



Rails 'n Sails, the 2018 New Zealand Association of Model Railway Clubs Convention, is being hosted by the North Shore Model Railway Club over Friday 30 March to Monday 2 April, Easter Weekend 2018.

The convention is open to modellers of all prototypes including and not limited to; New Zealand, British, North American, and Continental.

The venue is the Netball North Harbour complex near the State Highway 1 North Shore exit, Auckland. This large auditorium will hold the trade stands and portable layouts, has a lounge for socializing, rooms for clinics, a restaurant area for the awards dinner, and includes on-site catering.

Activities at the convention will include:

Layout tours, a prototypical tour, Clinics - both passive and hands-on, the biennial NZAMRC modelling competition, portable layouts at the venue for train running, Trade stands, Displays, a buy, sell and swap table, AGMs (NZAMRC and the NZMRG) and the awards presentation.

Additionally, there will be a silent auction, switch list sessions, a shunting competition, a partners' program, a demonstration of live steam locomotives by members of the Auckland G Scale Society, and facilities for special interest groups to hold meetings.

The committee are also investigating having operating sessions before the convention.

The website for the North Shore Model Railway Club has more information about the convention

<http://www.nsmrc.org.nz/?q=NZAMRC2018>

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