



# 15<sup>th</sup> N Scale Convention 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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Just over 9 months away now.

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*Season's Greetings to All  
from the Convention Committee*



## Who is . . .

### "N Scale Conventions Australia Limited"

(Unashamedly taken from the Brisbane N Scale Convention's Newsletter)

After much debate and consideration it was decided the hobby would be better served by a National body to organise our conventions and to generally promote N Scale Modellers in Australia.

Consequently on the twenty-sixth day of November 2013 the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) approved the registration of **N Scale Conventions Australia Limited** as a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001.

**N Scale Conventions Australia Limited (NSCA)** will be governed by a Constitution adopted unanimously by the convention committee on October 19, 2013.

### **The Constitution states that the Objects for which NSCA has been established are:**

1. To provide for the holding of conventions, classes, lectures, workshops, seminars, meetings, competitions and other events calculated directly or indirectly to advance N scale modelling;
2. To provide an opportunity for enthusiasts of N scale modelling to meet, exchange experiences in the hobby and exchange information and ideas;
3. To offer and give any prize, medal, trophy or award as may be desirable for any article or effort connected with items 1 and 2 above;
4. To create and distribute such materials or things as may be necessary or desirable to advance or promote the Objects of the Company;
5. To create, compile and hold any record as may be necessary or desirable to advance the Objects of the Company;
6. To do all such acts and things that are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of any or all of the Objects of the Company.

### **The Purpose of NSCA**

The main purpose of NSCA is the holding of "conventions, classes, lectures, workshops, seminars, meetings, competitions and other events calculated directly or indirectly to advance N scale modelling" as defined by the above Objects.

N Scale Conventions will be held either annually or bi-annually in major Australian cities, by rotation, and will generally be organised by local N Scale modellers.



The make-up of the Board of Directors is designed to reflect this purpose as follows:

1. The number of Directors will be not less than 3 nor more than 8;
2. Up to 3 of the Directors will be known as "National Directors" and may reside outside of the State holding the next N Scale Convention;
3. One of the "National Directors" will always be the Secretary of the **N Scale Modellers Australia (NSMA)**. Note: Graham Cocks is currently the Secretary of the NSMA, an unincorporated association **not** regarded as a legal entity;
4. Up to 5 Directors will be known as "State Directors" and will serve until one month after the next annual general meeting that is held at the same time as a Convention;
5. At the annual general meeting described above up to 5 new "State Directors," from the State or Territory to hold the next N Scale Convention will be nominated for appointment by the meeting;
6. Once appointed the new "State Directors" will serve from one month after the Convention until one month after the next annual general meeting that is held at the same time as a Convention;

### **Additional elements of the Constitution of note:**

1. NSCA is a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001 and as such is a National body that can legally operate in any State or Territory in Australia. A Public Officer, as required by the incorporated bodies legislation, is not required in this structure.
2. By creating a National body it is no longer necessary for each State to incorporate their own convention organisation for every convention. This will save future convention committees both time and money. Furthermore the "seed money" from the previous convention will be available to the next convention immediately so that it can be used to secure venues and the like.
3. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of NSCA will be held at the same time as an N Scale convention, thereby providing all delegates the opportunity to provide input and feedback to the Directors and to receive the NSCA annual accounts;
4. Nominations for the appointment of new State Directors will also take place at the AGM held at the same time as an N Scale convention.
5. The budgeting for each Convention is expected to be self-sustaining and that the balance in the Bank Account at the time of a change over to a new Board of Directors, should be approximately the same as the balance received from the previous Convention's Board of Directors.
6. This Bank balance will be immediately available to the new Board of Directors for use as "seed money" but it is expected to be preserved, plus or minus 10%, for the incoming Board of Directors.
7. By the appointment of up to 3 National Directors continuity between conventions can be maintained. This will be particularly important for the convention to be held in Tasmania, where there is a shortage of local modellers to organise the event.
8. This continuity is enhanced by the inclusion of the NSMA Secretary as a permanent National Director.
9. NSCA will be in a position to fund NSMA projects out of convention funds, such as the N Scale Convention website (currently paid for by Graham Cocks personally), where those projects meet NSCA's Objects.
10. Any undertakings or contractual arrangements made by NSCA with sponsors (overseas and local), suppliers, bankers and the like will continue from convention to convention without having to be renegotiated or set up.

If you are an N Scaler and have attended a previous N Scale Convention and would like to receive a PDF copy of the constitution please send us an email.

### ***The Convention fee has been set.***

The organising committee have set the Convention fees at:-

<b>Full Fee</b>	<b>\$280</b>
<b>(early bird at \$240) ends 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>	
<b>Student (under 18)</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Partner Program</b>	<b>\$100</b>

The Full Convention fee covers lunches on Fri-Sat-Sun; Welcome Reception on Thursday evening; dinner on Friday evening; the Convention Banquet; and the Convention Handout Goody Bag.

The Student Convention fee covers lunches on Fri-Sat-Sun; Welcome Reception on Thursday evening; dinner on Friday evening; the Convention Banquet; and the Convention Handout Goody Bag.

The Partner Program fee includes the cost of hiring buses and the Convention Banquet. Partners will be liable for other costs including lunches, and shopping purchases.

Extras include the Convention Polo shirt; pre-convention tour; model storage tanks kit.

## REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY JANUARY THROUGH THE WEBSITE

The Registration Form will calculate your fee for you, depending on your add-ons (pre Convention Tour; Convention Shirt; etc)

Those who attended the N Scale Convention in Brisbane in 2015 are due to receive a \$25 refund, as the Brisbane Convention was fortunate enough to come out with a surplus.

We in Adelaide are tasked to return that refund to you, so those who attended the Brisbane convention will receive a \$25 refund when picking up the Handout Goody Bag at the Adelaide venue.

### VALE Gordon Trott      Ian Fletcher

It is with utmost sadness we report the passing of our modelling friends Gordon Trott and Ian Fletcher.

Both attended many N Scale Conventions in the past and will be surely missed.

R.I.P. fellas



## THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### MODELLING THE RAILWAYS OF S.A. CONVENTION

Held the weekend before the 15<sup>th</sup> N Scale Convention, this Convention focuses on modelling the railways of South Australia.

Two Conventions (or maybe three) with a week for sightseeing in between.

### [NMRA CONVENTION – SEPTEMBER 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2017](#)

The NMRA Convention is on the weekend after our Convention. Lots of sightseeing opportunities between the two if you are an NMRA member wishing to attending this Convention.

### TAKE A WALK ON THE HIGH SIDE AT THE ADELAIDE OVAL

Take on the Commonwealth Bank RoofClimb Adelaide Oval and discover where they keep the best seats in the house.

### [THE BRADMAN COLLECTION](#)

The Bradman Collection is on display at the newly developed Adelaide Oval in a state of the art, purpose built museum, located in the Riverbank Stand (access through the South Gate off War Memorial Drive).

The Bradman Collection brings together his priceless and personal collection of cricket memorabilia spanning from 1927 to 1977.

Watch footage of Bradman in the theatrette, test your own skills with the interactive museum, and browse through

personal items including cricket bats, balls, trophies, items of clothing and more.

## INDULGE IN FRESH GOURMET PRODUCE FROM OUR MARKETS

The freshest produce is at the heart of South Australia's food culture. Take the time to wander through the Adelaide Central Market.

## IT'S YOUR SHOUT AT BOUTIQUE BREWERIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Breweries have been popping up all over the South Australia in recent years. Discover what's on - visit these award-winning microbrewers.

## ADELAIDE ZOOS, NATURE AND WILDLIFE PARKS

Adelaide's zoos, parks and reserves are home to some amazing indigenous and exotic creatures. Plan your visit today.

## DISCOVER 200 CELLAR DOORS IN OUR WINE REGIONS

Adelaide is surrounded by famous wineries. You'll find world-class wine regions and more than 200 cellar doors only a short drive away.

## ADELAIDE TOURS, CHARTERS AND CRUISES

See a different side of Adelaide on a tour, charter or cruise. Sail out to sea on a giant catamaran or tour the city in the comfort of a coach.

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITIONS, GALLERIES AND COLLECTIONS

Adelaide's rich arts and cultural heritage offers a must see collection of international, colonial, indigenous and modern artwork.

## SEE AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE AT HOME ON KANGAROO ISLAND

Kangaroo Island is one of the best places to see Australian wildlife. More than a third of the island is dedicated to national parks.

## BAROSSA CELLAR DOORS - FROM BIG NAMES TO BOUTIQUE

With more than 80 cellar doors and 150 wineries, you'll find it hard to pick a favourite - from big brand names to boutique wines.

## HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Experience our beautiful landscapes from the sky on a hot air balloon flight. See rolling hills, rows of vines, green planes and the Murray River.

## TAKE A LEISURELY DRIVE THROUGH THE ADELAIDE HILLS

Select your favourite tunes, jump in the car and cruise through the Adelaide Hills. Buckle up for an unforgettable self-drive experience.

## WILDLIFE, HERITAGE AND ART - ADELAIDE HILLS THINGS TO DO

You'll find activities for all of the family in the Adelaide Hills. Visit Cleland National Park and the historic German town of Hahndorf.

## YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO ON THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA

Try McLaren Vale's food and wine, lap up the surf and sand or experience our unique wildlife. Find the best things to do on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

## EXPLORE THE RIVERLAND'S MEANDERING WATERWAYS

Set your own pace. Take a cruise down the Murray River on a houseboat, or hit the water in a canoe or kayak.

## ADELAIDE CASINO

Located in Adelaide's historic Railway Station building, Adelaide Casino is South Australia's only casino destination

and the city's most exciting gaming and entertainment venue.

## RIVER CRUISES AND HOUSEBOATS

Explore the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong at your own pace in a houseboat or on a river cruise.

## FOOD AND WINE - MURRAY RIVER, LAKES AND COORONG

From Coorong Mullet to oven-baked pizzas and boutique wine; try food and wine delicacies in the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong region.

## TAKE A STROLL IN ONE OF OUR MANY PARKS OR GARDENS

Take a stroll through the stunning Adelaide Botanic Garden. Venture further to see national parks, marine parks, open gardens and more.

## TEE-OFF AT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOLF COURSES

With over 75 golf courses in Adelaide and around our state, choose from public golf courses, clubs and driving ranges.

## ENJOY THE SAND AND SURF AT ONE OF OUR SPECTACULAR BEACHES

The South Australian coastline is more than 3,800 kilometres long and is punctuated by towns, beaches, cliffs and jetties. Find out more here.

## THINGS TO DO AT OUR MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Take a trip back in time. See artefacts from Ancient Egypt, learn about Aboriginal culture and see megafauna fossils at museums and galleries.

## EMBARK ON A HERITAGE TRAIN TRIP ACROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Travelling by train is a great way to see South Australia. Jump on board The Ghan, Indian Pacific or The Overland.

## FLINDERS RANGES TAKES YOU HALF A BILLION YEARS BACK

The Flinders Ranges is a brutal landscape rendered implausibly beautiful - formed over a timescale that messes with your head, writes Max Anderson.

## GET UP-CLOSE TO DOLPHINS, SEA LIONS AND GREAT WHITE SHARKS

Come face-to-face with South Australia's amazing aquatic wildlife. Cage dive with great white sharks, splash with dolphins and swim with sea lions.

## HAHNDORF - A HEARTY TASTE OF BAVARIA IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS

Hahndorf is Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Explore boutiques, hearty German pubs, souvenir stores and gourmet delicatessens.

## PORT ADELAIDE - A TREASURE HUNTER'S PARADISE

Port Adelaide is a unique mix of history, art and culture, from its historic lighthouse and markets to new boutiques, restaurants and street art.

## ADELAIDE HILLS - A CELLAR DOOR AROUND EVERY CORNER

The Adelaide Hills is one of Australia's best cool-climate wine regions. You'll find more than 60 wineries here, just minutes from the city.

## UNWIND THE MIND ON THE MURRAY RIVER

Hitting the road to escape on holidays is one thing but let yourself really unwind on the water - on a houseboat, canoe or simply enjoying the view.

## THE POWER OF STEAMTOWN

Each night, beneath the stars of the Southern Flinders, a light begins to glow beneath a mighty steam train. There's a hiss of piston, a rush of steam, the cry of a guardsman - and an incredible industrial legacy slowly comes to life.

Peterborough's Steamtown was once a vast rail operation where over 100 steam locomotives passed through each day before heading to all corners of Australia.

In daylight hours, you'll tour the sheds and the extraordinary heritage-listed 'Roundhouse' before getting hands-on with heroic locos and luxury carriages. And at night, you'll thrill to the award-winning 'Sound and Light Show', when this powerful story plays out on a stage like no other.

## [STEAMRANGER HERITAGE RAILWAY](#)

SteamrangerHeritage Railway operates a number of different steam and diesel hauled tourist trains between Mt Barker in the Adelaide Hills, up over the crest of the southern Mt Lofty Ranges, down to Strathalbyn and on through the coastal holiday towns of Goolwa and Port Elliot to the tourist resort town of Victor Harbor.

## [PICHI RICHI RAILWAY](#)

Take a full-day or half-day trip aboard a [restored steam or heritage diesel train](#) on the original Ghan route between [Port Augusta and Quorn](#). Watch gum-lined creeks, bluebush-studded hills and ancient rocky outcrops roll past at the relaxed pace of years gone by. All trains use historic steam or diesel locomotives and immaculately restored timber carriages up to 100 years old. The Pichi Richi Railway is a Flinders Ranges tradition, [proudly restored and run by volunteers](#) since 1974.

## [NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM, PORT ADELAIDE](#)

Take a journey into railway history at the National Railway Museum, Australia's largest railway museum with over 100 exhibits representing State, Commonwealth and private railway operators on the three major rail gauges used in Australia. Climb into the cabs of giant steam engines, walk through elegant carriages, enjoy free train rides and interactive and educational displays.

## [ST. KILDA TRAMWAY MUSEUM](#)

The Tramway Museum, St Kilda Road, St Kilda, off Pt Wakefield Road, preserves and operates Adelaide's tramway history on its 1.6km track from the Museum site to the Adventures Playground at St Kilda Beach.

With a total of 27 trams in the collection, over half of these are regularly operated between 12 noon and 5pm each Sunday, Public Holiday and on Wednesday during School Holidays.

## [SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MARITIME MUSEUM](#)

The SA Maritime Museum preserves, explores and celebrates the human history of our oceans and rivers. We present our exhibitions gallery, lighthouse and vessels in the heart of Port Adelaide, South Australia's first heritage precinct. Our collection has grown over the past 140 years but we take a contemporary approach to interpreting the past.

## [SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM](#)

The Museum is a thriving place for the aviation enthusiast and historian. Visitors have a great variety of aircraft, engines, propellers, historic displays and memorabilia to view. Museum members are available for guided tours or to answer questions.

A museum shop sells aircraft models, artwork, books, magazines, caps, toys and refreshments. The workshop is usually busy with restoration projects.

## [THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM](#)

The South Australian Museum is one of the most visited museums in Australia and holds collections of national and international significance. It is a leader in remote and regional community engagement, and in Australian Aboriginal heritage and scientific research.

## [ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA](#)

Founded in 1881, the Art Gallery of South Australia is home to one of Australia's great art collections, housed in one of Adelaide's most beautiful buildings. Located at the heart of Adelaide's cultural boulevard, North Terrace, the Art Gallery welcomed more than 700,000 visitors last year.

## [ARMY MUSEUM OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA \(AMOS\)](#)

We collect, restore, maintain, interpret and display items of significance to our State's military history.

## [THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.](#)

The Historical Society was formed in 1977.

The Society has collected and preserved over 600,000 documents, artefacts and other memorabilia and has a substantial collection of photographs of police and related activities.

The Police Museum, provides a physical view of the history and development of the Force from its inception to the present time. The Museum is open by appointment only at present, for groups of 15 or more.

## TANDANYA

### An indigenous owned and run National Aboriginal Cultural Institute

Tandanya is a Kurna (pronounced Garna) word for 'place of the Red Kangaroo'. Tandanya respects and recognises the land and culture of the Kurna people. As a visitor to Tandanya, we welcome you to walk through our diverse and exciting exhibitions, take part in Spirit Festival, request a cultural presentation, have a yarn in our Cafe and browse in our colourful, award winning shop.

## VICTOR HARBOR AND GRANITE ISLAND

Victor Harbor and Granite Island offer the chance to ride the horse drawn train across the causeway, to walk around the island on a specially structured walkway so as not to damage the landscape.

## **Modelling Competition**

*Classifications for the Modelling Competition are listed below:-*

<b>Locomotive</b>	Scratch built
<b>Locomotive</b>	Kit built or Modified kit
<b>Locomotive</b>	RTR Modified
<b>Rolling Stock</b>	Scratch built
<b>Rolling Stock</b>	RTR / Kit Modified
<b>Structure / Non-rail Vehicle</b>	Scratch built
<b>Structure / Non-rail Vehicle</b>	Kit Built or Modified Kit
<b>Diorama</b>	
<b>T-Track Module</b>	

Entry Forms for the Modelling Competition will be available through the web site early 2017

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For more information  
check out our web site.  
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### National N Scale Convention Organising Committee – Adelaide

The N Scale Convention is being run by N Scale Conventions Australia Limited which is affiliated with the Australasian Region of the NMRA and under their banner for insurance purposes.

We must have insurance cover to cover for any unfortunate incidents.

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