

# GROW 2011 Garden Railway Convention

## Update # 3

The registrations forms are out, some have even been returned, we have the bank account set up, we can't wait till March next year for our version of the National Garden Railway Convention. We have the program 95% settled now, all layout visits are confirmed and most of the clinics are booked in too.

We are a little different here in the Waikato, mostly preferring to scratch build or kitbash our models rather than running stuff right out of the box. Thus when you come see us you will be in for some real treats. We also have a strong Live Steam interest in our little group here in the Waikato and this is something else that we will be focusing on during the 2011 Convention. Some of our groups loco's are running as delivered but more are either heavily modified or completely scratch built. Do you remember Andy's "Introduction to Live steam" talk at Masterton, well next year he's got a lot more information and secrets to share.

There is limited billet style accommodation available with some of our members in their homes, but if you miss out here or would simply like some ideas for Motel Accommodation near the venue, then the closest is the Hamilton Town and Country, have a look at them here [www.hamiltonmotel.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonmotel.co.nz). If you are looking for something a bit nicer, try the Cambridge Mews at [www.cambridgemews.co.nz](http://www.cambridgemews.co.nz). There are many others available, keep in mind that the main venue for this event is at the Matangi Country Hall, and this is located in a lovely little country village complete with country store and is about half way between Hamilton and Cambridge.

See you all in four months here in the lush Waikato, where the grass is always greener!

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