



16th National N Scale Convention

CANBERRA—10 TO 14 OCTOBER 2019



Welcome to the third Canberra N Scale Convention newsletter.

Registrations for the Convention are rolling in and thank you to all those who have contacted us about the registration process and the Partners' Programme. We hope that the following assists with your planning:

CONVENTION TIMINGS

The Convention will start with delegate registration from 3.00pm on the afternoon of Thursday 10th October 2019 and finish around 3.00pm Sunday 13th October. There are no self-drive layout tours planned for Monday 14th October.

On Monday 14th October we will arrange a private visit to the Australian War Memorial Conservation and Storage Annex in Mitchell, ACT, where items that are

too large to display in the Memorial are stored.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/big-things-in-store>

This is a free, guided and escorted tour for a maximum of 20 people and is an opportunity to view rarely seen memorabilia. But beware: the Annex is a large warehouse so it is challenging for people with mobility issues and it is not wheelchair friendly, there are no refreshment facilities available and toilets are only available at the start and finish of the tour, not during. If you are interested in this visit please let us know via:

convconvenor@nscale.org.au

Places will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

The Convention is presented by N Scale Conventions Australia which is affiliated with the Australasian Region of the NMRA - www.nmra.org.au



Partners Programme

Canberra is host to many national institutions, attractions and retail outlets. Because there are so many choices of things to see and do in our region, the programme will be self-directed on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th with comprehensive notes and directions available to partners upon arrival at the Convention. Despite what you may have heard, Canberra is actually a relatively easy town to navigate and our team will be able to advise you about the attractions and the best way to get to them.

On Friday 11th October, we will arrange a bus with a Canberra savvy driver for a tour of iconic Canberra sites. The cost for the bus is \$40.00 per head for the day; meals and shopping are not included. All venues have been carefully chosen for ease of access, free admission and availability of reasonably priced food.

The day will start at the convention venue with the bus taking our adventurers via prominent Canberra landmarks to the National Capital Exhibition Centre, Regatta Point. The displays at the Exhibition Centre explain the development of Canberra, while the small shop offers something for everyone. Linger here for morning tea at the adjoining Deck Café, indulging in excellent coffee, Teadrop brand tea, a selection of cakes or chunky raisin toast. The Café boasts beautiful views over Lake Burley Griffin and the Parliamentary Triangle.

Next a bit of culture (yes, Canberra does have some). The Portrait Galley beckons with its wonderful collection of old and contemporary portraits representing people who have shaped Australia's national identity. Also available is an alluring book shop and another café, should you want an extra cuppa. On the way to our next stop, the bus will detour through the Parliamentary Triangle and the adjacent embassy

precinct where some of the larger embassies can be found.

Lunch will be at the Sprout Café at the National Arboretum where you can enjoy expansive views back to the Parliamentary Triangle. The café offers homemade pies, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits as well as coffee, tea and cold drinks. While at the Arboretum, a visit to the adjacent National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia is a must, as is perusal of the excellent book and gift shop.

After lunch the bus will be available to take you to the Canberra Outlet Centre for a spot of shopping before returning to the conference venue around 4.00pm.

To assist the Committee with their planning, I ask partners to register for the Partners' Programme by 31 August 2019 via:

convconvenor@nscale.org.au

with your name and contact details and deposit \$40.00 for the bus into the convention account using the following details:

Account Name: N Scale Conventions Australia

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014 490

Account Number: 412944171

Please ensure your surname and initial and "Partners Tour" are included in the transaction details

Note: This portion of the payment cannot be made using PayPal, we apologise for any inconvenience.

Presenters Wanted

We know that with years of experience and many trials and errors that delegates have developed specific modelling skills and techniques that we hope you can share with the rest of the N Scale community.

To this end we welcome enthusiastic delegates who are willing to share their knowledge and experience through a presentation at the convention.

If you are willing to shine in front of your peers and share your wisdom please contact us through:

convconvenor@nscale.org.au

SYDNEY AMRA EXHIBITION 5-7 OCTOBER 2019

Please note that the venue for the Sydney AMRA Exhibition has been moved from Liverpool to Sydney Olympic Park for 2019. Dates are still the weekend before the Canberra N Scale Convention.

www.amransw.asn.au/exhibition/



FHG Guards Van on a Canberra Monaro N Scale Group module.
Van is a Phil Badger kit assembled and painted by David Bird