

First Monday Toy Auction

Monday 11th October 2021 at 6:00pm

Highlights include:

- Ship kits, books and memorabilia
- NSWGR railway signs and memorabilia
- HO/OO-gauge from Hornby, Tri-ang and others, including parts, kits and accessories
- O-gauge rolling stock, kits, accessories and parts
- Tri-ang TT-gauge sets, locomotives, rolling stock, track and accessories
- Railway books and videos
- Matchbox Superfasts, Yesteryears and Collectibles, including military vehicles
- Corgi Classics buses, coaches and trucks including Pickfords
- 1:43 scale rally car & magazine sets from DeAgostini
- More diecast vehicles from Corgi, Lledo, Oxford Diecast and others
- Large collection of Minic cars, trucks and buses



Featured item: Lot 264
Samhongsa HO-gauge brass NSWGR D58 Class 4-8-2
Locomotive

Welcome to our October auction, which we always hold on the second Monday of the month so as not to clash with the NSW holiday weekend – though not many of us have been holidaying lately.

First of all, we are pleased to be able to offer viewing for this auction, since the lockdown restrictions are due to be eased next Monday, the day of the auction. So viewing will be open in our Auction Rooms next Monday, October 11th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. You are welcome to attend the viewing if you are fully vaccinated and wear a mask.

We do not yet have details of the new rules, so we have decided not to open our Auction Rooms to the public during the auction. So once again (perhaps for the last time) it will be absentee and online bidding only.

Even so, it's going to be a good auction, with the usual great selection of cars and trains, and this month also ships.

In cars we have lots of Minic including clockwork and "Push & Go" models; a good range of Corgi including buses and "Pickfords" delivery trucks; Matchbox models of all sorts including a collection of military vehicles, and various other vehicles from many different brands.

In trains we have O-gauge, HO/OO-gauge and TT-gauge, including track, accessories and parts. We also have a very interesting collection of NSW railway signs and other memorabilia. There are also railway books, videos and framed prints.

For the maritime enthusiasts we have model ships, kits and kit plans, books and memorabilia, notably the collection of naval wall plaques.

It's an interesting mixture this month and there are some unusual items.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, October 11th. You can take part by leaving absentee bids with us, or you can watch and bid online at invaluable.com.

We will be open again for pickup of auction goods from Thursday 14th October. But if you're still not able to travel, we're happy to hold onto your goods until you can visit us.

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

Light at the end of the tunnel

We expect to be out of lockdown next week, and we're looking forward to a return to relatively normal living, and especially to opening our shop and auction rooms to the public after being closed for so long.

At the time of writing, nothing is official yet. So to err on the side of safety, we will not open our auction rooms to the public for the October auction. But to err on the side of optimism, we will open for viewing on Monday October 11th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. After 4:00pm we will return to isolation for a COVID-safe auction.

We will have to wait and see what the government says before we know whether we can open for the November auction.

If you'd like to join us for viewing next Monday, please note that you must be fully vaccinated and you must wear a mask.

Christmas treat

We are also optimistic that the planned easing of restrictions will go ahead next week and we will be able to open our shop. So from Thursday 14th October, our shop will be open again to customers who have been fully vaccinated.

And to make up for lost time, we will be open seven days a week until Christmas. So for all of you who have been bravely suffering from toy withdrawals for so long, we will be here every day from 10:00am to 4:00pm, from Thursday 14th October to Christmas Eve (we'll close at 12:00 noon on Christmas Eve).

We've been busy stocking the shelves and tidying up, so it will be well worth a visit.

Huge range of pre-loved toys

During our lockdown time, we've performed a big stock-take of pre-loved toys and assembled a price list which will be available soon on our website. It's a great selection of trains, cars, toys and collectables, all at very good prices. Keep an eye on our home page and you'll see the list published later this week.

For the car lovers

We recently decided to stock "The Diecast Magazine" for all our car fans, and we have just received copies of Issue No. 47. As well as regular news and reviews, this issue features articles on Dinky, CMC, Hot Wheels, Minichamps, Maisto, and more.

This beautifully produced Australian magazine is on sale for \$19.95. We don't have too many, so get in quick!

Keith's trivia

As promised last month, here is another selection of curious questions to test your knowledge. Also as promised, the prize is satisfaction.

1. What did Union Pacific call the smoke deflectors on its Big Boy locomotives?
2. What is Sir Sydney Camm most famous for designing?
3. What was the name of the land speed record car driven by John Parry-Thomas?
4. Who was Benjamin Briggs?

And the answers to last month's questions:

1. The A4 loco "Sir Ralph Wedgwood" was destroyed during bombing.
2. The "Grogard" was a ground-attack aircraft made by Sud-Est.
4. The Rolls-Royce bonnet mascot was designed by Charles Robinson Sykes. The father of the model, actress Eleanor Thornton, was Australian.
5. "Cliki" was a plastic building block system made by Meccano in competition to Lego. It was very short-lived.

At The Gearin

Our coffee shop "On the Soul Side" has survived the lockdown by staying open for take-aways, and – all going well – it will also be open again next week for normal business, for customers who are fully vaccinated. We've had a bit of time to do some decorating, so the coffee shop's eclectic atmosphere is even more interesting and entertaining.

When you come to see our toys and collectables, remember to pop next door for a great coffee and snack.

Also remember that here at The Gearin we offer accommodation, and Katoomba is a very attractive place to visit when we're all allowed to move around again. If you're looking for affordable accommodation in Katoomba, visit thegearin.com.au.

We're pleased that there's light at the end of the tunnel and we're really looking forward to seeing our customers again. If you can't come and visit us in Katoomba, feel free to call us on 02 4787 7974 or send us an email. We'll do our level best to help you with all your toy and hobby needs.

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