

Model Railways for a Day.

Just under three (3) weeks to the 15th October and the “Model Railways for a Day” Convention at Zillmere.

Applications are slowly coming in, it looks like we will not have a huge crowd.

Attached is a program for the day.

Delegates choosing Stream “A” should be able to complete a small diorama should they wish to. The order 1 to 8 may not be the correct order for building a layout, all gluing has been set aside to the end as not to get everything into a mess. Some projects may not be completed in one session, you can put your name on it and come back later to finish off as time permits with other activities.

Delegates are free to attend any presentation in the given time slot. i.e. 9:15, slot 1, Base Boards or DCC 101.

Registration 08:45

Time		Stream “A”	Loc.	Stream “B”	Loc.
09:00		Introduction			
09:15	1	Base Boards/Foam/Plaster Scenery <i>PK</i>	Out	DCC 101 <i>Martyn</i>	In
10:00	2	Styrene Modelling <i>Craig</i>	Out	DCC Advance <i>Martyn</i>	In
10:45		Morning Tea			
11:00	3	Soldering <i>Brendan</i>	Out	Research <i>David</i>	In
11:45	4	Tracking Laying <i>Geoff</i>	Out	Operations <i>Arthur</i>	In
12:30		Lunch			
1:15	5	Back Scenes <i>John Love</i>	Out	Trouble free Running <i>Darren</i>	In
2:00	6	Trees <i>Kerrie</i>	In	Airbrushing <i>Bob</i>	Out
2:45		Afternoon Tea			
3:00	7	Static Grass <i>Dave</i>	Out	Buildings <i>Jim H.</i>	In
3:45	8	Ballasting <i>Ken</i>	Out	Make it look real. <i>Arthur</i>	In
4:30		Closing			
4:45		Finish			

Presentations.

Base Boards; In recent time “Foam Board” has become a light weight medium for base boards. Paul will demonstrate how you can use this material. Plus you can sculpture your landscape for your diorama if you wish.

Styrene Modelling; Craig has completed various structures and detailing items for his layout Cassino, some of his work can be found on his blog www.ca55ino.blogspot.com. Many for his projects have been published in the Australian Model Railway Magazine. During the day you can make a back yard toilet using styrene.

Soldering; Brendan has demonstrated various soldering methods at exhibitions and convention for a number of year. Today you can have a go at soldering, joining cable, adding wire to track etc.

Tracking Laying; Geoff hand laid the track on this exhibition layout “Splitters Swamp Creek”, Check out his blog <http://superfreighter.blogspot.com.au/>. Darren will assist giving the finer points with laying flex track. At the stand you will be able to cut and lay track onto the diorama.

Back Scenes; Back scenes or sky boards can make or break a layout. One awesome back scene comes to mind on Esk layout. John will give you some pointers and you can hook onto a paint brush and have a go under his guidance.

Trees; It's not long before our streets will be lined with purple trees for a few weeks, would you like one for your diorama or your layout. Come and see Kerrie and Bob who will show you how to make your own trees.

Static Grass; This form of scenery is new to the hobby. Dave from Modeller's Warehouse will show us (me too) how it is done and you can have a go throughout the day. Dave will be donating many of the scenery materials used during day. He will also have a selective range of scenery products available for sale during the day.

Ballasting; Ken has been involved in various clubs along the Queensland coast and has been involved in constructed a number club and exhibition layouts including Stoney Creek and Oldstead. Ken will give you a run down on what is available and how to make your own. You will be able to try your hand at running ballast during the day.

DDC 101; Martyn has recently introduced as new DDC operating system to their club's exhibition layout. The presentation will give you an introduction into DDC and answer your questions on the pro and cons of the system.

DDC Advance; This session will take DDC operations to the next level with “Engine Driver” and Raspberry Pi. Using your mobile phone to run trains. He will also have other equipment on display for you to look at and ask questions. You can check out some of Martyn handy work on his YouTube Channel Martyn 1107.

Research; David has just retired from the Ipswich Workshops Rail Museum and has researched subject matter for various books and presentations he has given around the world. David is your man if you looking for some form of history for your layout.

Trouble free running; Darren has built and assisted in building and running various layouts in clubs, for exhibitions and Wattle Flats at home. He likes operations and it's a must to have the layout and the rollingstock working well for an operations session. Darren will outline how to have trouble free running layout. Check out his blog at <http://nimmitabelextension.blogspot.com.au/>

Airbrushing; Bob has been building rollingstock and structures for many years to run of his layout Wacol. He will outline the various types of airbrushes available, what's needed and some of his secrets he has picked up. He will have the gear at the convention and you will be able to have a go at using an airbrush.

Buildings; Jim has been modelling and displaying buildings for many years. He has had various articles published in Australian Model Railway Magazine and has won various club contests.

Operations; Much enjoyment can come from a layouts in operation sessions. Arthur will give a short overview on how the prototype operate and how he has implemented two operations session for Westgate.

Make it look real; Many modellers model a prototype, making scenes on your layout will make your layout come to life and look like a real thing. Arthur will discuss how this was achieved on Westgate. Check out his blog <http://westgateswr.blogspot.com/>

Loc. Is the location, In (inside the club rooms). Out (outside the club rooms). This is the location for the presentation segment only. This may not be the location of the display stand, if the weather is kind to us, out under the trees with a view of QR running past is a possibility.

How the day will work; All Clinicians will have a table for their display or work station. The day I see much like a weekend market, various stalls displaying or providing the modellers with an opportunity to try their hand at something. At the allocated time in the program the Clinicians will provide a small presentation (20 Minute Max) on their subject. All in attendance are invited to attend the presentation of choice. The time after the presentation is for the delegates to attend the stand of choice for a chat or try their hand at something.

During the day there will be endless tea/coffee, morning /afternoon tea (biscuits) and a BBQ lunch will be provided by the host club.

Notes. We plan to give all attending a bag containing notes. These will be just a page or two with dot points and references etc.

Applications close on Sunday the 1st of October, which is this weekend. For some delegates we have money in the bank, but no details for correspondence. Please send a Registration form so we can contact you with information for the convention. Registration form is attached or can be located on the convention the website www.qldrailheritage.com/mrqc.

Looking forward to a great day.

Modelling the Railways of Queensland.

Next year is time to another MRQ Convention. It has been great that a couple of modellers have already put up their hand for a presentation.

I guess the question I have is what time of the year would be best, dates for model railway events for 2018 are not out yet, but all ready it looking to be a very big year for many. This year every weekend in August had an exhibition/show, we still have exhibitions to come in October and November. September slot last convention was not that great due to school holidays and many missed out attending.

I guess next year the exhibitions/shows will be around much the same time, other conventions I'm aware of for 2018 are Auckland at Easter, NMRA Regional Convention could be in the SEQ area in September, Armidale in November, plus the two Modelling the Railways of NSW Conventions in Sydney in which many of our guys attend. In the early part of the year we have the Bundaberg Expo in March, Easter, and the May Show. We generally kick the convention plan/program around for about 12 months, if we were to move to the early part of the year, most likely we would need to consider 2019.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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