



16th National N Scale Convention

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Welcome to the fifth newsletter for the 2019 N Scale Convention. We would particularly like to acknowledge the great support of the following companies and individual N Scale modellers:

- Micro-Trains Line
- Toshiba (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Burfitt Tools
- Runway 13
- Badger Bits
- Peter Boorman Workshop
- Ozrail Model Trains
- Reynold Rail Models
- Ted Freeman

Modelling Competition

With less than three months until the convention, how are your entries for the modelling competition progressing? This competition has been a regular component of previous conventions and importantly encourages progress within our hobby. Graeme Goodsell and Rob Nesbitt have very kindly offered to lend their expertise and adjudicate the competition. Further details for the competition can be found at:

<http://convention2019.nscale.org.au/>

Tours

For those that are interested, don't forget to register for the partners' tour and the Australian War Memorial Annex tour. Both tours are detailed at the convention web site via the following link:

<http://convention2019.nscale.org.au/>

A little bit of history

from the AWM web site

“The (Australian War Memorial) Annex has an example of a Hunslet 4-6-0T narrow gauge locomotive. This locomotive was one of the first batch supplied by Hunslet to the War Department. It is known to have operated on the Western Front from 1916, and appears to have undergone relatively limited modification after the war. It is probable that it was initially allocated to the area around Trones Wood, South-East of Guillemont and was then transferred to the Ypres area. Three Australian light railway companies operated some locomotives of this type. The locomotive was re-purchased by Hunslet at the end of the war and was overhauled, slightly modified, re-gauged (from 600 to 610mm) and supplied to the Engineering Supply Company of Australia

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in 1924. They sold it to Gin Gin Sugar Mill of Queensland where it operated until 1966 when it was sold into private hands. Modifications include re-gauging, addition of an extended smokebox, possible re-cylindering (or modifications to the lagging) and minor alterations to fittings.”

Presenters Wanted

The programme is filling up nicely with many delegates promising to present and guest presenters such as Greg Edwards (of Data Sheets fame) and Peter Shum (Runway 13) offering their expertise. Why not join this illustrious group? We still have presentation slots for those who would like to share their skills and help others progress their modelling. Please contact us at convconvenor@nscale.org.au for further information or if you feel that you can contribute.

PayPal

PayPal has recently changed their corporate requirements meaning that we are in a transition phase. During this time, and until we can sort out our account, we will be ceasing PayPal as a registration payment option on the registration form. If Electronic Funds Transfer is not an option for you please contact the Convention Convenor at convconvenor@nscale.org.au to discuss available payment methods. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Convention Shirts

To ensure that there is plenty of time to complete the embroidery of convention shirts, we are bringing forward the cut-off date for shirt orders to 16 August. If you have not registered and wish to have a convention shirt, please register and order a shirt on the registration form before 16 August. If you have already requested a shirt with your registration, no action is required.

David Butterworth

If anyone reading this newsletter knows N Scale modeller Dave Butterworth could you please ask him to contact the Convention Convenor via convconvenor@nscale.org.au to discuss his convention registration.

Looking forward to sharing the convention with you in October. All the best for now

Stephen Curry

