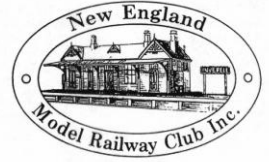


# **2016 New England Convention.**

## **Armidale Bowling Club Armidale**

### **12-13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**



Dear Fellow Modeller,

This is an invitation to all railway modellers to attend the 2016 New England Convention. The convention will provide an opportunity to exchange and learn modelling ideas and techniques, plus catch up with some old friends and make some new ones.

The convention will be held at the Armidale Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street Armidale NSW. This convention is held outside of the large city areas, and is aimed at providing a convention for those who cannot make the trek to places such as Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane.

The convention will be held over 2 days, commencing on Friday evening for registration, introduction and a get-to-know-you session, finishing on Sunday after lunch to see you on your way. There will be more information on [www.newenglandmodelrailwayclub.com](http://www.newenglandmodelrailwayclub.com)

#### **Presentations**

There will be several different presentation sessions to choose from covering various aspects of railway modelling. These include Backdrop Painting, Track Planning, Weathering and Electronic Control systems. Some of these presentations will only be run once so you will need to choose carefully.

#### **Side Show Clinics**

There will also be a number of "hands on" demonstrations on various aspects of railway modelling and scratch building etc. these will be on-going throughout the weekend on an "as required" basis.

#### **Layouts**

There will be some new layouts or dioramas on display for modellers to inspect. These layouts are relatively new and have not been greatly exposed to the modelling public before, so they should be of great interest to all modellers.

#### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is available at several excellent locations within Armidale and there are 3 or 4 motels within walking distance of the venue. A list of suitable accommodation is on the club website and also included here.

#### **Layout Tours**

As part of the convention there will be the opportunity to visit some home layouts of New England Model Railway Club members.

#### **Convention Wagon**

As in the past we will be commissioning a commemorative convention wagon. This will be an AR Kits wheat hopper with an image depicting the New England area with appropriate signage for 2016. You can order your special wagon on the registration form.

#### **Armidale City Tour**

Armidale City Council have a Heritage tour of Armidale available for partners and those interested. Details on the day. There is also some excellent shopping available nearby.

### **Convention Notes**

This year all convention notes will be supplied on a USB drive. If however you wish to obtain a printed copy of the notes there will be a cost of \$20.00 per copy and must be ordered at registration time. See registration form.

### **Trade Stands**

There will also be a small group of commercial traders represented. Some specialised and hard to get items will be available, and maybe some new products will be released or on display. Some of those who will attend are: Andian models, AR Kits, Casula Hobbies, Gwydir Valley Models and Peter Boorman's Workshop.

### **Modelling Competition**

This year we are instigating a modelling competition. This will be judged by the successful method used by the NMRA over many competitions. Models can be kit built or scratchbuilt models of locos, rollingstock, structures or modules. Entry forms will be available on line on the New England Club website [www.newenglandmodelrailwayclub.com](http://www.newenglandmodelrailwayclub.com)

### **Model Display**

All attendees are encouraged to contribute to a model display. Models can be anything railway related. Partially completed models are also encouraged. Models can be kit built, scratchbuilt, detailed ready to run models of Locos, rollingstock, structures, dioramas or modules.

### **Convention Dinner**

There will be a Gourmet BBQ Dinner on the Saturday night and attendees are encouraged to include spouses and partners as there will be some gifts and prizes for the Ladies as well as the Guys. There will also be a noted guest after dinner speaker.

### **Cost**

The cost for the two days which includes convention registration, morning teas and a sumptuous plowmans lunch, will be \$165.00 per attendee and there will be a sizeable discount for those who register early (see registration form)

Please complete the registration form and send it with your payment to arrive no later than **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

You can't afford to miss this great event.

***Register Now!*** Application form enclosed.

If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me on Phone No. (02) 6732 5711.

We look forward to meeting you at Armidale in November at what should be a truly successful New England Convention.

Yours in Modelling

Warren Herbert  
Convention Registrar.