



NMRA Regional Convention 2018 Helensvale Culture Centre Gold Coast



Newsletter # 2.

Since January things are moving forward on various fronts.

Dennis Turner has come onto the committee as Sponsorship Chairman. To help with costs the committee is planning to have a raffle during the Banquet on Saturday night. Dennis comes with previous experience with a very successful "N" scale convention in 2015. Currently he is seeking sponsors from over 30 suppliers and manufactures.

Duncan is currently seeking hosts for the Layout Tours, to date the response has been great with offers coming in from both club and private layouts. Further, a number of offers have come from modellers who regularly host operations sessions, all with very different operations systems. There is something for all modellers, shunting/marshalling of a train, working a short shunt train, running a timetable train with orders. US and Australian prototypes will be available. We on target to have the list available by the end of May to give you a change to study which ones you would like to visit or be part of. A friendly reminder that these will be self-drive (to layout location) on Friday 21st and Monday 24th September.

Martyn has been busy on the presentations front. He is planning something new for the convention scene with live presentations via video link from the USA by some well know modellers. Plus a number of local modellers have put their hands up with variety of topics. Were still looking for a few more to fill the program, if you have something you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. This is a great opportunity to earn some AP points for your Author certificate.

On-line registration is now on the webpage.

- Please include your vehicle rego number, the site has time limited parking, if we have your details we can pass this onto the authorities for all day parking. If you are hiring a car or unsure what vehicle you will be using on the day, please have your vehicle details with you when picking up your convention pack.
- Ted Freeman has offered to do a convention decal, so please ensure that you nominate your scale during registering as this will help having the correct scale decal for you.
- Convention coffee mugs and shirts can also be ordered.
- If you are unable to do the on-line registration, please call me on phone number 07 3345 7887, I'm sure something can be worked out.

Contest details are on the website. What a great way to start your AP certificates, you have time to start one of your projects. The model contest is a great way to display your skills and to see what modellers are doing. There are two awards, model of Australian Prototype (Rick Shoup Award) and model of Non-Australian Prototype. Maybe, you have a photo you would like to enter.

Duncan has put his publishing skills to the test and has come up with a colourful tri-fold brochure for the convention. So far we have been able to promote the convention at the Bundaberg Model Expo and Division 1 meeting at the Logan and District Model Railway Club. Over Easter we had a display at the Auckland Convention where we have a number of New

Zealand modellers thinking of attending. If you are attending an exhibition in your area or would like some flyers for your division, club or local meetings, please email convention@nmra.org.au or phone (07) 3345 7887 me and we arrange some for you.

In the next few weeks we plan a trip to check out the Ladies Tour to the Gold Coast Hinterland. In past years, the booking for the Toowoomba / Spring Bluff and return heritage train trip has been available on-line from the 1st of August on the Queensland Rail website.

Looking forward to catching up and meeting you in September.

Regards,

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

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