

# NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention



St Andrews College

347 Papanui Road Christchurch

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## Newsletter No. 1

## March 2019

### Words from the chairman

Kia Ora,

Welcome to our first *Rails from the Rubble* newsletter, and to an outline of some of the attractions to be enjoyed in Christchurch over Easter 2020.

We are well on track to making this another great convention! We have an enthusiastic team of modellers who have been working hard on the initial planning.

So what can you expect?

**Guest Speaker:** We have Kathy Millat from England coming as our very special guest speaker. Kathy is a Master Model Railroader, well known for her how-to videos on YouTube, *Model Railroader Video Plus* and *Model Railroad Hobbyist* as well as having her own website, [www.kathymillatt.co.uk/blog/](http://www.kathymillatt.co.uk/blog/) Despite being English, Kathy models the New Haven Railroad in HO scale.

**The venue:** Building on the success of 2010 we have again booked parts of the St Andrews College campus. This venue provides ample space for trade stands, layouts, clinic venues, competition room, and meeting places. We will be catered on-site for lunches and evening meals, as well as the traditional banquet and awards presentation.

**Layouts:** We have some new as well as some old favourite layouts planned for you, both at the venue and on the layout tours. These cover most prototypes and scales.

**Clinics:** We have listed a variety of clinic topics along with the names of some well known and newer presenters. They will be ready to share their ways of tackling various modelling challenges, from finding prototype information to building anything from models to layouts. We plan to have at least one plenary session led

by Kathy Millatt, our special guest, that everyone will be able to attend.

**Trade Stands:** Responses so far indicate that we will have a good number of retailers and manufacturers with a wide range of products traditional and new, plus a modellers' bring and buy.

**Competition:** As usual, the convention will host the NZAMRC model competitions, which cater for a wide range of kit and scratchbuilt models. More details later.

**Prototype visits:** The railway at Ferrymead will be operating over the Easter break, as will the Weka Pass Railway. A visit to Ferrymead will definitely be on the programme.

**Partners programme:** A highlight of this programme will be visits around some of the exciting newly developed areas and features of the city. A challenge even for locals is to say what used to be on each corner.

**All we need now is YOU.** What is it that makes a truly great convention? It's you. It's the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. It's a rare opportunity to learn new things and share ideas. So start planning now to join us for *Rails from the Rubble*, the 2020 NZAMRC Convention.

**Updates:** For up-to-date information on how everything is progressing, just make regular visits to our website [www.modelrailcon.co.nz](http://www.modelrailcon.co.nz).

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Craig Galilee

Chairman, NZAMRC Convention 2020 Committee



St Andrews College Centennial Chapel

# Website officially launched

# Other news



The Special Guest page

For most of this year if you Googled for 'Christchurch model railway convention 2020' or similar or used the URL [www.modelrailcon.co.nz](http://www.modelrailcon.co.nz) you would have seen our in-progress website.

Well, as of now it's right up to date. We will be adding more pages as our planning progresses but most of what you may like to know is now 'live', on the following pages:

- About Us
- Get on the email list
- Venue
- Special Guest
- On-site Layouts
- Tour Layouts
- Clinics/Workshops
- Trade Stands
- Model Competitions
- Prototype Visits.

## Venue

Recently, several members of the committee did another tour of the venue accompanied by Eleanor Glab from St Andrews College just to get a better feel for the spaces booked to us.

The only outstanding issue is the theatrette, which we would like to have for the opening and a plenary session with Kathy Millatt but which the college cannot promise yet. More on that later.

We took measurements of the large gym where the trade tables and in-house layouts will be, and St Andrews is going to supply a scale plan of the other spaces.

It was interesting to note that every room now has its own data projector and screen.

## Tour layouts

John Dudson and Trevor Corrin have compiled a list of possible tour layouts. They are currently making contact with the owners and arranging evaluation visits to each one.

## Posters and flyers

We have a supply of promotional posters and flyers, and would be grateful to anyone able to have these on hand during any modelling event. Just email a request to [peter@inet.net.nz](mailto:peter@inet.net.nz).

## Accommodation

Our next website page will contain a list hotels and motels convenient to the venue, along with contact details. This should be available in the next few weeks.

## IPMS convention

The International Plastic Modellers Society is holding a national convention over September 7/8 at the Air Force Museum, Wigram. The One Track Minds group has been asked to display their layout, and this will be a great opportunity to promote our convention.

## Things you can be doing even now

With the convention still some way off, this is an ideal time to be making longer term plans, such as a model or two to bring to the competitions or to display. Or whether you can fit a South Island holiday around coming to the convention.

You might also help us make the convention the way you would like it to be. Here are some of the ways you could do that:

- Suggest clinic topics you would like to see included.
- Offer to give a clinic or suggest the names of others you think would give a good clinic.
- Ditto for workshop topics. (Workshops are hands-on sessions where the leaders actually demonstrate modelling and where you very often have the chance to try what they are doing yourself).
- Suggest SIGs (special interest groups) you would like to attend and/or be willing to convene.

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