

Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch Inc.

Open Modelling Competition

The AMRA NSW Open Modelling Competition is run each year in conjunction with the Sydney Model Railway Exhibition.

Models are entered in the following categories:

1. Scratchbuilt Locomotive
2. Scratchbuilt Rolling stock
3. Scratchbuilt Lineside Structure
4. Kitbased/Kitbashed/Proprietary Modified Locomotive
5. Kitbased/Kitbashed/Proprietary Modified Rolling stock
6. Kitbased/Kitbashed/Proprietary Modified Lineside Structure

- 1st Place winner in each category receives an award of \$50 and an engraved trophy.
- 2nd Place winner in each category receives an award of \$30.
- 3rd Place winner in each category receives an award of \$20.

All entrants receive a certificate of entry and a copy of the judges' comments.

Additional Awards

- School Students' Encouragement Award.
- President's Cup for best of competition, as deemed by the President of AMRA NSW Branch Inc.

All entries are placed on display in a secure showcase for the duration of the exhibition, before an admiring public. The standard of entries demonstrates the many varied skills of railway modelling.

Rules

1. The competition is open to all modellers of railway oriented subjects.
2. Entries are not judged on a layout, as this affects the impartiality of the judges.
3. Entries may be recategorised at our discretion. Please consult the Coordinator if unsure of the category.
4. "Locomotives" are to be self-propelling.
5. "Rolling Stock" includes any non-self-propelling rail vehicle that is able to roll freely down a slight incline.
6. "Lineside Structure" includes any other structure that would normally be seen from a train.
7. Visibly unfinished models will only be accepted upon supporting documentation.
8. Any model awarded a prize in this competition in previous years is ineligible for entry.
9. Entries are submitted at the owner's risk. No responsibility will be accepted by the coordinator, judges or AMRA NSW for any loss or damage whatsoever.
10. The judges' decision is final in all matters relating to this competition.
11. Lodgement time is from 3pm to 6pm on the Friday immediately preceding the Exhibition weekend. Lodgement after 6pm is strictly by arrangement.
12. A receipt will be issued for each entry received, which must be produced for collection of entries.
13. Entries are available for collection from 2pm to 3pm on the Monday of the Exhibition weekend.

Judging Criteria

1. **Basic Construction** – how well built is the model? Is it square and without visible construction joins?
2. **Finish** – this includes weathering if applicable.
3. **Detail** – what’s missing? To what level of effort has the modeller gone to ensure that the model has all the character in the fine detail.
4. **Level of Difficulty** – how complex is the project? How intricate is the construction attempted?
5. **Authentication** – backup documentation supplied. **It is recommended that as much support documentation as possible accompanies your model(s), such as plans, prototype photos, etc.** This allows the judges to assess the accuracy and background of your model to your advantage. This is where most entrants fall down.
6. **Conformity** – how much like the original is the model?

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Modelling Competition Co-ordinator