



# MAIN LINE

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We take great pleasure in announcing that the Board of Trustees of the NMRA at the Houston meeting in March approved our petition for the creation of the Australasian Region of the NMRA. Thank you to the 78 members who signed the petition, a great response.

The Australasian Region (NMRA Region No. 38) encompasses Australia, New Zealand and the surrounding dependencies and is to be divided into Divisions as follows:-

Division <u>I</u>	-	Queensland
<u>II</u>	-	N.S.W. & A.C.T.
<u>III</u>	-	Victoria & Tasmania
<u>IV</u>	-	S.A., W.A., & N.T.
<u>V</u>	-	New Zealand

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the NMRA we are required to submit our own constitution and a draft has been prepared and forwarded to the U.S. for ratification.

Under the Rules, we will be required to appoint the following officers for a term of two years:-

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Director of each Division

and it is proposed to hold a postal ballot of members of the Region next month to either confirm the present acting members in the positions or to elect new members who are nominated in accordance with the rules.

Enclosed is a timetable and nomination form in respect of the ballot and a general meeting to be held on the Queens Birthday week-end in June. We realise the timing is tight but the results of the ballot must be received in the U.S. seven (7) weeks prior to the next Board of Trustees meeting on 6 August, 1984.

We now solicit new members of the Region at an annual membership fee of \$5 which includes a subscription to "Main Line" our new quarterly news sheet (this is the first issue).

We also would be pleased to receive nominations particularly for Directors of each Division. There is no pay, just hard work plus satisfaction in furthering our great hobby.

Due to high costs of postage, this is our last letter to NMRA members who are not members of the Australasian Region. So if you want to keep in touch with whats going on, lets have your applications and your \$5.

Sincerely,

The Acting Committee