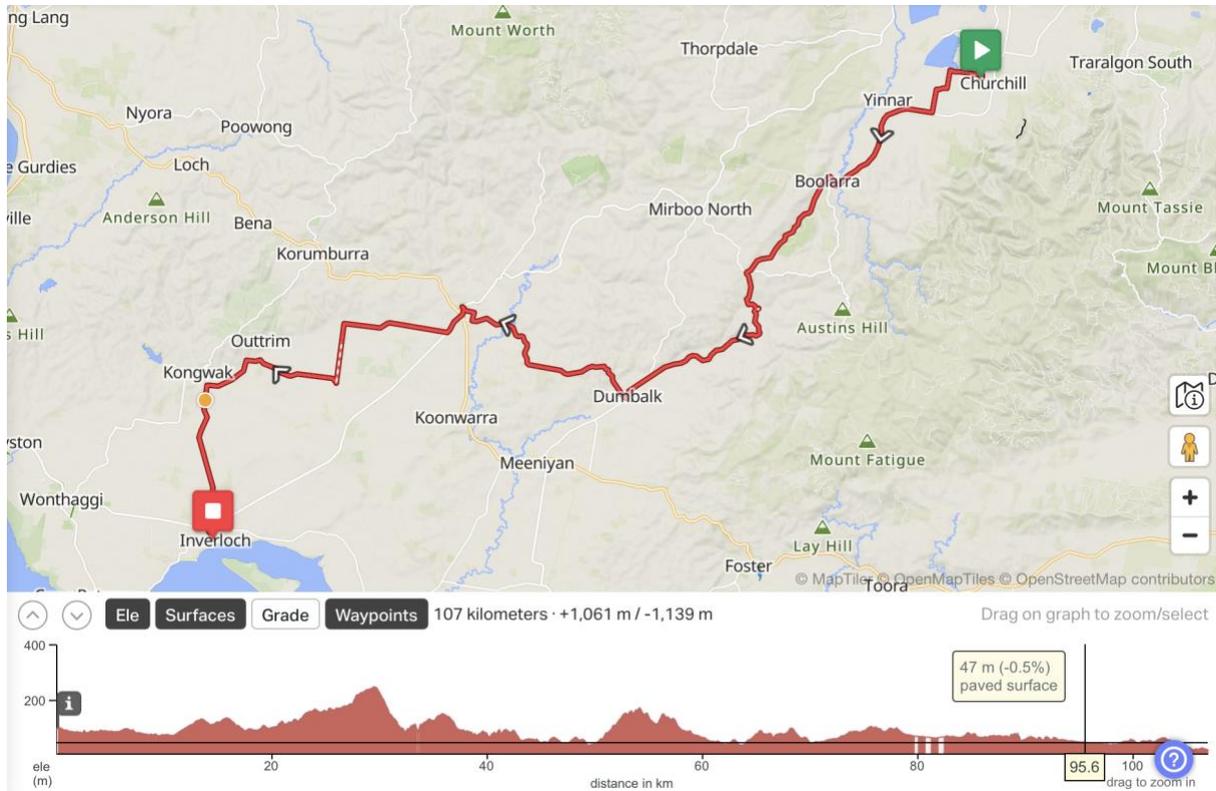
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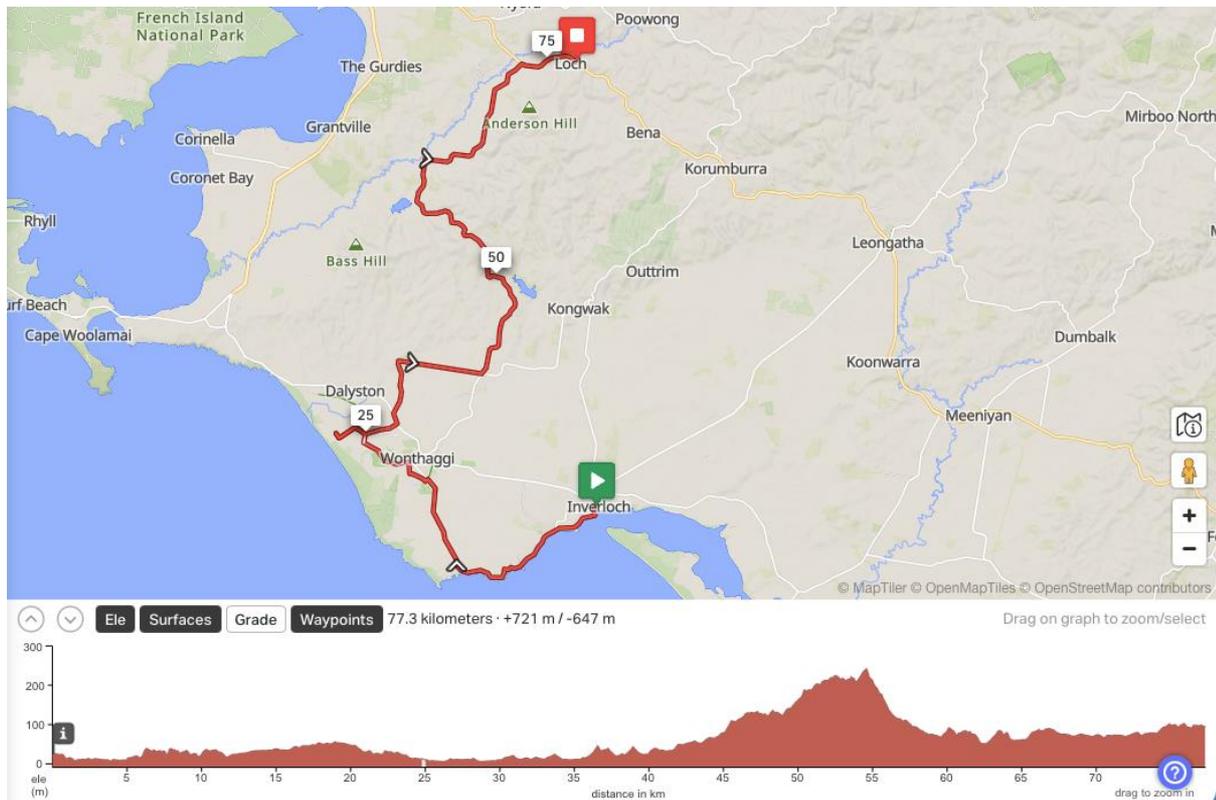
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Day #3: Inverloch to Loch



Day #4: Loch to Longwarry



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Join the 32nd Ride for Sight²⁰²⁶

**Thursday,
19 March
to
Sunday,
22 March**



Raise money for research aiming to prevent blindness while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Gippsland with fellow cyclists.

The Ride for Sight is an annual event organised by Lions District 201V3 in support of their mission to serve the community.

Challenge yourself with the 320km four-day *Strzelecki Spin*, starting and ending in Longwarry, or sign up for the four-week *Ride with a Difference* and cycle at your own pace.

All money raised supports the Centre for Eye Research Australia's groundbreaking research to find new and improved treatments for vision loss.

Setting off from Longwarry on Thursday, 19 March to complete a circuit through Yinnar, Inverloch and Nyora, enjoying the rolling South West Gippsland countryside returning to Longwarry on Sunday, 22 March.

Arrive the day before and enjoy the pre-ride meet-up and dinner Wednesday evening, 18 March, in Longwarry.



**Scan for more
information
and to register**

**Registrations close
Friday, 27 February 2026**