

# Hobsons Oz-32

## A New Model Competition

Beginning 2016 at the **22<sup>nd</sup> Exhibition of Australian Model Railways**, not about modelling a locomotive, a piece of rolling stock, a structure or a diorama.

**Hobsons Oz-32** will combine all of these into one entry, by challenging you to build an entire working model railway.

There are a few basic rules:

### *The Hobsons*

Layout must be newly built and debuted at our Exhibition.

### *The Oz*

Layout must, of course, be of an Australian outline, prototype or freelance.

### *The 32*

Layout must fit into the display space of 4 feet x 8 feet which is 32sqft.

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Open to ALL. Individuals, family, friends or clubs are eligible to enter.

Any scale or gauge as long as it does not exceed 32 square feet.

Winners will be selected by the public casting votes for their favourite.

Entries will be limited by the amount of exhibition space available.

An entry fee will be required but the total prize pool will be \$1000.00 plus.

If you are interested in this event please contact us for an application form and detailed rules.

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# THE EXHIBITION OF AUSTRALIAN MODEL RAILWAYS 2016

## HOBSONS OZ-32 Entry Application

### Layout Details

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Viewing Sides: \_\_\_\_\_

Scale & Gauge: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Operators: \_\_\_\_\_ (meals provided for a maximum of 3 people)

Description (approximately 80 words) for inclusion in exhibition guide:

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### Entrant Details

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We agree to be bound by the rules and I/we agree that my/our layout entry:-

- Will be debuted at the exhibition of Australian model railways 2016 and has not been displayed at any public venue prior to this.
- Is based on Australian themed scenery and running Australian rolling stock.
- Is not longer than 8 feet (2.4 metres) and not wider than 4 feet (1.2 metres).
- Will be judge by members of the public to determine winners.

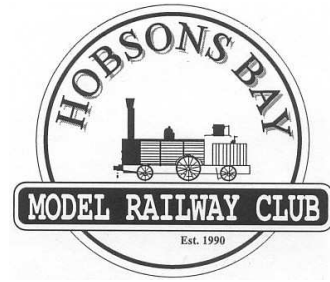
An entry fee of \$50.00 dollars is included cheque payable to Hobsons Bay Model Railway club or

EFT BSB: 633-108

Account: 1011 -66312

Reference: *your name*

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **HOBSONS OZ-32**

### **MODELLING COMPETITION RULES**

**Hobsons Oz-32** is a new modelling competition format to be introduced at the Exhibition of Australian Model Railways 2016.

The aim of the competition is to challenge new and existing model railway hobbyists to build an entire working model railway for exhibition at our annual train exhibition. We hope to encourage new ideas along with well executed traditional plans. The entry may even be a module, the beginning of a much larger creation. Your imagination should be the only limitation.

There are a few basic rules:

1. The layout must be newly built and debuted at our Exhibition. The entry must not have been shown publicly at any other venue prior to appearing in the competition.
2. The layout must, of course, be of an Australian outline, prototype or freelance. This will include Australian themed scenery, buildings, motive power and rolling stock
3. The layout must fit into the display space of 4 feet x 8 feet which is 32sqft. The entry must be no longer than 8 feet (2.4 metres) and no wider than 4 feet (1.2 metres). The height of the bench work is your choice; however remember you are presenting your layout to a public audience that will be casting votes. There will be an additional space around your layout to allow you to operate the trains.
4. The competition is open to individuals, family, friends or clubs. There are no categories within the competition.
5. Any scale, gauge or combination is permitted as long as the overall size does not exceed the dimensions in rule 3.
6. The number of entries will be limited by the amount of exhibition space available. If more entries are received than we are able to allocate space for, they will be asked to be placed on stand-by and/or be allocated a guaranteed place in the competition next year.
7. An entry fee of \$50.00 will be required to be submitted with the application to cover administration costs. Operators of the layout will receive meals each day of the exhibition and have access to the exhibitors lounge for light refreshments. The Saturday night 'Swindle' food and drink will also be included. There will be a limit of three operators eligible for meals.
8. Winners will be selected by the public vote. Patrons entering the exhibition will be given a token to cast a vote for their favourite choice by placing it in a receptacle, located on each layout.
9. The prize pool will be a minimum of \$1000.00. First prize will be \$500.00, second prize will be \$300.00 and third prize will be \$200.00. Additional prizes may be allocated dependent upon sponsorships. In addition the winning entrant will be invited back to the following year's exhibition as a paid exhibitor.
10. A progress report of the entry will be required by the end of November 2015. This may be done by submitting photographs, video or having one of our club members visiting your layout.
11. In the event that there are insufficient entries, Hobsons Bay Model Railway Club reserves the right to cancel the competition and refund all entry fees.

*Applicant to initial as read \_\_\_\_\_*

*The following information is intended to provide you with basic knowledge about the exhibition.*

## **BEFORE AND AFTER**

**The Venue:** Is the Union Hall - Union Building, Latrobe University, Bundoora Campus, Plenty Road, Bundoora, 3086. Entry via Kingsbury Drive. Melway Map 19 Ref G6

**Venue Access:** Will be via the main gate house at the university. You will be directed to an available loading door as close as possible to your location in the building. As access is limited we need all vehicles, not engaged in unloading or loading to be parked in car park 4. **Tow a way's** may occur if your vehicle is parked in any other area. Please help us to keep the Latrobe Admin happy and allow us to return next year.

**Set Up Day – Friday:** Access will be from **10.00am**. It may be necessary to hold you in the driveway until such time as there is space available in the allocated unloading area. Access is limited and some exhibitors will need to use the stairs. Please note that it is not possible to drive right up to all the entry doors so some carrying will be required.

Exhibitors are NOT to double-park on the access drive, even if unloading – we have lots of people wanting access and we need to ensure that everyone can get clear access to the entry points. Immediately after unloading, please **remove your vehicle** (and trailer) to the general car-park number 4 to clear the unloading area for other exhibitors. You may choose to leave you trailer only, in the allocated trailer parking area before moving your vehicle to car park number 4. The trailer area is not fenced. No vehicles may be parked in the unloading area at any time. Campus security will patrol the area over the weekend.

The area of your stand will be marked out as per the dimensions you stated in your application. Permission can **NOT** be given to extend your allocated space on the day. **Set-up must be completed by 6.00 pm.**

**Pack Up Day – Monday:** Pack up starts **AFTER** the close of the exhibition at **4:00 pm** and **NOT BEFORE**. Passes must be worn by all people assisting with packing up after 4:00 pm; this is for your security. The driveway and loading door marshals will again be present to ensure that packing up is done in an orderly manner. When you have completed packing up your layout/exhibit and are ready to load your vehicle, ask for a loading pass so that you may retrieve your vehicle and trailer from the car park. At all times please be patient and considerate. **All exhibits are to be removed by 6:00 pm at the latest.**

## **DURING THE EXHIBITION**

**Exhibitor Passes:** All exhibitors are required to wear their Exhibition Pass at all times when inside the venue – this is for both insurance and security purposes. Please ensure that any passes are redistributed or returned to the Ticket Box for appropriate re-allocation once finished with – people helping at your exhibit will need to pay admission unless an Exhibition Pass is given to them or made available for them at the Ticket Box.

**Refreshments:** An Exhibitors Only Lounge area has been set aside for breaks during the day. There will be hot water, tea, coffee and milk, and some light refreshment. There will only be a supply of styrene cups, but it is recommended that all Exhibitors bring their own mug.

**Lunch:** There will be a voucher system, with vouchers provided to each exhibit each day. The vouchers are redeemable at the venue's catering area. The voucher entitles each exhibitor to a meal and can of drink or bottled water. Exhibitors are required to eat in the cafeteria area. Exhibitors are asked not to eat meals at their stand. There will be a number of our club members available to provide assistance at your stand to allow you to take a break. Please contact the Exhibition Organizer or one of our Club Members if you require this service.

### **Exhibition “Swindle” - Saturday Night:**

All exhibitors are invited to attend our traditional “Saturday Night Swindle” at the exhibition cafeteria. Finger food and drinks will be available during the operation of the “swindle”. The announcements and presentation of awards will also be made at this time. Please advise Administration, of numbers attending by 6.00pm Friday, to allow for catering.

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## ADMINISTRATION & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

It is a venue OH&S requirement that we have a compulsory meeting of all exhibitors (“contractors”) to explain evacuation procedures etc. This will occur at 9:00 am on Saturday in the main hall. The emergency evacuation area will also be identified. Please ensure that any of your assistants not present are made aware of the emergency procedures.

**Fire Safety.** The facility is well equipped to meet any fire emergency, with fire exits, sprinkler systems and evacuation assembly areas. No exhibitor is allowed to block any fire escape or hinder any emergency evacuation process. All exhibitors will be advised of the emergency evacuation assembly area on Saturday, and exhibitors are requested to inform all persons assisting on their exhibit of the emergency evacuation procedures. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that their exhibit conforms to all appropriate fire safety standards.

**Power Supplies.** It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that any / all electrical appliances used in their exhibit meet and are used in accordance with electrical standards and regulations. Any leads that cross a public walkway must be securely covered and / or taped to the floor. **NO** domestic heating appliances are to be used in the venue as overloading of circuits can shut down exhibits. The hall is air-conditioned

**Stand Safety.** We are hoping for a large public turnout for the exhibition and hopefully all visitors will want to get up close and personal to your layout / exhibit. Whilst we have endeavoured to ensure that there is plenty of space around all the exhibits for walkways and viewing it is imperative that all stands/exhibits do not have protruding or sharp edges and are properly secured / balanced to prevent falling. Please also ensure that your exhibit does not have any points or sharp edges that may damage the venue’s floor.

**Stand Presentation.** We ask that all exhibitors pay particular attention to the overall presentation of not just their exhibit but also to the immediate area around it – especially underneath tables or layouts. This area should be screened off if possible, as it is not part of what the viewing public needs to see and we want them to focus on your layout / stand.

All stands and layouts are to be in full operation from opening and right up until closing time on all days.

**Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm**

**Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm**

**Monday 10.00am – 4.00pm**

Exhibitors are not to start packing up until the exhibition formally closes at 4.00 pm on the Monday. We close one hour earlier on Monday to ensure ample pack-up time.

We were very pleased with the overall achievements of our past 21 exhibitions and we are committed to ensure that the Hobsons Bay Model Railway Club Exhibition of Australian Model Railways 2016 is the best *all* Australian exhibition, in Victoria. We believe that through our exhibition, and with your participation, we have a lot to offer the newcomer and the dedicated Australian modeller in the realm of Australian model railways. We also acknowledge our ability to entertain the general public, who even with a passing interest, may be further encouraged into our wonderful hobby.

Mick Churchley & Paul Hawdon

Exhibition Organizers

For and on behalf of the Hobsons Bay Model Railway Club.

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