

# GROW 2011 Garden Railway Convention, Update # 5

Not long to go now, next month in fact and we get to share with you all our take on this wonderful hobby of Garden Railways, and as mentioned in previous updates, we here in the Waikato are quite unique in how we do things, but then you'll have to come along to see for yourselves.

I have a few items of interest to cover off this month, these being a little bit of house keeping and other useful information about our event.

Firstly, the venue is on **Tauwhare Road**, which is off SH1 just a little south of Hamilton . The venue itself is Matangi Hall, and is located just over the railway lines from the Matangi shops, on the right. In total about 4km to the east of SH1. If you get lost, you can call us at 0211900101 on the day and we will try to guide you in. We plan to open the doors at 8am (we are always up early in the Waikato), registrations, welcome etc from 8:30 and into the first clinic by 9am!! Don't be late.

Location Map: <http://maps.google.co.nz/?ie=UTF8&ll=-37.802536,175.397254&spn=0.00807,0.009731&t=h&z=17>

Secondly, we have alluded to various competitions, in fact, one has already been won, and this was the first registration form received, with payment!! Other competitions include a gravity race as per the Auckland convention 2 years ago, to be run late Saturday afternoon. Also on the list of competitions is going to be a "Whimsical" division, and a Scratchbuilt "division". These latter two will be judged by popular vote and the forms for that will be included in your "Goodie Bags" given out at the beginning of the day. If you have items for either of these competitions please also bring a label to go with your display that includes your name and the model description so that these details can be put on the voting forms. Along with the gravity race, there will be a paper dart competition something like the one at Auckland, but this time probably without the harassed waitresses.

Thirdly, there will be opportunities both at the hall and at a couple of the layouts on the Sunday tour to run your own equipment, therefore, please bring something to run. We will be catering for both track power and live steam. Oh and onboard battery power too of course, and "spring drive" if you have it.

We are planning to provide directions in the "Goodie Bags" so that the "ladies" can visit some of our better and bigger malls instead of the railways if there is an interest. This will be "self-drive" and will not be a formal part of the convention.

Lastly, for those of you who have yet to make up your minds, we will not be able to take registrations received after Thursday the 10th March at the extreme latest, polo shirt orders by 12th February at the latest. So please, please, if you think you might be coming, get those cheques in the post ASAP, GROW and the greatest little Garden Railway Convention for all of 2011 awaits.

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