

# Prototype Modellers Forum

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Thornbury High School, Dundas St, Thornbury.

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**Sunday 16 September 2018**

The Prototype Modellers Forum is an annual gathering of railway modellers who share their interests and experiences. There is an emphasis on scale modelling. People of all skill levels, experience and modelling scales are welcome to join us.

At the heart of the Forum are the models that participants bring along for display during the day. We provide a supervised display room for viewing the models and discussions with their builders.

To help make the day a success, bring something for other participants to see - locos, rolling stock, structures and dioramas. They may be complete, under construction or in the planning stages.

We will be holding clinics and presentations covering both prototype and modelling techniques on the day. You will attend six presentations of your choice during the day and will receive a set of notes covering all nine topics.

Specialist traders will also attend with an appropriate range of tools and materials for sale on the day.

Registration includes a light lunch. Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available throughout the day.

So be sure to take this opportunity to spend a day meeting with your fellow prototype modellers. Complete and return your registration form today.

The venue will be open for check in and setting up model displays from 9.00 to 9.30. The first sessions commence promptly at 9.30, so early arrival is strongly recommended.

## Early Bird Registration Discount

Register before 31 July 2018 for \$70.00 or  
from 1 August 2018 for \$80.00.

## 2018 Papers

**Build Your Own Block Oily.** *Phil Jeffery* uses VR drawings for 1960s bogie petroleum tank wagons, to identify the features of wagon groups, which will enable modellers to build blocks of similar but different vehicles.

**Transporting and Distributing Fuel on Our Model Railways.** With the proliferation of HO scale tank wagons now available *Bruce McLean* looks at ideas and examples of how we can transport and distribute petroleum, locomotive fuel, LPG and bitumen on our layouts.

**Carriages on Carriages.** *Mark Bau* recounts the history of horse-drawn and horseless carriage traffic on the VR.

**Kitbashing Ratio Signals to Represent Victorian Railways Prototype.** *Bob Gartside* shows how he modifies Ratio signal kits to make an inexpensive approximation to this often-neglected item on our models of the Victorian Railways.

**Modeling Unique Prototype Structures.** *Richard Parker* describes how he went about planning, developing and building models of some prototype structures for his model of Murtoa.

**VR Sheep Loading Ramps and Yards.** Like most things VR there is no "standard" sheep loading ramp. *Don McGilvery* takes a look at some of the variations of loading ramps used by the VR to load sheep at various locations and times. He will explain his techniques to model some of them.

**ISO containers - The box that changed transport the world over.** *Matt Turner* gives an overview of container traffic on the VR and will also look at modelling ISO containers and the wagons that carried them.

**Some Recent Baseboard Projects.** There are numerous approaches to the construction of baseboards and fiddle yards in our hobby. Three different approaches currently underway by VMRS members will be presented and discussed.

**Making More Than One.** *Richard Leeder* will walk you through the methods he uses to create and re-create kits of parts to make more than one of a vehicle for personal or commercial use.

The **Victorian Model Railway Society** meets on the third Thursday of each calendar month at 8.00 pm, in the Scout Hall, Victoria Road Reserve Hawthorn East VIC 3123. Visitors are most welcome. More information from our website: <http://www.vmrs.net/>



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