

## The March 2024 President's Ride

**Thursday 14:** Depart *Café Cirino* at **9am**. Or meet the ride in Whittlesea for a **10am** departure.

**OR ...**

**Friday 15:** Norm's group. Meet at the Seven Eleven Servo, [M80] at 09:30, then pick up Rob & Julie at the BP Servo, Bunker Hill at 10:10-15. Proceed to Beechworth by a route tbc.

### Thursday 14. Overnight in Beechworth

Café Cirino > [M1] > [M80] > Plenty Road [C727] > *Whittlesea Bake House*, 34 Church Street, Whittlesea (+65km) > Yea > *Ampol, Mansfield* > *Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield* .....+200/**265** Whitfield [C521] > Snow Road [C522] > Markwood > Everton > **B'WORTH** [C315] .....+73/**338**

*Beechworth (pop. 2,800) is Victoria's best-preserved Gold Rush town and has within it over 30 buildings listed with the National Trust. They are occupied, so in good condition, often elegant, and the streetscape is coherent – that is to say, buildings from later eras are not mixed in.*

More here: <https://www.explorebeechworth.com.au/> & <https://www.beechworth.com/>

Dinner Thursday & Friday night. **Hotel Nicholas**, 1a Camp Street. Tel. 5728 1051.

<https://www.hotelnicholas.com.au/>

**Armour Motor Inn**, 1 Camp Street. Tel. 5728 1466. Motoring groups most welcome.

[Armour Motor Inn Beechworth Motel Accommodation Main Street Location](#)

**Beechworth Carriage Motor Inn**, 44 Camp Street. Tel. 5728 1830.

<https://www.beechworthcarriagemotorinn.com.au/>

**Hibernian Hotel**, 40 Camp Street. Tel. 5728 2028. Accommodation.

[Hibernian Hotel Beechworth Holiday Accommodation for Couples Families](#)

**Tanswell's Hotel**, 50 Ford Street. Accommodation. <https://www.tanswellshotel.com.au/>

**Lake Sambell Caravan Park**, Peach Drive. Tel. 5728 1421. 1.7km/4 min. drive from town.

<https://www.caravanparkbeechworth.com.au/>

**Beechworth Holiday Park**, Stanley Road. Tel. 5728 1597. 2.5km/4 min. drive from town.

<https://www.beechworthholidaypark.com.au/>

### Friday 15. Overnight in Beechworth

Explore NE Victoria. Lunch at a pub or vineyard. Perhaps meet Norm's group.

Options: Stay in Beechworth for another night; or return home; or go to Bairnsdale as below.

### Saturday 16. Cross the Gt. Divide to Bairnsdale

#### 1. Via the Great Alpine Road [B500]

Beechworth > Buckland Gap Road [C524] > GAR [B500] > Bright > Hotham Heights (alt. 1,840m) > *Omeo* (**2:40**/+167km) > Swifts Creek > Bruthen > **BAIRNSDALE** (+120km) .....**287**

Two km before Omeo is the **Cassilis Road**. It runs south, rejoining the GAR at Swifts Creek.

This is a good ride adding no distance. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cassilis,\\_Victoria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cassilis,_Victoria)

On this road there is **Cassilis Estate** (wines and apple cider). <https://cassilisestate.com/>

#### 2. Via the Bogong High Plains Road [C531]. For the adventurous.

Bright as above > Tawonga Gap Road [C536] > Kiewa Valley Highway [C531] > Mount Beauty > Falls Creek [C531] (**2:00**/+118) > Bogong High Plains Road (alt. 1,730m) > Omeo Highway [C543] > *Omeo* (**1:45**/+76km) > Swifts Creek > **BAIRNSDALE** [B500] (**1:30**/+120km).....**314**

**Grand Terminus Hotel**, 98 Main Street. Tel. 5152 4040. Accommodation and dinner.

[The Grand Terminus Hotel Bairnsdale - Bairnsdales Best Hotel Since 1889](#)

**The Riversleigh**, 1 Nicholson Street. Tel. 5152 6966. Charming. Prices begin at \$170 for the classic queen room. I stayed here during court circuits. <https://www.riversleigh.com.au/>

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**Sunday 17: Return home**

**1. Via the La Trobe Valley**

Bairnsdale > Bengworden Road [C106/C495] > Princes Highway [A1] & Stratford

The C106/C495 adds 11kms, while the C105/C103/C471 adds no kms. Both routes are more interesting than the Princes Highway [A1] and Princes Freeway [M1].

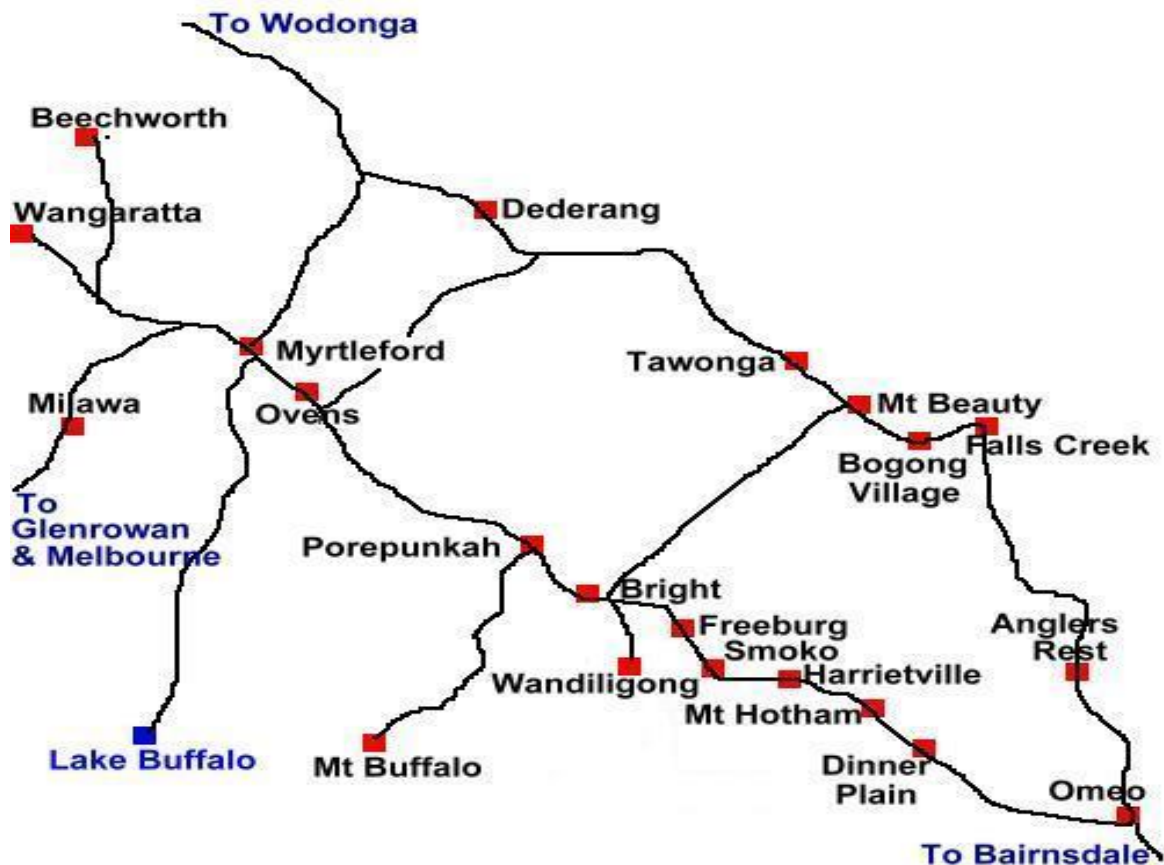
Stratford > Maffra > Tinamba > Heyfield > Cowwarr > Toongabbie > Glengarry [C105] > Glengarry West > Tyers > Yallourn Nth. [C103] > Haunted Hills Road [C471] > **join [M1] .....152**  
Prince's/Monash/West Gate [M1] > **NEWPORT .....+151/303**

**2. Via South Gippsland**

Bairnsdale > Bengworden Road [C106] (+5km) > Sale (@ 75km) > South Gippsland Highway [A440/M420] > Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road [C422] (direction Pakenham) > join Princes/Monash/West Gate [M1] > **NEWPORT .....+301/376**

**By late 2023 I will need the following:**

- Names and the Group you are joining (ie 1 or 2)? For Group 1 only I will book lunch at the *Mountain View Hotel* on Thursday. I will book the dinners at the *Hotel Nicholas* for those in Beechworth on both Thursday and Friday nights.
- Are you going on to Bairnsdale on the Saturday? I already know some are not. I will book dinner at the *Grand Terminus Hotel* for all going on to Bairnsdale.
- Those staying in Beechworth Saturday night should make their dinner bookings.



Great Alpine Road [B500]:

<http://www.visitvictoria.com/Things-to-do/Touring-routes/The-Great-Alpine-Road.aspx>

Alpine Shire Road Closures:

[https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=1655](https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=1655)

Weather:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/northeast.shtml>

<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/eastgippsland.shtml>