

BRMA Convention 27th to 29th of September, 2019

Canberra

The Saturday sessions and dinner will be held at
The Southern Cross Club, 92-96 Corinna Street, Woden ACT 2606

A barbecue lunch on Sunday will be held at the grounds of the
Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers,
Jerrabomberra Avenue, Symonston, ACT
Miniature railways will be operating.

The closest hotel to the Southern Cross Club (about a five minute walk) is
The Abode, 10 Bowes Street, Woden

Abodehotels.com.au/hotels/woden/ 02 6108 4950

If you wish to stay there, quoting 'BRMA2019' when booking will provide a discount.

However, there are many options for accommodation in Canberra.

The weekend coincides with the middle of the Floriade Festival.

Leading Speaker at the Convention



Phil Knife is a founding member of BRMA, member number 4. Born in Australia, he has been active in the hobby since age 11, when at Christmas 1950 he became the proud owner of a Hornby O gauge clockwork LNER tank goods set. Mind you, even then he was concerned that the train did not have a brake van! Enthusiasm for the hobby continued to increase, even to the point of building new rolling stock from cardboard, as Hornby trains were beyond his pocket money resources. Moving into adulthood, he spent the first thirty-odd years with the Royal Australian Navy. The following thirty-odd years saw a complete change of calling – he took a degree in theology and became a minister in the Anglican Church. Even in retirement, he is still being called on in that capacity – but advancing age is slowly putting paid to that. Besides, he still has a new layout to complete! With such a mobile lifestyle, Phil has lived in both the United Kingdom and the United States of America, as well here in Australia. From that he has a deep love of the railways of the UK, the USA and Europe. This can be seen in the scope of his models and his layouts, several of which have been published in both the UK and Australian model railway press. However, his principal interest has been, and always will be, the Southern Railway of England. This will be obvious from his presentations during the Convention, which he will greatly enjoy sharing with you.

Some other speakers :

Alan Hackett : Special issues encountered in building a large layout.

Richard Lennards : Modelling military railways.

David Coleman

Uncertain as yet : a semi-professional model builder.

Dinner speaker : Peter Clark, author about and photographer of railways.