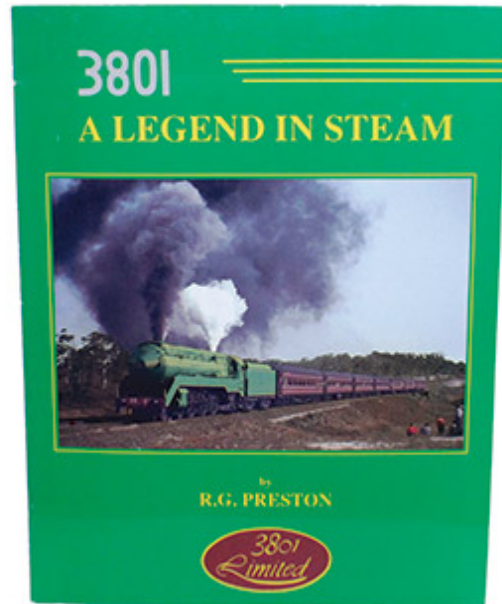


### First Monday Toy Auction

#### November 4th 2019

*Highlights include:*

- O-gauge from Hornby and others
- HO/OO from Hornby and others
- Australian HO locomotives and rolling stock
- Australian railway books and magazines
- More railway books including Hornby Companion Series
- Diecast cars including Corgi, Dinky, Matchbox 1-75s & Yesteryears, and European models
- Large collection of Trax Australian cars and buses
- 1:24 scale cars and kits
- Aircraft including diecast, plastic and kits
- Meccano



Featured item: Lot 381  
Australian Train Book "3801 A Legend in Steam" by R.G. Preston

Once again we have a great selection of trains, planes and automobiles on offer.

Unusually, our featured item this month is a book, since we are privileged to have acquired a large number of quality **railway publications** recently, including many **Australian books**. We saw a few of them last month, and we've included a lot more this month, and there are still some more to come in future auctions. This is a rare opportunity for you to get hold of that hard-to-find book to fill a gap in your library.

As always, there are plenty of trains on offer, including another serving of excellent **Australian HO**. We also have a good range of diecast cars, notably the **Australian Trax** models, which include 1:43 scale cars and 1:76 scale buses. And there are more **planes** of all shapes and sizes including helicopters, and also a selection of **Meccano** both early and modern.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, November 4th, in our Auction Rooms at The Gearin in Katoomba. All are welcome to attend. There is plenty of parking and refreshments are available. If you can't join us in person, you can bid live online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com), or send us absentee bids before the auction. Telephone bidding is also available by prior arrangement.

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms next Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on the auction day from 3:00pm.

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

## THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

### That Time of Year Again

The weather in the Blue Mountains is getting decidedly warmer, which means it's time for the annual **Rhododendron Festival** in Blackheath. It's all happening this Saturday, and as usual there will be stalls, exhibits, music, entertainment, and the Grand Parade – which is the oldest annual street parade in Australia! And of course there will be gardens and parks full of flowers.

We've moved to Katoomba now, but we still have strong ties to Blackheath and we're happy to support the Rhodo Festival. Come and make a day of it in the Mountains this Saturday, visit us for auction viewing then pop up the hill to the Festival. For full details visit [rhodofestival.com](http://rhodofestival.com).

### But Wait, There's More...

Here at The Gearin we're packed to the rafters with toys that need new homes, so we have **two further auctions** planned this month.

The first is the **Super Sunday Sale**, on Sunday 17th November. This is one of our daytime auctions, starting at 10:00am, which will feature an extensive collection of diecast Jaguars, lots of military vehicles, toy soldiers, 1-gauge trains, live steam engines, and the usual great mix of trains, cars, planes, toys and collectables.

The second is **Jock's Jalopies** on Monday 18th November, which features an extraordinary range of military vehicles – especially Jeeps – from the vast collection of our colleague Jock "Jeep" Murray. This will be one of our "quiet" auctions, so you can leave absentee bids before the auction, or join us online for live bidding at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com) from 6:00pm, but being a quiet auction there will be no bidding from the floor.

We're clearing out the rear part of the ballroom and creating a second viewing area, which will be filled with Jock's Jalopies. So viewing will be open for both auctions at the same time on Saturday 16th November, and also throughout the next day's Super Sunday Sale.

We'll be in touch with full details of both these auctions closer to the dates. It's going to be a hectic month, but we think we'll manage.

Over the past few weeks we've been catching up with our admin backlog and we're almost on top of it. For those of you who have had to wait longer than usual to receive your auction goods, we thank you for your patience. We've been stretched very thin while Hannah has been away, and we'd also like to thank our friends who stepped in to help us out, especially Jock, John, Jan, James and Mike. We're just about back to normal now, which of course is a relative term.

## Ben Chifley Slept Here

We were recently informed by one of our customers that the late Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley was a regular guest here at **The Gearin** during his trips across the Blue Mountains. So we think we may have to erect a plaque. And if it's good enough for Ben, it's good enough for us, and we hope it's good enough for you too.

And it's gradually getting better, since we've started painting and decorating, and the grand old building is beginning to look a little less shabby. If you want affordable accommodation in Katoomba – perhaps around auction time – then give us a call on **0405 589 906** and we'll arrange a room for you. It might not be the Waldorf-Astoria, but, well... it's good enough.

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