



AMRA 2017

Porirua

Queen's Birthday Weekend:
2nd to 5th June, 2017



Newsletter #3 – Highballing towards AMRA



With just over seven weeks to go until AMRA 2017, here's a quick update.

Work has continued on the host group's layouts. Most of these have not been seen by the wider AMRA audience since the Waikanae 2009 AMRA. There have been a lot of changes since, from layout rooms through layout design changes through track changes through wiring and control system changes and scenery changes. Like most, we've all got more 'stuff' on our layouts. So if you're pondering on not attending AMRA 2017 because you've "seen these layouts before.....". Well, actually you probably haven't. Certainly not in their current form. So, plan to attend AMRA, there's still time to register.

Registrations keep on coming in at a steady rate. We'd like to thank everyone who's registered (and paid) to date. We're happy that there will be a good turnout of Partners attending, as well as quite a few 'new faces'. Registering sooner rather than later is also very appreciated by our Registration Secretary/Treasurer as it spreads the demand on his time, especially as he continues the scenery work on his layout!

Thanks also to everyone who's offered 'clinics'. We'll have a good variety of same with some 'new' topics and 'different' approaches to other topics. You'll almost always pick up helpful hints and certainly learn something new attending these.

Fortunately, for us as organisers, the idea of having operating / running sessions on the Wednesday and Thursday before AMRA has certainly been welcomed. A lot of the early registrants opted for attending these. So far we've been able to meet most of the 'requests' regarding preferred layouts. There are not too many 'vacancies' now, so if you're wanting to attend these sessions then please get your registration and payment to Kel Sherson pronto so as not to miss out. We'll be confirming the operating schedules individually to those who've registered for these so you'll know where you're heading on which day and time.

If you happen to be travelling through Levin en route to AMRA on the Friday 2nd June, Ray Matthewson has extended an invite to you to operate on his layout. He'll be having three sessions over the day, open to four people each time. Contact Ray on audray@extra.co.nz to book.

The Porirua Club is looking forward to hosting us and we'll certainly be well catered for. Keeping in mind that AMRA is a 'by invitation only' event, we're working with them to promote the hobby to their members while AMRA is on.

Any questions or queries re AMRA please contact Kel Sherson at ksherson@actrix.gen.nz.

Looking forward to seeing you at AMRA 2017 in Porirua this Queens' Birthday weekend.

Regards,
The American Central Model Railroaders.