



**NMRA
AUSTRALASIAN
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**CONVENTION
BRISBANE 2025**

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2025 NMRA AR CONVENTION – BRISBANE NEWSLETTER

Key Dates

Registration Closes 30th July 2025

- Convention runs over 7 days from Wednesday 20th to Tuesday 26th August (inclusive) offering all the following activities:
- 3 days of clinics and workshops (22nd - 24th August)
- 4 days of layout tours and Ops sessions (20th - 21st August & 25th - 26th August)
- 7 days of socializing with fellow enthusiasts
- 2 official social functions (Calamvale Hotel)
 - Welcome Social Gathering Thursday 21 August
 - Convention Gala Dinner Saturday 23 August
- **Partners Program:**
 - **Day 1:** Friday 22nd August - Sunshine Coast Experience
 - **Day 2:** Sat 23rd August - Brisbane River Cruise with morning tea
 - **Day 3:** Sun 24th August - South Bank Collective Markets
- **Important Dates:**
 - 23rd July - Memorabilia Orders Close
 - 30th July - Registration Closes
 - 11th July - Layout & OPS Session Registration Opens

Welcome

Welcome to the 8th Edition Newsletter for the 2025 NMRA AR Convention – Brisbane August 20th to 26th 2025.

***Less than 2 months to the 2025 NMRA AR Convention -Brisbane!
Daily Tickets for Clinics (Members Only) now available!***

As detailed last newsletter, Daily Tickets available for those members who cannot attend the full three days of the Convention due to work or other commitments. These tickets not only are for the clinics, they also include the layout tours and Ops Sessions with the purchase of daily tickets. Remember, this convention not only are we offering **3 days** of clinics and workshops and a week of activities of layout tours, operating sessions & social dinners/functions over a full week!

Ops Sessions: For those interested in Ops Sessions, registration will open will be **open from 11th July 2025.**

The Convention is located at "Flight One", 4 Qantas Avenue, Archerfield Airport, Archerfield.

Convention details here: <https://nmra.org.au/nmra-ar-convention-2025/>

Layout Tour Details here: <https://nmra.org.au/nmra-ar-convention-2025/layout-tours/>

Clinic details here: <https://nmra.org.au/nmra-ar-convention-2025/clinics-and-workshops/>

Registration is still open. Daily Tickets now on offer

Daily Tickets now on offer! Final Registration Closes 30th July

Registration is still open. Hurry book your tickets, registration **closes 30th July!** Don't forget to get some of the Convention memorabilia for this great event, details below.

Participant Survey

On the 30th June, those who have registered will be sent a survey to select the following two free gifts in their registration bag (donated by our sponsor) and any dietary requirements:

- HO or N scale 3D printed model
- HO, N, OO or O scale decals
- Dietary requirements/restrictions/allergies

Convention Bag Details:

With the Convention Registration each ticket will receive a Convention Bag. We can now give you some details on what the bag contains:

- 100% Cotton Khaki coloured Apron with NMRA AR Logo
- 3D printed scale model in HO/N (you will be contacted to select your preferred scale)
- Brisbane 2025 Convention Decal set (you will be contacted to select your preferred scale)
- plus more...

We have listened to your comments and are now offering Daily Tickets for members at \$150 per day for those of you who cannot attend the full 3 days.

Costings:

- Registration NMRA members (Full Ticket: including 4 days of layout tours and Ops sessions) - \$335
- Registration non-NMRA members (Full Ticket: including 4 days of layout tours and Ops sessions) - \$390 and includes 1 year **complimentary** NMRA-AR membership
- Daily Ticket for Clinics - NMRA Members Only - \$150/day
- Welcome Social Gathering - \$60
- Convention Gala Dinner - \$85
- Non-Rail Partner's Program (pick & choose experience/s of choice)
 - Friday 22nd August - Sunshine Coast Experience - \$165
 - Saturday 23rd August - Brisbane River Cruise with morning tea - \$70
 - Sunday 24th August - South Bank Collective Markets - \$20

Link & QR Code to buy Convention tickets!

Get onboard and buy your Convention Tickets & Convention Memorabilia now!

<https://buytickets.at/nmraar>



Convention Memorabilia

Get your orders in for shirts, mugs & caps by Wednesday 23rd July!

Memorabilia - Caps, Shirts & Mugs:

Now that it is less than 60 days until the convention starts, get your orders in for the convention memorabilia by the **23rd July 2025** so the committee can guarantee your swag waiting for you at the convention.

- Convention Polo Shirt - \$40
 - Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL,
- Convention Cap - \$29
- Convention Mug - \$20

Convention Celebration

Model Celebration - Announcing "The 90mm Cap Challenge"!

STOP THE PRESS - NEW COMPETITION: "The 90mm Cap Challenge".

Build a small diorama in a 90mm PVC pipe cap (available from Bunnings, example: https://www.bunnings.com.au/holman-90mm-push-on-pvc-storm-cap_p4750196) and bring it along to the convention. Showcase your skills in any scale with a railway related theme. One entry per delegate. Two awards will be given, popular vote from members and the celebration team award. Entries to be presented to the Celebration Room on Friday 22nd August between 8:00 am and 1:00PM.

Arthur Hayes MMR. Celebration Co-ordinator.



Example Peanut Butter lid challenge (note: not railway related)

Celebration of Models, Photos & Craft.

The celebration is one of many activities at the convention. This is an opportunity for you to show case what you have achieved and in doing so could help to encourage others in their model railway journey. The celebration program timetable is as follows.

Photo Celebration.

Entries sent in by Friday 15th August. Any member can send it their work.

A slide show of the entries will be displayed during the convention.

Model Celebration.

Friday 22nd August. Accept Entries between 08:00 am and 1:00 pm. Form # 901 & 902 needs to accompany each model. Best that this is done before arriving at the convention, what is written helps your valuation. Links on the website can assist you.

Models will be assessed that afternoon.

Saturday 23rd August. Celebration room open for viewing during the breaks throughout the day. Delegates can participate in the popular vote awards. At the Saturday night gala dinner the winners will be announce along with the presentation of Awards.

Sunday 24th August. Celebration room open for viewing during the breaks throughout the day, entries will display their certificates. Sunday after lunch the entries will be available for collection or as arranged.

Delegates can show case (display) they models if they wish. Form # 901 required.

Arts & Craft Celebration.

Same arrangements as above for the Model Celebration. Form # 901 to accompany each entry. This is a People's Choice award and delegates can show their appreciation during breaks on Saturday.

Full details and links to forms and information for the Celebration are all on the AR website.

<http://nmra.org.au/nmra-ar-convention-2025/celebration-or-model-photos-crafts/>

Yes, the days are flying by, the convention is coming down the track at us and be there before we know it.

Please call if you need assistance or if we can help you.

Arthur Hayes MMR.

2025 NMRA -AR Convention Partners Program

Partners Program

The NMRA 2025 Convention Partners Program consists of 3 one day experiences.

Friday - Sunshine Coast Experience

This experience is an opportunity to develop some new friendships, whilst indulging in some great shopping experiences.

The experience consists of a tour of the Ginger Factory at Yandina on the Sunshine Coast followed by a visit to Montville to participate in some "Retail Therapy"

Saturday - 1.5Hr Brisbane River Morning Tea Cruise

Sit back and relax on the MV Neptune, a boutique-style vessel with expansive lower and upper decks offering uninterrupted views of the riverside attractions. Enjoy your complimentary morning tea which includes a Devonshire Tea or coffee and scones.

Sunday - South Bank Collective Markets

The Collective Markets at South Bank feature an exciting range of arts, craft, homewares, collectibles, exotic items, designer fashion and much more. The Markets are an ideal way to find a unique gift, or simply stroll through and enjoy the atmosphere or a bite to eat.

Further details can be found at <https://nmra.org.au/nmra-ar-convention-2025/partners-program>

2025 NMRA - AR Convention Layout Tours

Layout Tours & Operating Sessions - Registrations Open 11th July

Registration for Layout tours (including 100% clubs) and Operations Sessions will open on the **11th July**, more details to come on how to register.

Penny Creek Railway: Freelance Modern Australia

Layout Description

Penny Creek Railway is a freelance modern Australian standard gauge railway servicing coal, container and steel traffic as well as local cement, fuel and miscellaneous minor traffic.

Coal from Penny Creek Coal is transported to Wellstan Power Station (loads in/empties out scheme).

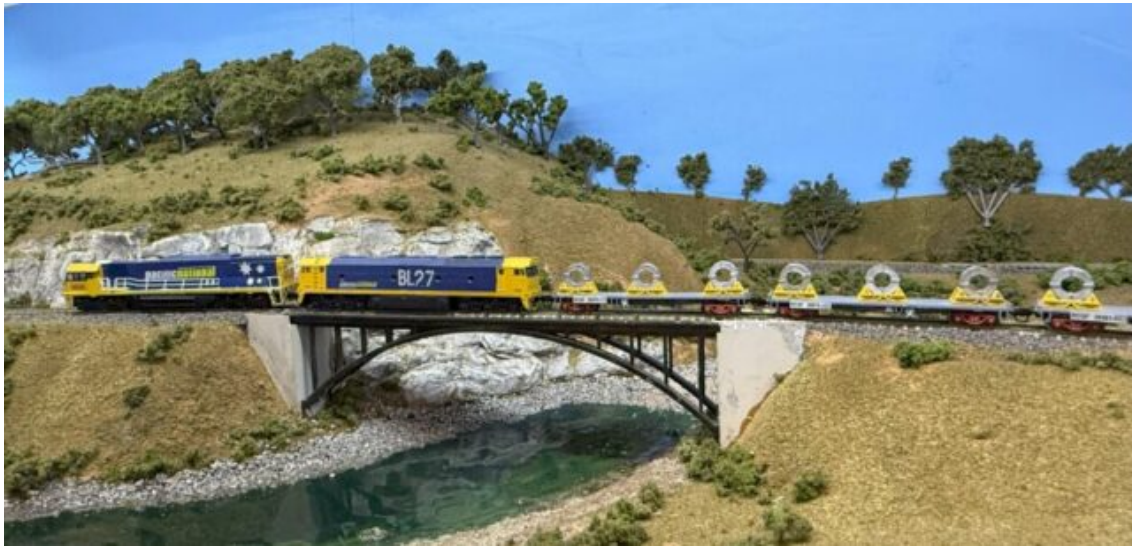
Pacific National service coal and steel traffic. QR National operates through container traffic as well as using old InterRail equipment for local fuel and Cement.

Southern Shorthaul Railroad services local container and miscellaneous traffic through container facilities at Penny Creek and a small operation at Loraine.

Passenger service by DMU occurs and there are heritage rail train operations at times.

The railway is a folded dog-bone configuration with visible 5 track staging yard representing Rochfort Bridge in one direction and Peterton in the other. Construction is generally complete with general scenery 90% finished. Detailing of scenery and some structures is a project for further down the track.

Control is NCE DCC with RPi JMRI interface for WiFi throttles.



Check the NMRA AR Convention website for more details: <https://nmra.org.au/layout-directory/penny-creek-railway/>

Flight Experiences

Flight Experiences are available at the Convention – Book Now!

As the Convention is adjacent to Archerfield Airport this year, flight experiences are available for attendees who are interested. Pricing for 40 minute scenic joy flights and 30 minute flight simulator sessions are outlined below. These can all be booked from the convention website.

The Scenic Charter will be a 40 minute flight over Moreton Bay in Cessna 172 aircraft

There are two simulators at Archerfield, manufactured by a French company called ALSIM. They are used during the training of pilots for a basic commercial licence.

The AL250 simulator provides a versatile trainer that provides a generic environment that can be presented either as single engine or dual engine machine. The second aircraft is a simulation of a Cirrus SR20 which is a true facsimile of the real thing. Both sims have 210 degree projectors but no motion platforms.

These links below provide pictures and more information about the simulator.

<https://www.alsim.com>

<https://www.alsim.com/simulators/al250/>

<https://www.alsim.com/simulators/alsr/>



Flight Experience Details & Pricing:

- 40 minute Cessna 172 flight over Moreton Bay (Scenic Charter – operator Flight One (Services) Pty Ltd – price per passenger – maximum 3 passengers per flight – \$150.00
- 30 minute flight simulator sessions in a Cirrus SR20 simulator with instructor – \$70.00

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