

First Monday Toy Auction July 2nd 2018



Celebrating our 100th auction

Highlights include:

- Trains in 1, O, HO/OO, N and OOO
- Planes including diecast, kit-built and kits
- Automobiles from Matchbox, Corgi and others including Corgi Batman collection
- Rare Citroën transformable truck
- Large collection of Australian Matchbox memorabilia
- Ships & boats including kits
- Meccano, Ezy-Bilt, Buz and Lego
- Steam engines and accessories
- Hobby tools & materials
- Tin toys, yo-yos, games and other fun things



Featured item: Lot 127 Pim's Walkie Talkie Junior Phone Set

This month, to mark a special occasion we have a very special auction. This will be our **100th auction**, so we're celebrating in a few modest ways.

First of all, we have tried to include **a bit of everything**: trains, planes, automobiles, ships, aircraft, tin toys, steam, tools, construction sets, games & toys, memorabilia, and anything else that is fun or collectable.

We have recently received some rare and valuable items from private collections. We have also descended into our archives and retrieved a number of unusual collectables, some of which haven't seen the light of day for a long time.

Amongst the many tempting items this month are: the rare **Citroën "transformable" truck**, produced by the Citroën company in the 1930s; TV & movie models from **Corgi**, including several **Batman** vehicles and the much sought-after 007 Goldfinger **Aston Martin** in excellent condition; some superb 1-gauge locomotives from **Accucraft**, including the popular **Flying Scotsman**; a collection of **NSW railway memorabilia**, presumably

"souvenired" over the years, notably a complete set of engineering plans for NSW passenger coaches; several Australian Morse key sets from **Buz** (which we haven't seen before); and some more **Coca-Cola yo-yos**.

But the real feature of this month's auction is Lot 116, the collection of **Australian Matchbox memorabilia**. This is a very important historical record of Matchbox in Australia from the 1960s to the 1980s, collected during that time by the late David Leeman, who was the head of Matchbox in the Australia and Asia region. The collection is being sold by his family. Mr Leeman's extensive collection of Matchbox models – which included every item ever released in Australia – was donated to the Powerhouse Museum, but the museum did not take the collection of memorabilia, which we believe is just as important and perhaps the ultimate Matchbox collectable in Australia.

The Matchbox memorabilia includes: a scrapbook containing every Matchbox advertisement published in Australia during Mr Leeman's time; a set of the in-house Matchbox magazines (which you won't see very often); dozens of photographs including Mr Leeman meeting the Queen; important business correspondence covering more than two decades; the 1969 Queen's Award to Industry; and a 1969 16mm Movietone newsreel of the Queen visiting the Lesney factory in England.

It's generally not too hard to find the Matchbox models you need to complete your collection, but this set of memorabilia is unique and we are privileged to be able to offer it in our auction.

So, once again, we have an excellent mix of toys and collectables and as always there will be plenty of bargains.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, July 2nd, at our Auction Rooms in Lawson, and everyone is most welcome to attend. Viewing is open from 3:00pm and since this is a special occasion, we'll be providing **complimentary drinks** and finger food from 5:00pm. So please come along if you can and share a glass of champagne with us.

If you can't join us in person, you can always leave absentee bids with us, or bid live online at invaluable.com. Even if you don't want to bid, you can watch the auction at invaluable.com and see us in our full glory (after a few glasses of champers).

Viewing is also open on the Saturday before the auction, June 30th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm in our Auction Rooms. There are plenty of wonderful things to look at and we hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please call us on (02) 4787 7974 or send us an email.

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

Magazine giveaway

Issue 39 of *Model Railways in Australia* has just arrived, and as part of our celebrations we'll be giving them away for free to everyone who comes to our auction on Monday night. It's a great magazine and we appreciate the continued support that its publishers provide for the Australian model railway fraternity. So come along to the auction and get your free copy!

EOFY clearance sale

Since the walls of our shop and warehouse are about to burst, we need to sell lots of toys.

So we're holding a huge **End of Financial Year Clearance Sale** in our **Blackheath shop** this Saturday, June 30th, and we're offering **25% to 50% off** most stock. We look forward to creating some space, which we can fill with more toys! While that's happening, we're also holding one of our regular **garage sales** in the front garden at Blackheath, which as usual will include lots of bargain books. Both sales will open at 10:00am and run until about 4:00pm. So why not make a day of it in the Beautiful Blue Mountains? Come to the auction viewing at Lawson, then visit us at Blackheath and pick up a bargain. Don't forget to rug up! We hope to see you there.

Thank you

The occasion of our 100th auction gives us an ideal opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has participated in our auctions over the years. We greatly appreciate the support of our customers and vendors, many of whom have been buying and selling through our auctions for a long time. And a big thank you to the staff who have helped us conduct the auctions – we're so grateful we're going to name you all: Anna, Barry, Caroline, Chris A, Chris W, Clare, Danny, David, Denise, Geoff, Jan, Jock, John F, John R, Josee, Joy, Keith, Les, Mal, Mark, Meagan, Michelle, Mitch, Mitchell, Nick, Pat, Paul, Pauline, Raelene, Robert, Sandra, Spike, Susan and William. Our sincere thanks to all of you. Now for the next 100 auctions...

From the team at Trains, Planes & Automobiles.



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