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Welcome to the second Newsletter for the 2024 International Convention

The 106th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the fabulous City of Melbourne, Australia from June 21st – 25th 2024.

Every year, Lions and Leos from around the world gather in one place to celebrate the past, present and future of service. It's when we catch up with friends from around the world, see what's going on in the organization, and make decisions about the future. The International Convention (LCIcon) is an opportunity for fellowship for Lions and Leos. It's the perfect place to reunite with friends and colleagues from around the world and experience service together.

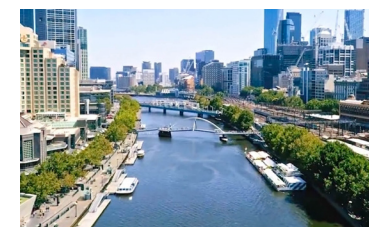
Melbourne International, colloquially known as Tullamarine Airport, is the primary airport serving the city of Melbourne, and the second busiest airport in Australia and is about 30 minutes by taxi from the downtown area.

Safe, friendly and easy to navigate, Melbourne serves up all the excitement of a major urban centre, yet its compact size and laid-back vibe gives it a feel that's all its own.

Convention Venue

All convention events including the plenary sessions, exhibit hall, seminars, elections and the International Show will take place at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). The MCEC, known locally as 'Jeff's Shed', is a group of three adjacent buildings next to the Yarra River in South Wharf, an inner-city suburb of Melbourne that's surrounded by hotels, restaurants and bars, so you'll be able to attend convention, then duck out for a meal or simply relax. South Wharf Promenade connects the Yarra River with the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and encompasses a range of restaurants, bars, cafes and function space.

Nowhere is Melbourne's conventions and events focus more evident than along the tree-lined banks and promenades of Melbourne's picturesque Yarra River. It's an area that specifically allows delegates to make the most of every moment of their stay in Australia's cultural, sporting, food, fashion and business capital. Bordered by the internationally acclaimed Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) and the cultural haven of Federation Square, this area presents a complete events environment. It encompasses contemporary and unique venues as well as theatres, boutiques, restaurants and a range of hotels.



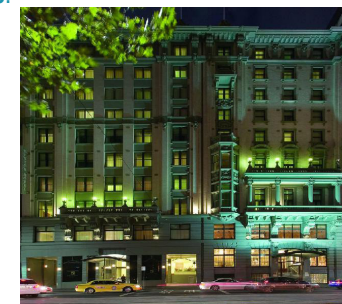
Convention Registration



- Registration fee up to January 12, 2024 is US\$190
- From January 13 to June 16, 2024, the registration fee is US\$265.
- From June 17 2024 and including on-site registration, the fee is US\$340.

Delegation Hotel

There are no delegation hotels for 2024, however, working with JTA Travel, who have put together a very good package, we are recommending the Rendezvous Hotel.



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MD105 Events

We shall be holding a Briefing meeting on **Friday 21st June** at **10:00** (venue yet to be finalised), and all registered delegates will be welcome.

The Reception, which all who register to attend Convention will receive a ticket for, will be held on **Monday 24th June** from 9pm to midnight. Again, the venue has yet to be finalised.

Convention Highlights and Ticketed Events

Parade: The Parade of Nations will be held on **Saturday 22nd June** with step-off being at **10:00**. Given that Convention takes place in Australia's winter months the route will be shorter than in recent years.

Melvin Jones Fellow Lunch: This traditional event, which honours LCIF contributors, will be held on **Sunday 23rd June** from **12:30 – 14:30** in the MCEC.

International Show: The International Show will take place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) on **Saturday June 22nd** from **18:00 – 20:00**. The International Show is complimentary for all registered convention attendees – simply wear your convention badge for admittance.

Plenary Sessions

The Plenary Sessions are one of the main draws at the International Convention. During the three sessions, Lions hear from excellent keynote speakers, listen to leaders speak about what Lions have achieved — and what's coming next. And there's plenty of good entertainment to enjoy.

All the plenary sessions will be held at the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)**.

Further information regarding the International Convention will be provided as it becomes available.

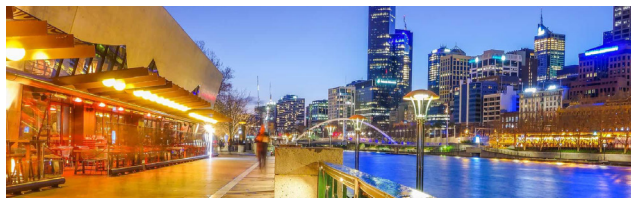
Opening Plenary: beginning at **09:30** on **Sunday 23rd June**, will feature the address by International President Patti Hill, the Flag ceremony and the nominations for the office of Third Vice-President.

Second Plenary: on **Monday 24th June** will feature the Keynote Presentation and LCIF update.

Final Plenary: on **Tuesday 25th June** will feature the election results, the installation of the newly elected International President, the UN flag ceremony, the installation of the 2024-25 District Governors and more.

JTA Travel are the official travel agent for MD105 and are advertising pre- and post-convention packages, as well as the Convention period itself. Information about the packages available may be found at: <https://www.lionstravelclub.co.uk/>

The recommended package, including 7 nights at the **Rendezvous Hotel** on a bed & breakfast basis, offers very good value for money. Other options in terms of hotels and carriers will be available, if requested.



DON'T FORGET: Register by 12th January 2024 to obtain the lowest registration fee!



Here is the International Convention Uniform for 2024

Please call National HQ to order clothing
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