



British Railway Modellers of Australia Inc Melbourne Convention – 3rd to 6th October 2024 Itinerary



The British Railway Modellers of Australia will be holding their annual convention, which this year will be in Melbourne.

- The dates are from Thursday the 3rd of October to Sunday the 6th October.
- The venue is 'The Tudor' - 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill, 3128, Melbourne, 3128.
- Please note that you do not have to be a BRMA members to attend any of the convention events.

Convention registration forms are available on the BRMA website <http://www.brma.org.au>

Or from the convention registrar at BRMA-VIC@brma.org.au

BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Thursday the 3rd October.

- A trip to the Victorian Goldfields Railway - Castlemaine to Maldon

Friday the 4th October.

- Friday Morning – Layout tours
- Friday Afternoon – Modelling Clinics
- Friday Evening – Get to know you BBQ

Saturday the 5th October.

- Saturday – Full day with speakers on a range of topics
 - Modelling competition – for BRMA members only
 - Photographic Competition – for BRMA members only
 - Used Model railway equipment stall
- Saturday Evening – Dinner, Awards Presentation and a Guest Speaker

Sunday the 6th October.

- Sunday Morning – Mini Exhibition at the AMRA clubrooms in Glen Iris with spit roast lunch
- Sunday Afternoon – Layout tours

Monday the 7th October.

- Optional visits to see more layouts by appointment.

The following pages will give you a more detailed itinerary.



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Thursday 6th October – Trip to the Victorian Goldfields Railway.

This will be a train day, with travel to Castlemaine by regular V/Line service from Southern Cross Station.

There will be a range of travel options;

- Depart from the Tudor by coach at 07:45 and get to Southern Cross Station by 08:45 in time for a V/line departure at 09:05.
- Depart directly from Southern Cross Station. The tour group to assemble at the Bourke Street concourse at the north end of Southern Cross Station. Jacques Molineux will be there to meet you, he will be wearing a bottle green BRMA polo shirt.
- Catch the V/Line service from one of the station along the route from Southern Cross to Castlemaine.
- Go directly to Castlemaine station for the start of the steam train trip. Stephen Walls will be there to meet you, he will be wearing a bottle green BRMA polo shirt.

The tour group will arrive in Castlemaine by regular V/Line service at 10:33.

We have allocated approx. 1 hour for a tour of the Victorian Goldfields Railway facilities at Castlemaine.

The VGR shop will be open for anyone not participating in the tour of facilities, the VGR serve refreshments and sell souvenirs and there is also a display of memorabilia as well.

Our Steam Train will depart Castlemaine at 11:45. If all goes to plan, the train will be hauled by a Victorian Railways J class locomotive, built at the 'Vulcan Foundry' in England.

If anyone should miss the 09:05 V/Line service then the following 10:05 service will get them to Castlemaine before the steam train departs.

This is a charter service for the convention, there will be no members of the general public on the train.

The train will consist of two first class carriages, light snacks will be served and drinks will be available for purchase on the train

There will be a lucky ticket draw for a cab ride for part of the journey, 4 winners will be able to enjoy a ride in the cab;

1. Castlemaine to Muckleford
2. Muckleford to Maldon
3. Maldon to Muckleford
4. Muckleford to Castlemaine.

If a winner is physically unable to ride in the cab or declines, then another person's name will be drawn.

The Steam train arrives Maldon approx. 12:30. – Mini bus transfer to Maldon Township.

We have allowed 2 hours for lunch and sightseeing.

Lunch can be purchased from a range of eateries in the Township, or you can opt to bring a picnic lunch.

Depart Maldon 14:30 (note: this is a charter so the train will wait for stragglers)

Photo stop at Muckleford approx. 45 minutes.

Allowing for any delays' we should get back to Castlemaine in plenty of time for the 16:49 V/line service back to Southern Cross station arriving at 18:32.

Depending on traffic the bus should be back at The Tudor at or before 19:30.



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Friday the 4th October.

Friday Morning Layouts Tour:

Layout tour will be by private vehicles, if you have a spare seat that can accommodate interstate visitors that would be appreciated.

The layout tour will start out from 'The Tudor' 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill travelling along the Maroondah Highway and Warburton Highway.

There will be a range of layouts to view with morning tea provided.

- Greg Attrill – Lilydale
- Mike Ogilvy – Lilydale
- Rodger Nagle – Wandin East

There is also an option to visit one of the convention sponsors;

- The House of War, 52 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

Probably not the first choice for railway modellers, but they have a vast range of scenery items as well as paints and hobby tools.

There is also an option to visit other Model shops.

- Branchline, 490 Dorset Road Croydon
- Metro Hobbies, 444 Station Road Box Hill

Participants will need to make their own arrangements for lunch, from a range of eateries in Lilydale, Ringwood or Box Hill.

Friday Afternoon Modelling clinics:

Held at the convention venue 'The Tudor' 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill

There will be a get to know you barbeque in the evening again at 'The Tudor.

Clinics will start from 14:00.

- Peter Mantle – Applying decals to models, detailing diesel buffer beams and cab interiors
- Allan Armstrong – Weathering loco's and rolling stock
- TBA

Friday Evening – Get to know you BBQ:

Held at the convention venue 'The Tudor' 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill

- Commences 18:30



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Saturday the 5th October

Saturday – All Day

Held at the convention venue 'The Tudor' 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill

Doors open at 08:00 for registration in the Tudor Ballroom.

Lodging items for the competition entries and used model railway equipment stall will be in the Regal Room.

The convention will start at 09:00 in the Tudor Ballroom

Speakers;

- Jeff Lynn – DCC Sound
- House of War – Painting Techniques

Morning Tea

- John Nuttall – Simplified block working for model railways
- Gavin Thrum – Layout Building - Ryne Vale Layout which will be on display

Lunch Break

- Will James, Jacques Molineux – 'FreemOO9 Australia - A modular layout Concept'
- Gavin Thrum – Kadee Couplers

Afternoon Tea

- Greg Attrill – Interactive JMRI presentation
- Raffle prize draw
- Steve Oppermann – 2026 Convention in Tasmania

Convention close.

16:30 BRMA Annual General Meeting.

After the AGM, the Tudor Ballroom will close for preparation of the evening dinner.

The Tudor Regal room will remain open after the convention/AGM for participants to mingle.

Saturday Evening Event

Held at the convention venue 'The Tudor' 1101 Whitehorse Road (Maroondah Hwy) Box Hill

- Convention Dinner in the Tudor Ballroom – doors open at 18:30, dinner at 19:00
- Presentation of awards for the various competitions
- Entertainment provided by our guest speaker

Daylight Savings begins in Victoria tonight. Don't forget to put your clocks forward by 1 hour.



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Sunday the 6th October

Sunday Morning – Mini Exhibition:

Held at the AMRA Clubrooms 92 Wills Street Glen Iris, opposite the Glen Iris Railway station.

Doors open to the convention participants at 09:00.

A range of layouts will be on display in the upstairs hall, along with the larger AMRA club layout downstairs.

- Rhyn Vale – OO gauge layout by Gavin Thrum
- Daraby – O gauge layout by Frank Kohek
- VIVGOG – O gauge test track by Phil Harding
- Penzance – T scale layout by Martin Kaselis
- Fern – HO layout by Martin Murden
- FreemOO9 Australia – OO9 Modular layout.

Lunch will be a spit roast with salads, soft drinks and tea coffee provided.

Sunday Afternoon – Layout Tour:

Layout tour will be by private vehicles, if you have a spare seat that can accommodate interstate visitors that would be appreciated.

Departs from the AMRA Clubrooms down to the Mornington Peninsula and south eastern suburbs.

There will be a range of layouts to view with afternoon tea provided.

- Peter Mantle – Safety Beach
- Peter Beckett – Hastings
- Glen Jones – Cranbourne West

There is also an option to visit a Model shop:

- Train World is open on Sundays – 290 Bay Street North Brighton.

Monday 7th October.

Layouts will be available to view across Melbourne by appointment.

A list will be available closer to the convention.