

# All Aboard 2024

April 26 -28, 2024

Corban Estate Arts Centre, West Auckland

Newsletter 2



## Venue

Corban Estate Arts Centre, [2 Mount Lebanon Lane, Henderson, Auckland.](#)

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## Registration

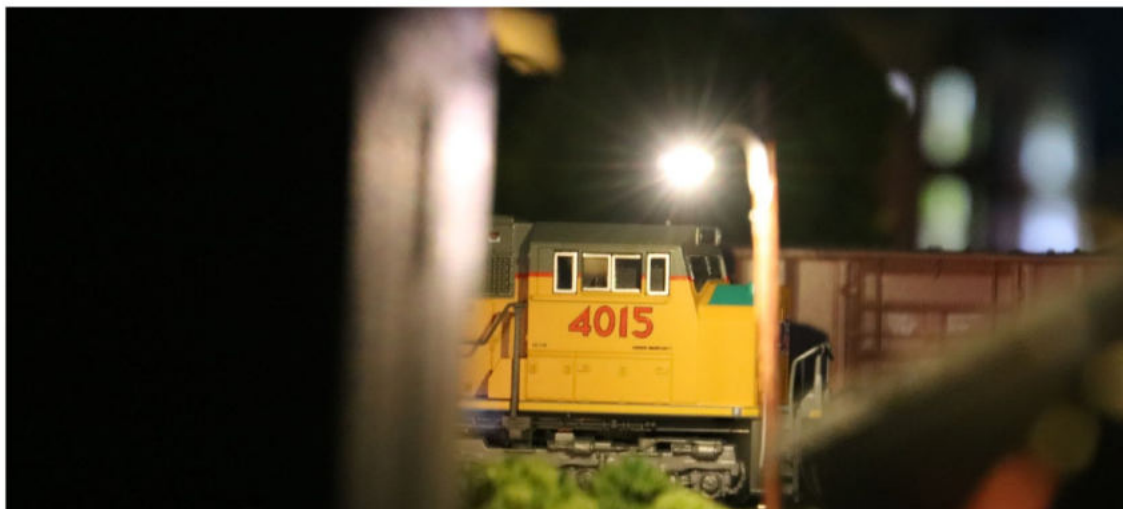
Registration for the convention is now open.

- Full registration fee is \$100 if paid by March 31, 2024.
- The fee is \$120 for April 1, 2024 onwards.

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## Layout Tour: UP Pilkington and Thompson subs



One layout on the convention's layout tours will be Aaron Pilkington's N-scale UP Pilkington and Thompson subs. Aaron is planning to extend his his layout and the NZAMRC convention will be the last run before the the extensions are added.

The traffic on the subs includes Coca-Cola, coal and grain. You will see CP, KCS, UP and BNSF running on the subs. In Aaron's words, he has "packed the layout

with life".

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## Clinics

We plan having 10 clinics of 45 minutes each. The 45 minutes includes the time for questions. There will be 15 minutes between consecutive clinics to give clinic attendees to move to a new clinic room if necessary.

Clinics can be on any topic related to the hobby of model railways in New Zealand. We would like some clinics to be those that have not been at an NZAMRC convention before. We would also like some clinics on the modern aspects of the hobby.

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## **NZAMRC Modelling Competition**

*The following information was supplied by Peter Ross. Peter is the chairperson of the NZAMRC's Competition Committee for the 2024 convention.*

An important aspect for at least some convention goers is the model competitions, so the good news for 2024 is that some important improvements are in the pipeline.

The Association and the Competition Committee have listened and we are at present engaged in a review of the rules, the trophies and the judging.

We hasten to add that this is evolution not revolution. Not radical, just fine tuning.

## **Rules**

Main changes to the rules are in the entry sections, which as well as the Scratch building and Kit Building/Modified Ready-to-Run sections are expected to have a new section for Computer Assisted Modelling. An enhanced Finish Only section for models that may only have had finishing work such as painting, decaling, weathering, etc., is also on the cards.

## **Trophies**

On the trophies front, we're working on an enlarged list of possible awards, 'possible' being the operative word at this stage. We're looking at keeping the Best in Show and Best Skill awards along with an enlarged list of some 35 potential special awards.

Gone will be the likes of '1:64 scale NZ Locomotive' and in their place nine awards per section particular to NZ, US, UK and European modelling, plus one for prototypes from 'the rest of the world'. As one example, the Best American model award would have no other restriction, so the way would be clear for a layout module rather than a locomotive, abridge rather than a boxcar, and so on.

Will this mean an interminable presentation ceremony? We've run the results from two previous conventions, one with a field of 79 entries and one with 31 entries. In both cases there would only have been 13 special awards. Like I said, most of the 'possible' awards will be just that.

## Judging

On the judging front we see a need for clearer guidelines, possibility a video, and a pre-judging briefing.

Editors Note: These are available from the NZAMRC website <http://nzamrc.org.nz/>

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## Flatcar Load Competition



The Australasian Region of the National Model Railroaders Association is sponsoring the trophies for a Flatcar Load Competition. The rules for this competition are the following

Each entry for the challenge consists of a flatcar with a load. The flatcar must be operational but will not be judged. The load only will be judged.

1. The judging will be by popular vote.
  2. An entry can be in any scale from T to 7/8".
  3. A modeler can submit more than one entry.
  4. A modeler can submit an entry on behalf of another modeler.
  5. No documentation is to be supplied with the model.
  6. The load on a flatcar must be made from more than one part. These parts need not be scratch built.
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## Accommodation

The accommodation in Auckland varies considerably in quality and the local organising committee (LOC) will leave it to individual attendees to decide on their

accommodation. Although there is some accommodation near the venue in Henderson, there is a greater choice to the east of Henderson.

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