

BRMA Convention Brisbane

Friday 22nd to Sunday the 24th of September

Overview

Venue: Pacific Hotel, 345 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill, Qld 4000. Accommodation on site.

<https://pacifichotelbrisbane.com.au> or 07 3831 6177.

Special rate for delegates, use the code word 'Event' when booking.

UK Speaker

Phillip Sutton from Suttons Locomotive Workshop, manufacturers of model Sulzer Type 2 locomotives and more, will be making a presentation. At the time of writing the method of delivery is still being decided.

Keynote Speaker

Phillip Overton is an Award nominated Author of more than 20 books across multiple genres. A lifelong model railway enthusiast, he shares his immersive modelling experience that first began with a Hornby Flying Scotsman train set more than 40 years ago, and has culminated in his highly successful Philden Model Railway series of how-to books.

Friday, 22nd September

The Friday session of the Convention is in several parts. In the morning from 10:00am, AMRA Qld have invited BRMA to attend their operating session with the large layout in DCC mode. This is a great opportunity to review their extensive facilities.

In the afternoon starting at 1:30pm, there will be a Mini Expo in the Panorama Room at Pacific Hotel. Lunch is not provided but the hotel has a café and several others are nearby. Tea and Coffee will be served during the afternoon. The Mini Expo will be a display of model train goods and technical demonstrations by Scalescenes, Modratec, Aurora, MERG and many others. Also on display will be BRMA Qld's Modular Layout. Later that afternoon, the committee and area representative's meetings will be held nearby.

On Friday evening, there is the opportunity for an informal a la carte meal in the Hotel's restaurant Osteria on the ground floor.

Saturday, 23rd September

The Saturday program will follow the established format for BRMA Conventions, including a series of presentations, modelling and photographic

competitions, for the 2nd time the locomotive haulage competition (Lunchtime highlight), display of other models, and second-hand sale. The presentation topics include:

- Sutton's Locomotive Works
- DCC Sound Workshop
- BR Signalling Practices
- CAD for 3D Modelling
- Coach Building Clinic
- Oversize and out of gauge loads
- Phillip Overton – Author

The AGM will follow the convention presentations. The Convention Gala Dinner will be held in the reconfigured Parklands Room at the Hotel.

An alternative tour is available for partners not attending the convention. 'Cruise to Lunch' is a narrated cruise along the Brisbane River which stops at the iconic Breakfast Creek Hotel, it departs from and returns to the Cultural Centre pontoon.

Sunday, 24th September

The morning starts with a tour of the Brisbane Tramway Museum at Ferny Grove. Ride trams from several eras, view the workshops, museum items and projects under restoration. A barbeque lunch will herald the formal end to the convention.

The layout tour will run throughout the afternoon from 12:30pm. At this stage we envisage two tours due to the distances involved, perhaps Northern and South-Western. Some ferrying arrangements will be in place. For return flights, it may be best to plan for a 5:00pm or 6:00pm departure.

Monday, 25th September

Options to shop at Aurora Trains, Hobbyrama, Hobbyone or visit the Ipswich Workshops Rail Museum. Follow up Layout visits by appointment.

THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONVENTION IS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE AND THE BRMA WEBSITE

Please note the closing date for registration is 7th of September 2023