

2025 Annual Convention in Launceston Tasmania

Friday 24th October to Monday 27th October

We are encouraging those attending to make it a 'Tassie Holiday' – why travel all that way just for the weekend ? The Convention will be based at Grindelwald on the West Tamar and those who attended the 2016 Convention will know that this venue is ideal for our gathering. We have chosen the dates carefully so the weather will be a little warmer for our mainland cousins and the World-Renowned Tasmania Craft Fair is held on the following weekend at Deloraine about 40 minutes from Launceston. Here is a brief outline of what we have planned for the weekend :

Friday 24th Morning layout visits in the Tamar Valley

East Tamar – Hillwood Engineerium – Gilbert Ness

West Tamar – David Cooke – 'O' gauge, 'OO' gauge and European HO

West Tamar – John Rush – 'OO' layout and Museum

Afternoon registration and Workshops :

Chris Woodrow – Dry Stone Walls, John Watts – Radio Control in Small Models,
Wayne Ottaway – Scenic Effects using No More Gaps

Committee and Area Reps Meetings

Evening meal 'Alpenrose' Restaurant at members own cost. This will be an opportunity to meet with fellow delegates.

Saturday 25th Morning and afternoon

Lectures and demonstrations, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, sales table, photo and modelling competitions, raffle, AGM, and preview of 2026 Convention.

Program includes John Wiffen from Scale Scenes Card Models, Gilbert Ness on Building a Heavy Haulage Railway in North Western Australia, John Nuttall on Simple Semaphore Signalling, Greg Waldon on Scratch Building in Metal, David Cooke on Enhancing Card Models, Stuart Adcock on 3D Printing.

Alternative activity will be a bus trip to 'Glover Country' with a stop in Evandale historic village and lunch at Franklin House historic homestead.

Saturday 25th Evening - Convention Dinner at Grindelwald Awards Presentation, our after-dinner Speaker will be once again Ian Summers, historian and raconteur

Sunday 26th Layout Tour and mini-expo of layouts. BBQ Lunch and train ride at Evandale Light Railway (which is close to airport for those who have decided not to holiday)

Monday 27th Trip to Don River Railway with Train Ride and Workshop Tour

For those staying on there will opportunities to visit layouts in Hobart, the Tasmanian Transport Museum and of course the famous West Coast Wilderness Railway at Queenstown.