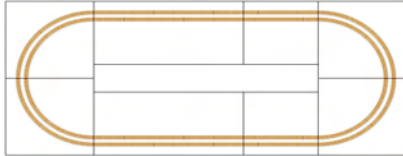


Building a Layout

T-Trak is a new concept and an excellent starting point for beginners, using Kato Unitrack. Details can be found at <http://users.picknowl.com.au/~austnyscale/austtrak.htm> Alternatively, you can use a Utility Table with fold up legs, available from places like Bunnings (\$40). This can be stored under a bed.

N Scale means plenty of trains and plenty of action without having to sacrifice a room of the house or the garage.



Where to find Australian N scale products

Model Railway Shops: You'll find some items at your local shops. Victorian shops include:

Branchline (Croydon) Southline (Bendigo)
Buffer Stop (Preston) Trainworld (Brighton)
Rail-N-Thusiast
(Surrey Hills)

Manufacturers: Some items are only available from manufacturers, some of whom on-sell items from other manufacturers (it's all one supportive community). Links to their web sites can be found on the Collective's web site.

Aust-N-Rail - locos and wagons, kits or RTR.

Frate-N - locos and rolling stock kits, assembled and painted for you making them ready to go.

N-Trains - NSW kits.

Pallas Hobbies - Assorted Mail order.

Powerline - Vic X-Class Diesel.

SAR N Scale Detailers - Sth Australian kits, many seen in Victoria.

Spirit Design - Rolling stock, modeller's aids and laser cut kits.

Several of the non-RTR models pictured in this brochure were produced by beginners to railway modelling. You don't have to be an expert to have a go.



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**Membership subscription:
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We model Victorian and Interstate Trains.

Monthly meetings are held on a Saturday, 10am-5pm at members' homes. These informal meetings include:

- "Show and tell" current modelling activities,
- The latest news on what's happening in Australian N Scale modelling
- Opportunities to run trains on members' layouts
- Modelling clinics, tips and ideas
- Camaraderie with like-minded enthusiasts.

The Collective participates in one or two exhibitions each year, displaying a layout comprising a collection of private and club-owned modules built to the AusTrak standard for Australian N-Scale modules.

The Collective has some very experienced and highly skilled modellers, raw beginners and anything in between. There is a wealth of knowledge and skill within the group from which beginners or experienced modellers can learn.

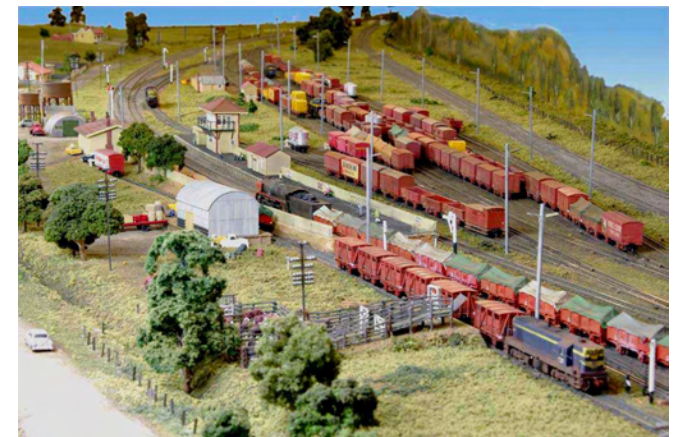
Members also receive a bi-monthly Newsletter covering modelling tips, layout photos and many more ideas on N scale in Australia. Each issue has 12-20 pages of information.

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Locomotives

Ready-to-run N-scale models of Australian locomotives are starting to appear in hobby shops. In recent years, an X class diesel has been released by Powerline, an increasing range including G/BL class and T class by Aust-N-Rail and a variety of interstate diesels available by mail order from Frate-N. Prices approx \$250-\$300.



'Ready to Run' T and G class by Aust-N-Rail and X class by Powerline.

Kits offer a wider range of models. These typically involve painting and decaling the train body and assembling with a mechanism from a standard commercial locomotive. Some require only basic skills, achievable by inexperienced modellers. Some are a little more challenging. Some examples of locos built from kits:



1. VR T Class kit from Aust-N-Rail, mounted on a Lifelike SW9 chassis (Cost approx \$100)
2. V/Line B Class kit from Pete Boorman, mounted on a Lifelike SD7 chassis (Cost approx \$100)
3. Pacific National BL kit from SAR N Scale Detailers, mounted on an Atlas SD7 chassis (Cost approx \$200)

The range continues to grow so it's worthwhile checking the manufacturer's web sites from time to time.

Freight Wagons

Ready-to-run freight wagons have been released in recent years by Aust-N-Rail and available in most shops. Frate-N has a range of mostly NSW wagons available by mail order.



'Ready to run' ELX (available in various mutations) and with 4-wheelers B van, GY and K (NSW) wagon with VGHY grain wagons at the rear, all by Aust-N-Rail.

Kits are available for a wide and ever-expanding range of freight wagons. A sample is shown here.



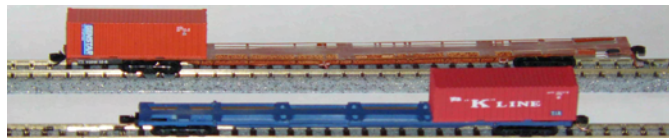
FJ Flour wagon, KC wagon with LCL containers, M Cattle van and J cement wagon, all from Spirit Design kits.



Guard vans – C, ZL and ZLP from Spirit Design with ZF from Aust-N-Rail and more ZLs at the rear.



VLCX, VLDX, VLEX Louvre vans and VHCY cement wagon from Aust-N-Rail.



CFCLA CQBY from Ethans Models (front) and VQDW container flat from Spirit Design with RTR containers from Deluxe Innovations.

Passenger cars

A sample of the small range of passenger cars available in kit form. None are currently available Ready-to-Run.

BE from Spirit Design



ACZ from Aust-N-Rail.



Skills and Techniques

Kits typically involve assembly, painting and decaling and attaching standard bogies and couplers.

Plastic kits: Many kits come in the form of 1 or 2 piece polyurethane castings. These are the easiest to assemble. Some have extra brass pieces for finer detail.

Containers make an ideal starting point for beginners to practice basic modelling skills such as painting and decaling. You can purchase unpainted containers from Aust-N-Rail or N-Trains, among others.

Models can be brush painted. For a better finish, a cheap airbrush attached to a spare tyre or air compressor is worth a try, even for a beginner.

Decals are supplied with most of the kits. Hobby shops or Train Shows may have extras, including container decals.

Extra detail such as shunter steps and brake wheels can be added if desired.

Brass kits: Several kits come in the form of brass etches. These are generally more detailed but more challenging to assemble, requiring soldering equipment and skills. Painting and finishing thereafter is similar to plastic kits.

The level of detail in models depends on the wishes and the skill level of the modeller.