



NMRA-AR Regional Convention 2018

Helensvale Culture Centre

Gold Coast

This year the Regional Convention will be held in sunny Queensland on the Gold Coast in September.

After winter there is nothing better than a “Spring Carnival of Aussie Model Railroading” in the sunshine state. A committee of well-trodden modellers have come together to plan the convention. Presentations and Venue Co-ordinator Martyn Jenkins, Layout Co-ordinator Duncan Cabassi, Treasurer Eddie Stavleu and Chairman Arthur Hayes MMR.

Conventions provide so much for modellers, it’s a chance to see what others are doing, learn new skills, pick up a few tips, maybe have a go at something new, see what’s new in the shops, meet likeminded people, make new friends and catch up with old mates for a chat. I am sure your modelling skills will be much improved from the experience of attending.

This is your personal invitation to come along and have a great time.

Planning for a following draft program is under way, a number of new concepts are also being explored.

Friday 21st September 2018.

Layout Tours. (Self-Drive) Operations Sessions & General Viewing.
Club and Private Layouts (*Brisbane Southside*).

Helensvale. 18:00 Registration and Greet.

Saturday 22nd September 2018.

Registration / Welcome / Model & Photo Contest / Clinics / Sideshow Ally / Shops / Layouts.
Morning/Afternoon Teas / Boxed Lunch.
Ladies Tour.

Convention Dinner (Contest Awards / Raffle / Guest Speaker).

Sunday 23rd September 2018.

Morning;

Model & Photo Contest / Clinics / Sideshow Ally / Shops / Layouts / Morning Tea.
Ladies Factory outlet Shopping.

Afternoon;

Possible Field Visit; G.link Light Rail Depot & Ride the Network. (TBA).

Layout Tours. (Gold Coast / Northern Rivers Regions). (Self-Drive)

Monday 24th September 2018.

Layout Tours. (Self-Drive) Operations Sessions & General Viewing.
(Brisbane Southside).

Tuesday 25th September 2018. (Toowoomba).

Self-drive Tour at own expense:- Meet at Downs Steam Railway & Museum. (Donation entry)
Self-guide Tour of Carnival of Flowers award winning gardens. (Maps/Info provided)
Visit Toowoomba Railway Station including the Railway Refreshment Rooms (Lunch ?)
Optional Return Train trip to Spring Bluff / view Station Garden. (Book QR website)
Or self-drive to Spring Bluff, train spotting and view Station Gardens. (MainLine Nov-Dec 17)
Visit Toowoomba Model Railway Club Layouts & Museum. (100% NMRA Club).

Invitation to Participate:-

We also invite you to participate as well, conventions are a good place to earn AP points in various certificates. This can be by entering a model in the contest, information will be available on the convention website. If you would like to do a clinic or share some modelling skills in some form, we would love to hear from you. Researching and presenting a clinic can be a very rewarding experience, you will be surprised by how much more you learn from putting it all together. I encourage you to think about it and have a go.

Layout Tours:- If you live locally and have a layout, maybe you would like delegates to come over to view/operate, please contact us.

Accommodation:-

This weekend is the start of a very popular Queensland school holiday period, if you are not staying with family or friends we suggest you look for accommodation very soon. Some motels have already taken their reservations off line, may need to call.

I look forward to meeting you in September.

Arthur Hayes MMR. Convention Chairman.

Website: <http://nmra.org.au/conventions/conventions.html>

Enquires: Arthur Hayes MMR Email abchayes@optusnet.com.au