

NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention



St Andrews College

347 Papanui Road Christchurch

Friday 10th April - Monday 13th April



Newsletter No. 4

October 2019

In this issue:

Registrations are open



Kathy Millatt has her plane tickets



Awards Dinner all set to go



On-site lunch and dinner options



Words from the Chairman

Kia Ora

Last weekend I was at the Big Model Train Show in Christchurch and I had a number of people asking about the 2020 Convention. There certainly seems to be a lot of interest, which is fantastic. By the type of questions I was asked it tells me that it's time that we brought you up to date with where we are with organising the convention.

The big news is that I'm able to announce that registrations are now open. A form is included with this newsletter and copies can also be downloaded from our website www.modelrailcon.co.nz.

I am so delighted that we are able to keep the basic cost to \$100 if you register before the end of February 2020.

We will of course accept registrations right up until Easter but as you can imagine it's very hard to plan without knowing numbers so please save yourself \$20 and get in early if you can.

You can either fill in the form and post it in the traditional way or if you wish, fill it in, scan it and send it by email. Both addresses are on the form.

As I've mentioned previously, preparations for a great 2020 convention are progressing well. Please read on through this newsletter for all the latest news and information.

Craig Galilee

Chairman, NZAMRC Convention 2020

Venue

Arrangements with the St Andrews College venue are right on track, ensuring we have a good base and good facilities for the various in-house activities. One slight disappointment is that we do not have as many beds in the college boarding houses as we originally expected. As this was being written there were still about 60 beds available, so get in quick! (By the way you can still pencil book until December 1.)

To check availability, email petrosnz15@gmail.com.

If you do miss out or would prefer something more up-market there's a good selection of off-site lodgings listed on our website www.modelrailcon.co.nz.



Most of our activities will be within this nice compact area. Dinners and the opening ceremony will be a little to the left.

Most of the on-site accommodation is in MacGibbon, top left, with layouts and trade stands in Gym2, across the way.

Kathy Millatt

Kathy's flights have all been booked and we've been discussing what she will be doing at the convention. You will have to wait a little longer for the details but we can say that she will be playing a big part in what promises to be a very memorable convention.



Awards Dinner

We've also finalised arrangements for the Awards Dinner on the Sunday evening. We tried very hard to keep this on site but the available area was just not big enough and we would have had to limit numbers. Since we believe that everyone should be able to take part in this convention highlight, we have booked the Showgate facility at Riccarton Park. This worked very well for us in 2010 and the cost is lower too.



This scene from the 2014 convention in Hamilton reminds us that as well as being the social climax to the convention the other focus of the Awards Dinner is on recognising the very best entries in the NZAMRC national model competitions. Here then-President Brent Hopley (left) congratulates regular trophy recipient, Barry Fitzgerald. Regrettably Barry has a prior family engagement and will not be at this convention.

Meals

As you will see from the registration form, arrangements for meals during the convention have also been sorted out

and we strongly recommend taking this option. The meals are as good a value as you will get anywhere, and it's so convenient not to have to go searching, particularly on two of the most restricted public holidays of the year.

For the middle of the day we have arranged for packed lunches, while dinner each evening will be a two-course affair served in the college dining room.

As well as minimising cost, a packed lunch will allow people on layout tours to get away earlier if they wish.

Those in the boarding house can include breakfast with their bookings.

We don't have a menu for the evening meals yet but the cut lunch each day will comprise:

- Premium Sandwich
- Texas Muffin
- 350ml Keri Orange or Apple juice
- Choice of fruit

Sandwich fillings will be from the following options:

- BLT, Lamb & onion, Roast chicken & streaky bacon, Club, Chicken Brie, and Chicken Lettuce and Mayo

Texas muffins from the following options:

- Blueberry and vanilla, Double Chocolate, Raspberry and White chocolate or Cappuccino

The slice will either be:

- Raspberry, Citrus or Fudge

We will be mixing things up with different selections each day.

Your convention needs YOU

We've done our best to make first rate arrangements, the question is what part will you play?

You are of course welcome to just come. Attend some clinics, tour some layouts, browse the trade stands and on-site layouts, and that will be fine. We guarantee that in the process you will learn some new things, buy some things to increase your enjoyment of the hobby, and find yourself being inspired by much of the modelling. Most of all you will make new friends and acquire some great new memories.

But to paraphrase JF Kennedy:

Ask not what your hobby can do for you, but what you can do for your hobby.

Clinic and workshop presenters

We're still looking for people to give clinics and to demonstrate a modelling skill or technique during the workshop sessions.

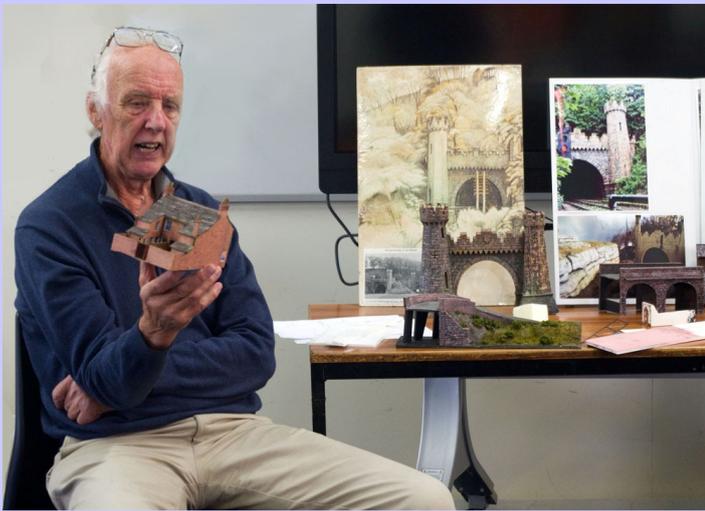
If you would like to volunteer or suggest someone we should contact, please email: petrosnz15@gmail.com



If you did NOT receive this newsletter by email direct from us, then:

Go to our website: www.modelrailcon.co.nz and complete the form to get on our email list

And remember, the website is always up to date if you need to know anything.



Merv Sarson giving a clinic on how he models stone and brick masonry using foamboard and modelling clay.

SIGS

We have a whole lot of special interest group (SIG) slots just waiting to be filled. Each SIG just needs someone to convene it. Here are some topic suggestions:

- NZ48/On30
- NZ120
- Layout operation
- European prototypes
- British prototypes
- Steam locomotive mechanisms
- 1:34 NZR (aka 9 Mil)
- HO American
- Onboard sound
- 1:64 NZR (aka Sn3.5/3/16 scale)
- Etc, etc

To volunteer to convene a SIG, email petrosnz15@gmail.com



Competition judges

Right now the Competition Committee is looking for people to train as judges for the model competitions.

Arrangements for this training are still being finalised but the idea is to have enough people available who understand about:

- The rules
- The entry forms
- At least one judging factor
- How to apportion marks



To be a judge adds a whole new dimension to attending a convention. Could this be your chance?

In the coming weeks there will be an opportunity to join a training session in Christchurch. This could be a fun preview of some convention attractions and we can help with expenses for out-of-towners.

To be a judge you don't necessarily need to be an 'expert' modeller or model NZR. The competitions are open to all prototypes, and the assessments you make as a judge are pretty much the same as those you make when shopping for a new model.

For more information, please email: NZAMRC.Competition@gmail.com



Model display

Even at this early stage we want you to be thinking about models to bring to put on display.

This is something we would really like to encourage.

The model competitions provide one form of model display but it should not be the only one.

Remember to help us to help you by including a simple label with each item explaining briefly but clearly what it is.

Partner programme

Arrangements are well under way to provide a bunch of interesting things to see and do over Easter for partners, family members and friends.

More details in our next newsletter.

Please help spread the word

There are still modellers out there who aren't on the list to receive this newsletter, so ...

Please tell anyone possibly interested about our website: www.modelrailcon.co.nz or if you find it easier, simply Google "Christchurch convention 2020".



NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention
Friday 10th - Monday 13th April 2020
 St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road, Christchurch

Registration Form

One form per registrant please

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Number/street: _____ Suburb: _____

City/town/post code: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Main prototype modelled: _____ Scale: _____

A: Full registration, excluding any meals	Early bird* \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$120 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
A+: Full registration, all meals except Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$205 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$225 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
A++: Full registration, all meals including Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$240 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$260 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
B: Single day, no meals. Which day? Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun <input type="checkbox"/>	Early bird* \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
C: Youth registration, excluding any meals	Early bird* \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
C+: Youth registration, all meals except Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$155 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$165 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
C++: Youth registration, all meals including Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$190 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

PARTNER REGISTRATION

Partner's name: _____

P: Partner registration, excluding any meals	Early bird* \$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
P+: Partner registration, all meals except Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$125 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$130 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
P++: Full registration, all meals including Awards Dinner	Early bird* \$160 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$165 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Prefer vegetarian:
 (We regret that we are not able to offer vegan or gluten free options.)

INDIVIDUAL MEAL OPTIONS

Packed lunch \$13 each:	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Evening meal \$22 each:	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Awards dinner \$57:			Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

** Early bird rates end February 29, 2020*

BOARDING HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

Dates of stay (Accommodation is only available between the nights of April 9 and April 14 inclusive.)

Check in: _____ April Check out: _____ April

Room type: Twin Quad *Breakfast option available, see rates below*

Persons per room: 1 2 3 4 Total beds required: _____

Good Friday/Easter Sunday: Share \$48/person/night, Solo \$96. Breakfast \$17.40/person/day

Other nights: Share \$40/person/night, Solo \$80. Breakfast add \$14.50/person/day

NZAMRC bank account: BNZ 02-0688-0138584-20 Total to pay

Please include your surname and phone number in the reference field

Pre-convention FreeMo layout operation at Skillwise, Thursday April 9. One morning and one afternoon session with room for 24 each session. First come first served. Morning Afternoon

Email the completed form to: petrosnz15@gmail.com OR Post the completed form to: NZAMRC Convention 2020, PO Box 18823, New Brighton, Christchurch 8641