

# BRMA

## Convention 2026



And the winner is...

Sydney

# Famous Sydney Sights



Sydney  
Harbour  
Bridge and  
the Sydney  
Opera House

# But wait there is more

Day one which is Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
of October we will be at the  
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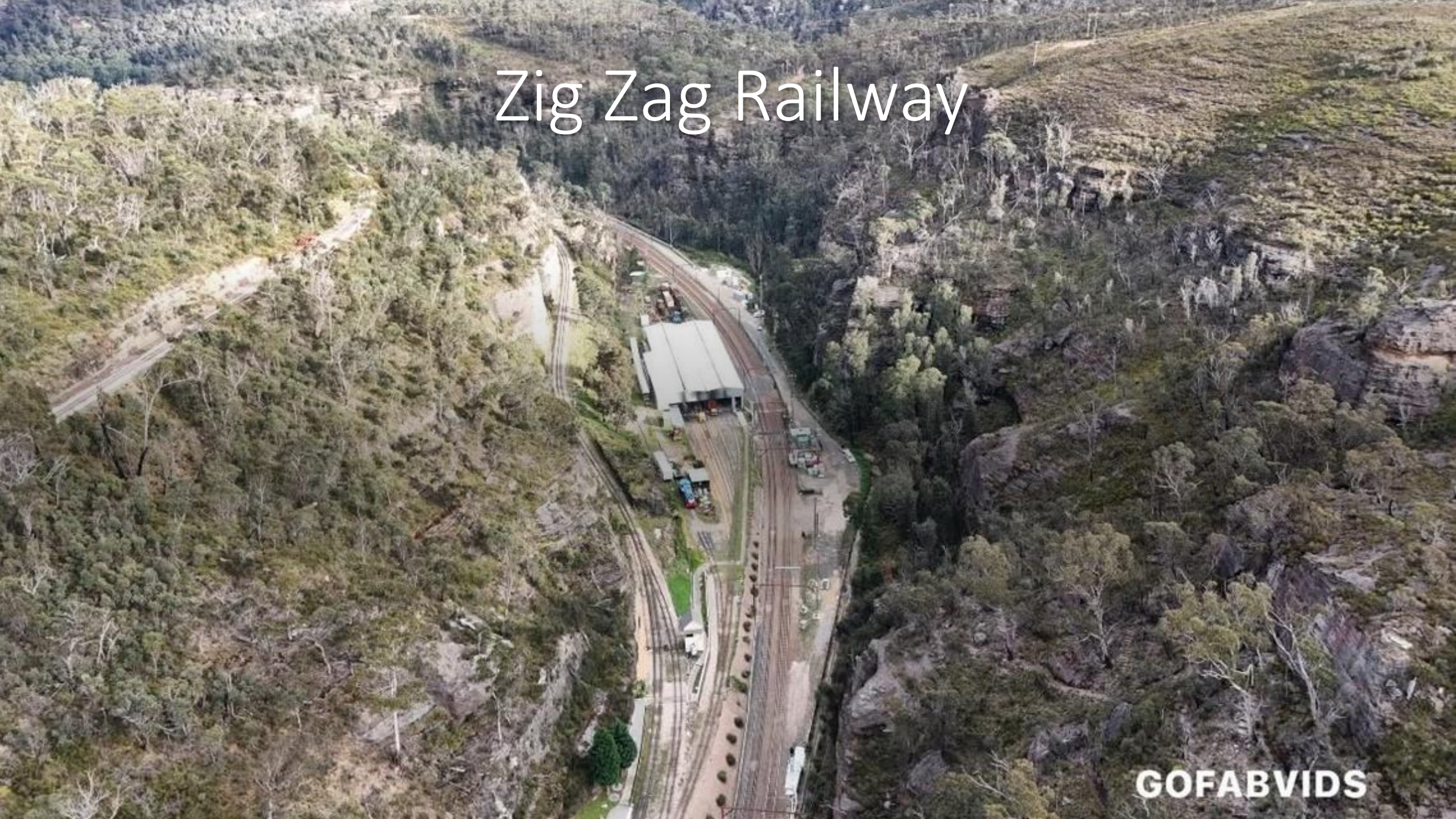
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An aerial photograph of the Zig Zag Railway. The railway tracks are seen winding through a lush, green forested valley. The tracks curve from the upper left towards the bottom center of the frame. In the middle of the valley, there is a small station or maintenance area with a large, light-colored rectangular building and several smaller structures. The surrounding landscape is densely wooded with various types of trees, and the terrain appears to be hilly or mountainous. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, providing a clear view of the railway's path through the natural environment.

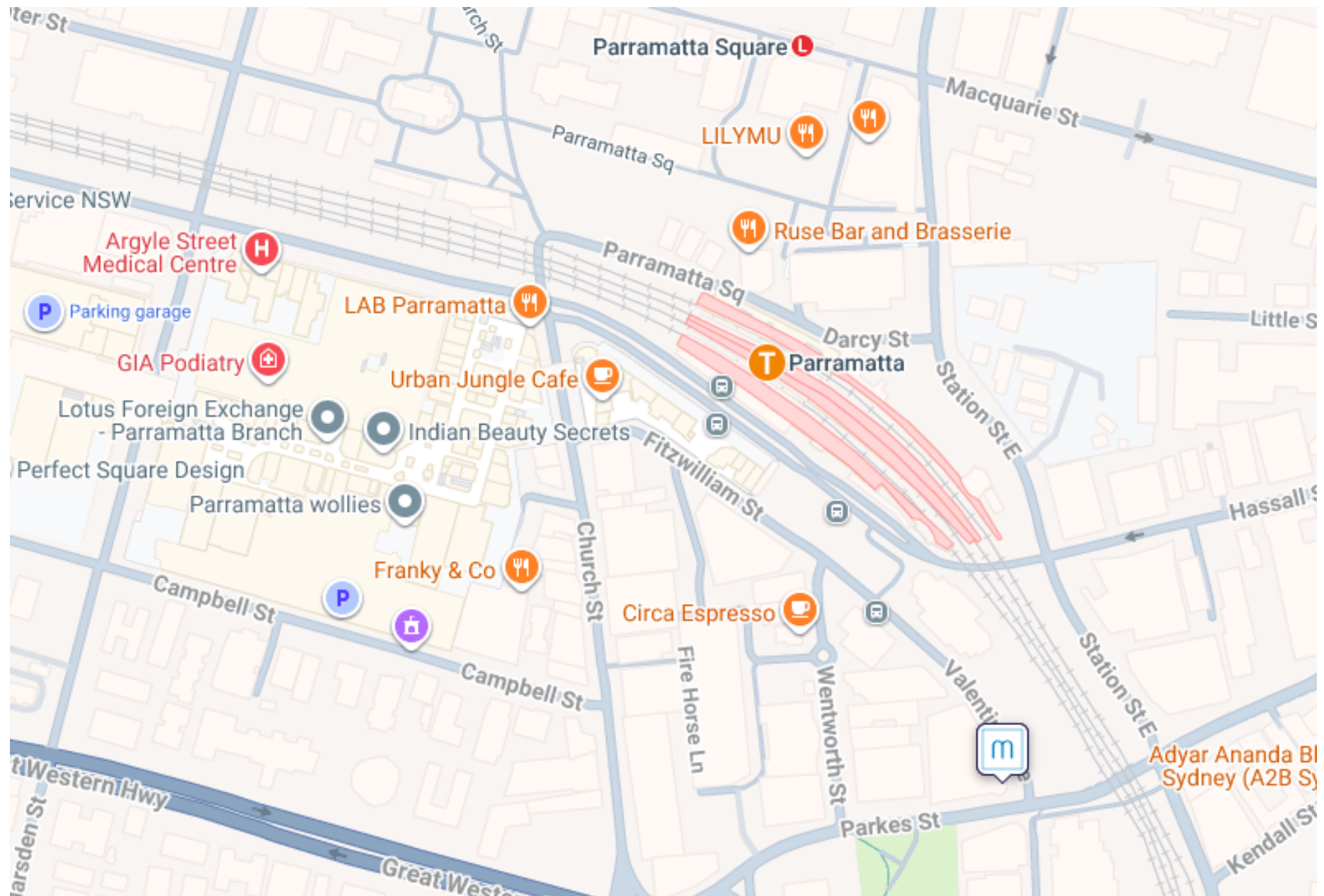
GOFABVIDS

Dinner after our Zig Zag experience will be at the **Mantra at Parramatta**.



The venue will also be the **Mantra at Parramatta**.





- The 'Mantra' at Parramatta has parking. Accommodation available at convention rates. Across the road is cheaper all day parking.
- **Accommodation Overview**
  - Located in the thriving business and shopping district of Parramatta just 25 kilometres west of Sydney's CBD, the Mantra Parramatta Hotel is an ideal base for leisure stays and business trips. The accommodation comprises Studio Room and Executive Spa Studio Apartments.
- Parramatta is on the T1 Western Line for Sydney Trains.
- It can be reached easily from Sydney Domestic Airport. Get a train to Central Railway Station and change for trains heading west to Parramatta.
- The hotel is 500m from the railway station. Therefore, if you want to stay somewhere else, you can easily get to the convention from Parramatta railway station.
- Parramatta has every shop under the sun at Westfield and has a wide range of eating options available.

The Convention will commence on  
Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

There will be talks on various topics, a Second  
Hand stall, raffle tickets and a formal dinner at  
the venue and more.

# Our guest speaker will be from the UK



# His name is Graham Nicholas



*Graham Nicholas is a career railwayman and a lifetime modeller. He has developed a penchant for modelling prototype locations, with a particular interest on recreating steam age operations with their attendant track formations and signalling arrangements.*

*He is the creator of two large exhibition layouts: Grantham - the Streamliner Years (LNER 1930s), winner of the Railway Modeller 2024 cup and, returning to his first love (1950s London Midland Region), Hills of the North - the Spirit of Shap, featuring the train banking arrangements.*

*Graham is excited at the prospect of sharing his passion for railway modelling at the 2026 BRMA Convention in Sydney.*

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October will be layout visits, followed by a BBQ lunch

The layout visits will include:

Uley Junction – 7mm

Penzance & Truro – 4mm

Fern Valley Railway – 3.5mm

Woolmer Green 1935-40 – 4mm

# Uley Junction



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# Penzance and Truro







# Fern Valley Railway



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# Woolmer Green – LNER 1935-40









In a major coup for the BRMA, we will have lunch at the home of David Howarth.

David has an O Gauge New York Central based layout. Which has to be seen to be believed.







Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 19th of October will be available to visit other layouts not on the layout tour (a car will be required).









MIDDLESBOROUGH













On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October the “Great Train Show” will be held at Rosehill racecourse. This is the largest show in Australia.



# The Great Train Show

**October 24-25 2026  
Grand Pavilion  
Rosehill Gardens  
Racecourse**

**Come and see Sydney's premier model railway exhibition, featuring a large number of quality displays; a huge number of traders; modelling demonstrations from top modellers; and, check out the monster 2nd hand stall, for all the best pre-loved goodies.**



Look forward to seeing you in 2026...