

2025 NMRA AR CONVENTION – BRISBANE NEWSLETTER

Key Dates

Registration Open

- 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

Welcome

Welcome to the 7th Edition Newsletter for the 2025 NMRA AR Convention - Brisbane August 20th to 26th 2025.

Less than 3 months to the 2025 NMRA AR Convention - Brisbane! Daily Tickets for Clinics (Members Only) now available!

The committee has listened to members and now made Daily Tickets available for those members who cannot attend the full three days of the Convention due to work or other commitments. These tickets are for the clinics only, the layout tours and Ops Sessions are not included in the 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 7th 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/>

Early Bird Registration Discount closed. Daily Tickets now on offer

The Early Bird Discount finished 15th May, but you can still register & now Daily Tickets on Offer!

Registration is still open. Unfortunately the Early Bird Discount has finished but you can still book tickets! if you haven't booked tickets already, get your tickets and don't forget to get some of the Convention memorabilia for this great event. Please be aware that registrations for the convention will close 4 weeks prior to the event.

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)
- Paint from SMS
- 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) - \$375 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

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

Convention Memorabilia

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

Memorabilia - Caps, Shirts & Mugs:

Now that it is less than 90 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



Link & QR Code to buy Convention tickets!

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

<https://buytickets.at/nmraar>



Convention Celebration

Model Celebration

Celebration of Models, Photos & Craft.

Model Celebration is much the same as previous convention contests. Two classifications (Scratch build & Kit built) with eight (8) categories. Models will be evaluated by a panel experienced modellers using the National guidelines. Entries gaining 87.5 points will earn merit towards AP certificates. **Model Celebration Show Case** (Display Only) will be available for entries not being evaluated.

Photo Celebration is all new in digital format with four (4) categories including movies and AI. Entries need to be mailed in to the Celebration Co-ordinator a week prior to the start of the convention. All members attending the convention or not can enter. Entries to be assessed by Dr. Charles J. Page.

Arts & Crafts Celebration is a new section with three categories giving members an opportunity to display their skills and achievements in other capacities. Delegates at the convention will have an opportunity to vote in a People's Choice Awards.

Full details of Celebration and its requirements, time lines, awards and contact details are all on the AR website.

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

It's now less than 90 days to the convention, time to finalise your entries for the celebration. Looking forward to seeing your hard work and having a chat or two.

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 - Layout Spotlight

Tehachapi Pass - 1980s Western United States

Layout Description

The Southern Pacific moved freight in the western United States by conquering the Tehachapi Pass which allowed trains access from northern California to the south.

It is a steep railway at 2.4% and tortuous in its twists, turns and tunnels. The chief landmark is Tehachapi Loop where trains loop round and over themselves to gain elevation.

This layout models numerous signature scenes from the Tehachapi grade and trains gain over 100cm of elevation over a 100m mainline.

Trains over 10 meters in length use multiple helper sets to conquer the grade.

While scenery is at a basic stage, full operation is in place. Critical to smooth operations is the trackwork, adequate wiring, tuning locos, meticulous attention to rolling stock and the keen use of features found in DCC, NCE and Tsunami sound capabilities.



Check the NMRA AR Convention website for more details: [Tehachapi Pass – National Model Railroad Association Inc.](#)