



AMRA 2017

Porirua

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



Newsletter #4 – “Home Signal Green”



Two weeks to go until AMRA 2017, here's a quick update. Firstly, it's not too late to register!!

But risking a repeat of earlier news; work has continued on the host group's layouts and no doubt, like AMRAs before, will do so until the night before the show. But AMRAs are a great catalyst for getting things done on layouts; so there's plenty new to show you.

We've set up 10 layouts for the layout tours; five 'East Side' layouts in the Hutt Valley and five 'West Side' layouts between Whitby and Khandallah. Layout details will be in the Timetable of your Registration Pack. There will be five groups on each tour both Saturday and Sunday. So you'll be able to see all 10 layouts. You'll be able to choose which Tours you go on when you get to the AMRA Registration Desk.

Our Registration Desk will be near the main entrance foyer of the Porirua Club. Please use the main entrance to the Club and sign in (once only) at our Registration Desk when you arrive. This helps us comply with the Club's regulatory compliance. Note the Club carpark is for the use of Club members. Please use public carparking, there's plenty close to the Club. Wear your 'AMRA Badge' so that the Club knows you're part of AMRA. For those with Trade Stands or Displays, Club access to unload / load is downstairs at the rear of the Club. Call in at Registration first so we can arrange to 'unlock the doors'.

We're very happy that Registrations have kept on coming in. We're now easily over 100. There are some attendees who have registered but not as yet paid. Pre-AMRA payment by internet banking would be appreciated, just to speed up the registration process when you check-in.

Clinics are all confirmed. We'll have eight and hold four sessions, of two clinics per session on both the Saturday and Sunday mornings. Clinic details will be in the Timetable.

The 'Banquet Dinner' will be held on the Saturday night. Following the Dinner we'll have a guest speaker; a Kiwi who's returned home after living in the USA for a while. He'll give us some thoughts on his "Adventures in America". Of course these will have a railroading theme.

We've put the "Full House" lights up for the pre-AMRA layout operating / running sessions. Thanks to all of you who are taking part in this 'Extra Fare'. We're looking forward to a lot of fun with this.

Ray Matthewson has changed the day for visiting his layout to the Monday. So if any of you are heading through Levin on the way home on Monday, Ray invites you to call in and run some trains.

Safe travels and see you at AMRA 2017 in Porirua this Queens' Birthday weekend. We're looking forward to hosting you. Any questions or queries re AMRA please contact Kel Sherson at ksherson@actrix.gen.nz.

Regards,
The American Central Model Railroaders.