



MODELLING THE RAILWAYS OF QUEENSLAND

Convention 2016

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Newsletter # 1.

Good Morning,

I wish to advise that the Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention committee has regrouped and is planning a Convention for later in the year. The committee is a mix of new and old faces with a wide range of QR and NSWRR modelling skills and knowledge.

It is early days and we are a long way from all the final details. But we do have some details set to allow delegates to make travel plans and circle a date in the calendar etc.

Date:- Saturday 17th September 2016.

Venue:- Wellers Hill Bowls Club, Tarragindi. On the corner of Toohey Road and Sexton Street. The club has two entrances, Sexton Street and Esher Street. Frequent bus services to and from the city (approx. 15 minutes), stops within a short walking distance from the club.



Presentations:- Similar format to past conventions is planned, a mix of modelling/prototype/scenery, covering narrow gauge, QR and NSWRR.

Clinics:- Various Demonstrations are planned covering various aspects of the hobby.

Trade Stands:- There will be a small group of commercial traders on hand for your modelling requirements.

Model Display:- One way we can learn is to observe what others are doing. All attendees are encouraged to contribute to a model display. Models can be anything related to railways. Models can be kit built, scratch built, or something you dressed up with added detail. Structure, Wagons, Carriages, Locomotives, Dioramas or modules. Partly completed models have a bucket load of information, they too are also encouraged.

Program:- The venue has a set regular activity early on Saturday morning, thus we cannot start as early as we would like as in previous years. After due consideration a later start could assist interstate and country delegates with less accommodation costs for the weekend and allow them to enjoy more of the program.

Proposed Program

Time	Main Function Room	Breakout Room	Remarks
10:15	Venue Open to set up		All day Tea & Coffee
11:00	Venue open for Delegates		Morning Tea Biscuits
11:30	Opening Introductions		
11:45 – 12:30	Session 1	Session 1 A	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch		Subway Lunch Pack
13:30 – 14:15	Session 2	Session 2 A	
14:30 – 15:15	Session 3	Session 3 A	
15:15 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea		Biscuits
15:30 – 16:15	Session 4	Session 4 A	
16:30 – 17:15	Session 5	Session 5 A	
17:30 – 18:00	Presentations/Closing		
18:00 – 18:45	Pack up Displays		Delegates to Lounge/Bar
18:45 - 19:30	Dinner	BBQ	See below for more details
19:30 – 20:30	Guest Speaker.		

Cost:- Over the past six weeks we have looked at about 12 venues. Many were very nice and provide awesome facilities for a convention, but the cost was also awesome. Others the access was not all that good for setting up Stands/Displays/Layouts etc. very small lift. Other were in a great location with train at the door, but they were on the small side and some aspects would need to cut out. All venue required some adjustment of some degree.

In the past our wives have been able to provide canteen style service for lunch. Like most things, time catches up with us all, situation has changed to the point where we unable to provide this service. Biscuits will be provided for morning/afternoon tea, a “Subway” lunch box (6” Sub, cookies, drink) and all day tea/coffee will be included in the registration cost.

In another effect to keep cost down the Presentation Notes will be provided on CD/DVD. This will allow Presenters unlimited text and colour photos in their notes. Plus we can add other selected notes from previous conventions, photos/video of the layouts etc. all than can be helpful to the modeller. It also allows the delegate to print their preferred notes if and when required.

Given we are an independent group without affiliation, the group has made application to be a ‘not for profit’ Incorporated Association and will sourcing Public Liability insurance for the event. As much as possible all correspondence will be via emails, we will not have a post box this time around. If you received this newsletter by post, this arrangement will hold. Early Registration (before 30th June) has been set at \$ 80.00, late Registration \$ 90.00.

Evening Program (Optional):- The club bar will remain open after the convention for pre-dinner drinks. BBQ with salad and desert has been arranged for the after convention evening meal. A Guest Speaker (*at a great cost to the committee, me*) will do a presentation on the “67 Mackay Sugar Season from the footplate”. Estimated cost for the BBQ is \$ 20.00. Menu includes a choice of Rib Fillet (200gr), or Sausages, or Chicken Kebab, with Garden Salad, Coleslaw, Beetroot, Corn, Bread. The evening is a great time to chat and meet other modellers.

Spouses and partners are welcome.



Non Rail Program: - Consideration is being given for a trip to “Factory Outlets” at Harbour Town on the Gold Coast.

Sunday 18th September 2016:-

A number of modellers with QR/NSWR layouts have offered to open their layouts for a layout tour. The “All Gauge Model Railway Club has Table Sales, Buyers admitted (free) at 11 am and Hot Dog Sizzle from 10am.

Plus ARHS generally run a steam trip Brisbane to Toowoomba and return for “Carnival of Flowers” that weekend.

Another suggestion could be a self-drive trip to Toowoomba to view the award winning display gardens/Queens Park, Spring Bluff station garden. Generally, QR run a morning and afternoon train from Toowoomba to Spring Bluff and return with a stainless steel SX cars, some past trips have been hauled by EE Loco 1620. These trains run for the week following. The Murphy Creek station museum. Photograph the ARHS steam train. Darling Downs Model Railway Club usually has open house during the Carnival of Flowers week. Not sure about the “Downs Steam Tourist Railway and Museum, generally it is closed on the Sunday and opens for the carnival week on the Monday. A good reason to stay for a few days.

Brisbane Model Train Show. 7th and 8th of May, RNA:-

The MRQC team will be at the show on various stands. Ken will have Oldstead (H0n3½), and Matilally Creek (Sn3½), Peter will be displaying Giligulgul (H0n3½) for the first time. On Saturday, Kerrie will be making Jacaranda Trees. Craig and Jim will be doing their usual demo stand constructing structures/rollingstock. Please stop by for a chat, we will be only to happy to answer your questions about the convention and the layouts on display. We will have convention information available for you also.

As indicated above, it is early days. If you would like to do a presentation, demo or assist in any way, additional help is all way appreciated. Please feel free to call me (Phone 07 3345 7887) or email mrqc2012@optusnet.com.au

Shortly, we should be able to supply further details of presentations, registration etc.

You are welcome to pass this information onto other modellers in your club/group/mates or post on your blogs and or facebook etc.

Conventions are a lot of fun and a great opportunity to learn new skills, to gain extra knowledge, and to meet likeminded modellers. I look forward to catching up with you all.

Kind Regards,

Arthur Hayes.