

NZAMRC National Model Railway

Convention



St Andrews College

347 Papanui Road Christchurch

Friday 10th April - Monday 13th April



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Time running out to get on-site accommodation



Partner programme coming together



Clinics schedule almost filled



Plenty of room for more traders



Words from the Chairman

Kia ora



With Christmas fast approaching I realise it won't be long before many of you will be with us here at Easter, in Christchurch enjoying the 2020 NZAMRC *Rails from the Rubble Convention*. The committee has worked hard to get the programme ready and we are pretty much there. But there are a few things left to do ... which is where you come in.

A call will be going out shortly for people to show how they do various things during the workshop sessions, and we'd still like to hear from traders. So if we contact you, please do remember to reply.

It's also timely to mention the model competitions and displays. Remember, these are not just for the entrants, everyone enjoys seeing the latest crop of top models.

Getting back to what we are doing to make this a most memorable convention, the partner programme is almost finalised, as is the convention timetable. Details of both should be available early in the new year, but I can already reveal that the partner programme is going to be packed with things to see and do.

Finally don't forget the cut-off date for early bird registration is February 29.

With that done I wish you all Season's Greetings and a very Happy New Year.

Craig Galilee

Student boarding houses

The time has now passed when those who pencil booked should have paid. If this is you, we have extended the time to Christmas Eve. We will then cancel your booking and you will need to take your chances.

At this stage there are still quite a few beds available but we only have until mid-January to either take these or lose them.

The cost starts at \$44/night, so you won't get a better deal anywhere, and plus you get to stay on site as well as enjoy the camaraderie of a bunch of other modellers.

To book, use the accommodation section of the registration form on the back two pages of this newsletter or download from www.modelrailcon.co.nz, but do it soon. (You must now pay with your accommodation booking but you can delay actually registering till later, just remember the early bird cut-off date is February 29.)

There's a guide to other accommodation options on our website, www.modelrailcon.co.nz.



The student boarding house buildings are modern bright and airy with a standard of accommodation better than many homes.

Partner programme

The partner programme, while still being finalised, will provide many choices and exciting options. Most will utilise our own bus (plus a little walking) and incur no extra cost, but for an enhanced experience some may wish to take up the opportunity for a tram ride, the Mount Cavendish Gondola or a Botanical Gardens tour.

Options being considered include:

- Tour of the largely rebuilt CBD by bus with many stops enabling people to walk and explore, covering:
 - Transitional Cathedral, 185 White Chairs Memorial
 - Margaret Mahy Playground
 - New Regent street
 - Cathedral Square and Anglican Cathedral
 - Turanga library
 - City art murals
 - Arts Centre
- Visit to The Tannery for lunch
 - Restored Victorian tannery buildings transformed into a period shopping arcade
 - Boutique shops for clothes, gifts, books, food
 - Craft brewery
 - Cinema
 - Supporting crafts and artisans
- Riverside Market
 - Enclosed, 7-day-trading farmers' market
 - Vibrant, boutique shops and cafés
- Trip through local farmland and past Lake Ellesmere and Lake Forsyth to Little River:
 - Historic railway station and craft shop
 - Little River Art Gallery and a fantastic café for lunch
- Historic Riccarton House
 - Optional house tour (\$15 senior)
 - Walk through a rare area of ancient native forest and birdlife
 - Deans Cottage (oldest building on the Canterbury Plains)
 - Walk through the gardens and grounds and along the Avon River

Extra fare options include:

- Botanical Gardens tour (\$20/\$15)
- Heritage tram city tour (\$25)
- Gondola ride up the Port Hills for panoramic views of the Canterbury Plains and Southern Alps (\$30)
- Combined ticket for all three \$65



Margaret Mahy Playground



Riverside Market



Riccarton House and Bush



The Tannery

Clinic slots almost filled

Some of the clinic topics so far confirmed (subject to change) are:

- Modelling the Sonoran Desert
 - An approach to colour light signalling using Arduino
 - Useful structure modelling skills
 - Servos and their uses
 - Modelling NZ native vegetation
 - From concept to layout
 - From prototype discovery to scale model
 - Modelling a bush tramway
 - Building and operating a tiny layout
 - How one group conceived and built a large portable layout to a timetable
 - Realistic layout operation
 - Modelling a heavy industry
 - Modelling a sawmill
- ... and many more.

We don't have Kathy Millatt's topics yet, and some others are waiting to see what gaps need filling, but we still have places for another four or five topics, so ... don't be afraid to volunteer. Email: petrosnz15@gmail.com

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".

Trade stand reminder

We've got the room, you'll get a captive audience of enthusiastic railway modellers.

If you've got something to promote or sell to railway modellers this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to show off your wares to a passing parade of potential customers, either right then or some time in the future.

A 2.4m table is free if you're registered and only \$45, if you're not. So get in touch now with Trevor Corrin riversidemodels1.64@gmail.com.



Malcolm Greig will talk on modelling a sawmill



Rick Shreuder's topic is not yet set, here's one of his models



Some of Craig Galilee's Sonoran Desert effects



John Hey and Richard Poff with *Any Old Iron*



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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 \$120

A+: Full registration, all meals except Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$205 \$225

A++: Full registration, all meals including Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$240 \$260

B: Single day, no meals. Which day? Fri Sat Sun

Early bird* \$50 \$60

C: Youth registration, excluding any meals

Early bird* \$50 \$60

C+: Youth registration, all meals except Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$155 \$165

C++: Youth registration, all meals including Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$190 \$200

PARTNER REGISTRATION

Partner's name:

P: Partner registration, excluding any meals

Early bird* \$20 \$25

P+: Partner registration, all meals except Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$125 \$130

P++: Full registration, all meals including Awards Dinner

Early bird* \$160 \$165

Prefer vegetarian:

INDIVIDUAL MEAL OPTIONS

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

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

* Early bird rates end February 29, 2020

BOARDING HOUSE ACCOMMODATION (only available between the nights of April 9 and April 14 inclusive)

Check in: _____ April Check out: _____ April Room type: Twin Quad

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

Multiply the accommodation cost from the calculator on the next page by the number of beds required

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

ACCOMMODATION COST CALCULATOR

•Find your required option from the list A - X below and tick the box alongside

•The amount shown is the **per person** cost

Multiply that figure by the number of people and enter that amount on the registration form above

Notes:

- Breakfast, if required must be pre-booked
- You can nominate twin or quad on the registration form
- The solo + breakfast room option allows for one breakfast

Per person	Twin room	Quad room	Share room	Room + 1 breakfast	Share + breakfast	There are twin rooms (2 beds) and quad rooms (4 beds)
Standard rate	80.00	160.00	40.00	94.50	54.50	
Holiday rate	96.00	192.00	48.00	113.40	65.40	

These are the rates per person used in calculating the cost of each option:

Option A	Share room, no breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$176.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option B	Share + breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$239.80 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option C	Solo in twin room, no breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$352.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option D	Solo in twin + breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$415.80 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option E	Solo in quad room	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$704.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option F	Solo in quad room + breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun	\$767.80 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option G	Share room, no breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$136.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option H	Share + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$185.30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option I	Solo in twin room, no breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$272.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option J	Solo in twin + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$321.30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option K	Solo in quad room	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$544.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option L	Solo in quad room + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun	\$593.30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option M	Share room, no breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$184.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option N	Share + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$250.70 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option O	Solo in twin room, no breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$368.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option P	Solo in twin + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$434.70 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option Q	Solo in quad room	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$736.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option R	Solo in quad room + breakfast	Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$802.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option S	Share room, no breakfast	Th/Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon	\$224.00 <input type="checkbox"/>