

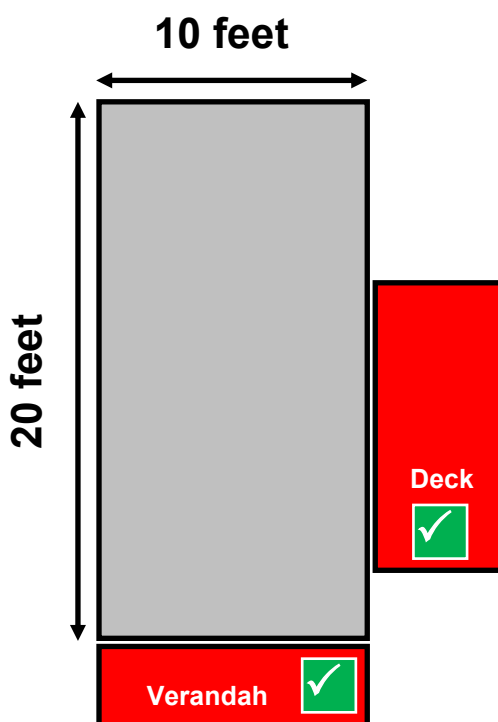


The Australian Narrow Gauge Convention once again brings a new subject to the “special category” of the 2026 modelling competition. This is designed as a category to perhaps extend your normal modelling practices, and to allow you to have a go at a different modelling project. Providing an opportunity to create something very compact and easy to transport (especially for those needing to travel to the Convention), we introduce “***THE STANDARD STRUCTURE CHALLENGE***”.

Modelling Contest Special Category

Our previous restricted size categories in the modelling contest have been extremely popular at the convention, with a wide variety of imaginative ideas presented within the tiny footprints. For our attendees making considerable efforts to travel long distances, the ability to build a competitive contest model that fits comfortably in a suitcase was great. It's time to apply some creative thinking once again.

For the 16th Australian Narrow Gauge Convention, we are revisiting a category first introduced way back in 2001 (at the 5th ANG), **THE STANDARD STRUCTURE CHALLENGE**. Quite simply, using a basic set of dimensions, it was up to the modeller as to what style and materials were used to build the structure. The idea being to see how many variations on a theme would be built. Commercial, residential, railway infrastructure, brick, timber, metal, signs, detailed interior... ***what direction will you choose?***



Rules for this challenge:

- Build a model to the Standard Structure scale dimensions of **10 FEET WIDE, BY 20 FEET DEEP.**
- The choice of material is unrestricted, so long as the size restriction is maintained.
- There are no height restrictions, *however*, the model must be stable once on display.
- **CHOICE OF SCALE IS UP TO YOU.** This could be an opportunity to try modelling in a smaller scale, or maybe an even bigger scale, *so long as the scale dimensions are maintained.*
- As this is a **STRUCTURE** contest, **structure presentation rules apply.** The structure must only be displayed on a neutral coloured base (black or white).
- One or more small verandahs and/or decks are permitted if connected to the structure.
- **Scenery** is **NOT** permitted. This is a Structure contest, **NOT** a Diorama contest.
- Judging will be conducted by popular vote (same as each of the regular contest categories).