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# Tallangatta on the map for the 2018 Great Victorian Bike Ride

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Tallangatta has been confirmed as an overnight destination for the 2018 Great Victorian Bike Ride, with over 3,000 riders expected to pedal into town on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

Towong Shire Council has entered into a partnership with the event's organisers, Bicycle Network, to ensure that cyclists get the most out of their stay and to create opportunities for local community groups and businesses to benefit.

"We're delighted that Tallangatta was selected to be part of such an iconic event," said Cr Aaron Scales, Towong Shire Council Mayor. "With Tallangatta's unique heritage and excellent cycle-friendly credentials, including the High Country Rail Trail and the Sandy Creek Bridge, it really is an ideal pit-stop for next year's Great Victorian Bike Ride".

In the lead up to the event, Council will work closely with Bicycle Network, local businesses and community groups to coordinate activities that will support the riders' overnight stay in Tallangatta.

"We anticipate a welcome boost to Tallangatta's economy from the influx of riders and their support crew," explained Cr Scales. "We're also hoping that many who visit Tallangatta as part of the event will make definite plans to return to experience more of what our Shire has to offer".

The 'Mountains to Murray' themed ride will take in nine overnight stays across North East Victoria, including Milawa, Beechworth, Tallangatta, Rutherglen, Yarrawonga and Glenrowan. For more information about the ride, visit [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au)

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