

### New Year Auction

#### Monday 16th January 2023 at 6:00pm

A "quiet auction"

*Highlights include:*

- A great selection of diecast vehicles of all sorts
- Collection of Spot-On cars, trucks and sets
- Superb range of Dinky including cars, trucks and buses
- Lots of Corgi including early models and Corgi Classics
- Plenty of Matchbox 1-75s and Yesteryears, both early and modern
- Large scale vehicles including racing cars, trucks and farm vehicles
- And much more from Lledo, Cararama, Bburago, Solido, Vitesse, and many other brands



Featured item: Lot 101  
Spot-On 4 Sports Cars Presentation Pack

Welcome to our first auction for 2023.

This is a special diecast auction that contains a great variety of cars, trucks, buses, and various other types of vehicles and accessories, including some rare gems.

Of special note is the collection of **Spot-On** models. These were produced – briefly – by Tri-ang in the 1950s and 1960s, at a "spot-on" scale of 1:42. We don't see them very often and they're already generating a lot of interest.

Other gems include a large range of **Dinky** models, many of them quite rare and in superb condition; and an equally large range of **Corgi**, both early and modern, also including some rare and valuable items – check out James Bond's Aston-Martin!

And there are many, many other vehicles of all types and sizes. If you like cars, you'll love this auction. Don't despair, train buffs, we'll make it up to you next month!

This is a "quiet" auction. We haven't had one of these for a while, so to remind you, "quiet" means that it's held **online only**, not in our Auction Rooms. You can participate by sending us absentee bids or bidding online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com), but there will be no bidding from the floor.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, January 16th, and you can watch it online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com). Please note that in a "quiet" auction we do not stream video or audio. So enjoy the peace while it lasts.

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms at The Gearin in Katoomba on Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th and Monday 16th January, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Yes, viewing is now

open on Sunday!

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

## THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

### A Few Changes to Our Auctions

Like everyone else, we have been affected by rising costs over the past year. So to help cover these costs a little bit, we are increasing our auction **buyer's premium** from 13.5% to 15%, starting from our January auction. The online bidding fee of 5% at Invaluable has not changed, so the total fee for online bidders is now 20%. We trust that you understand the need for this increase and hope that it's so small you barely notice it. We still have one of the lowest buyer's premiums in the business.

Also to help cover costs, we have established a minimum **postage & handling** fee of \$25. We are happy to ship auction goods to our customers, and we have never made a profit on shipping. Indeed, we have usually done it at a loss once additional expenses such as materials and labour are taken into account. So we feel that this minimum fee is necessary for us to continue offering a shipping service to our customers, a service which not all auction houses provide.

These changes – and a few others – are included in our updated Terms & Conditions, which we encourage you to read.

### Sunday Viewings

There is one other change which should please many people. We have decided to open our shop for viewing on the Sunday before each auction. So viewing is now available on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday prior to each Monday auction. As usual, opening times are 10:00am to 4:00pm.

We expect this additional viewing day to be helpful to those of you who can't visit us at other times. As an extra attraction, our coffee shop "On the Soul Side" is open every Sunday and has recently started running a community market on Sundays. So there are plenty of reasons to visit us.

### Bid Early and Often!

Just a reminder to get your absentee bids in early, since it's first come, first served. We often receive multiple bids of the same amount on a lot, and when this happens the bidder who gets in first is the one who wins the lot.

Whether you place your absentee bids directly with us at Trains, Planes and Automobiles, or place them online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com), you don't have to wait until the auction day. As soon as the catalogue is published, bidding is open. So don't delay, the earlier you get in, the better your chances of being the successful bidder.

### Keith's Trivia

Here's another selection of trivia questions from the dark recesses of Keith's mind, assisted by his large collection of Meccano magazines.

1. What was the real name of the station called "Titfield Station" in the 1953 movie "The Titfield Thunderbolt"?

2. Who built the revolutionary TSR-2 and how many were made?
3. Who was Archie Scott-Brown?
4. What type of ship was the Royal Navy's "Gay" class (really)?

Last year we ran a competition for the best correct answers, the prize being dinner with the illustrious John Ross. Our appreciative winner joined us for the TPA Christmas dinner at Hotel Etico, and had Mr Ross's attention for the evening, and also stayed with us at The Gearin with our compliments.

We're offering the same prize this year, so put your thinking cap on (and turn Google off) and send your answers to [trivia@antiquetoys.com.au](mailto:trivia@antiquetoys.com.au) and you may be this year's lucky winner.

### **A Few Changes at The Gearin**

Over the past few years, we have continued the gradual process of improving this lovely old building. It's looking less shabby and more comfortable all the time, thanks largely to our resident handyman, John Foy, whose painting and maintenance work are much appreciated.

We've been very busy with accommodation lately, but this should quieten down as the holidays end. If you're looking for affordable accommodation in Katoomba, The Gearin might be just right for you, especially if you're visiting Trains, Planes and Automobiles during auctions or viewings. Train fans can sit on our balcony and watch all the rail movements through Katoomba. For details and rates, visit [thegearin.com.au](http://thegearin.com.au).

Another change we're very pleased with at Trains, Planes and Automobiles is our **expanded showroom**. We have recently increased its size by one third, and installed some lovely cabinets to display yet more great toys and collectables.

It's looking really good and we'd love you to see it any time you're visiting the Beautiful Blue Mountains. Our shop is open on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. And now also on the Sunday before each auction.

So please visit us if you can. If not, you can always contact us on **(02) 4787 7974**, or send us an email. Either way, we're here to help you with your toy and hobby needs.

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