

First Monday Toy Auction

March 2nd 2020

Highlights include:

- **Large collection of N-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, sets & accessories**
- **Australian HO locomotives & rolling stock**
- **More HO including locomotives, rolling stock, buildings, track & accessories**
- **O-gauge from Hornby, Bing, Fleischmann, Karl Bub and others**
- **Railway books, DVDs & prints**
- **Diecast cars from Matchbox, Hot Wheels, Solido, Bburago, Maisto, Cararama, Classic Carlectables, Franklin Mint, and many others**
- **Australian Trax 1:43 scale cars and Trux 1:76 scale buses**



Featured item: Lot 96
Trax TR23C 1:43 scale diecast Holden HZ Sandman Van
"Sea Witch"

Welcome to our First Monday Toy Auction for March. This month we have a great variety of trains and cars on offer.

Our **N-gauge** friends often ask us when we'll have some trains for them, and they won't be disappointed this month, since we have a large range of N-gauge locomotives and rolling stock, in American and Japanese styles. Most of these are in excellent condition and have had little or no running.

We also have another fine selection of **Australian HO-gauge**, as well as other HO & OO items. As usual, there's a good range of **O-gauge** too. And if you look carefully, you'll see a few On30 items.

For the car fans, there's plenty to choose from, including the always popular **Australian Trax**, lots of **Matchbox**, and much else besides. Have a look at the catalogue for full details.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, March 2nd, 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, or send us absentee bids before the auction.

The lots can be viewed in the 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

Fun things coming up

We're about due for a mid-month daytime auction, and we're bursting at the seams with lots of great toys, so we'll be holding a **Third Sunday Toy Auction** on **Sunday March 15th**, just two weeks after next Monday's auction.

As well as the usual trains, planes and automobiles, this auction will feature a lot of fun things, including tin toys, soldiers and war games, TV & movie merchandise, toys from Disney, Pez, M&M's, and all sorts of other neat stuff.

The auction will be held in our Auction Rooms at The Gearin. It will start at 10:00am and we're planning on 601 lots, so who knows when it will end? We'll be in touch again soon to remind you, and full details will be published on our website in the week before the auction.

Strike up the band

As it happens, our Third Sunday Toy Auction will be held on the same weekend as the annual **Blue Mountains Music Festival**, so it's going to be a great time to visit Katoomba. The festival runs through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and features many artists performing at many locations around town. For full details and to book tickets, visit bmff.org.au.

If you're coming to our auction on the Sunday, or viewing on the Saturday, you can expect a festive atmosphere. We just about have a full house at The Gearin, but if you're looking for accommodation in Katoomba and you're quick, we may be able to squeeze you in.

Settled in

We've now well and truly settled in to The Gearin and our shop is open every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We received unexpected publicity recently when the local Blue Mountains Gazette ran an article about how we've turned a pub into a toy shop. This generated a lot of interest and John has been kept very busy with customers ever since. But it's a big place and there's always room for more, so feel free to come and visit us and see all the wonderful toys on display.

We're pleased to say that our chief office worker Hannah has also well and truly settled in to TPA, since she has now been with us for just over a year. So we'd like to say congratulations, Hannah, on your one year anniversary. Our customers have become familiar with Hannah's friendly and cheerful voice, and she is a great asset to us. We hope she'll continue to enjoy the TPA adventure for many years to come.

Exceptional layout

If you're into model trains and you're looking for a treat, you couldn't do much better than visiting the **Model Train Exhibition** being held on **Saturday March 7th** in Valley Heights. The exhibition features an HO layout with around 5km of track, and probably the largest private collection of Australian model trains. The event will be held at 39 Green Parade, Valley Heights. The doors open at 1:00pm and entry is by gold coin donation.

The organisers are looking for helpers, so if you'd like to volunteer for a day of helping – and playing trains – call Roslyn on (02) 4751 6161.

Ride-on layout for sale

On behalf of one of our vendors, we have been asked to sell a complete 7¼" **ride-on railway layout**, which includes a live steam locomotive, several coaches, and an enormous amount of track. The layout is still in place on a large property and can be viewed in situ. If you're interested in something towards the larger end of the model railway spectrum, call Keith on 0412 228 891.

Great Train Weekend

It didn't quite get there last year, but the 2020 Great Train Weekend is running on schedule and will arrive at Mount Victoria on **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of May**. (This is the second-last weekend in May rather than the usual last weekend, because of... you guessed it, trackwork!)

This will be the 10th Great Train Weekend in Mount Victoria and as usual it will be a wonderful time out for all the family, with entertainment, stalls, rides for the kids, and of course lots of trains. It's an absolute must for all train buffs.

There are rumours that a special locomotive will be arriving for the weekend, but we won't say any more about that just yet. We'll bring you further details as they come to hand.

Special auction for a special item

As part of the Great Train Weekend, we are privileged to be offering a very special item for auction: "**Steam, Smoke & Steel**", a painting of the City of Lithgow 1072 steam engine, by acclaimed Australian artist David Newman-White. This large and impressive oil painting has been generously donated by the artist to the Great Train Weekend, with proceeds going towards future Great Train Weekends.

We are offering the painting for sale through a **Silent Auction** which will close during the festivities at Mount Victoria on Saturday 23rd May. Bidding is not open yet, but the painting is proudly on display in our auction rooms at The Gearin, and you're welcome to come and see it during our regular opening times, or during our auctions. Full details will be available soon on our website. If you can't wait, give us a call on (02) 4787 7974 or come and see it for yourself!

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