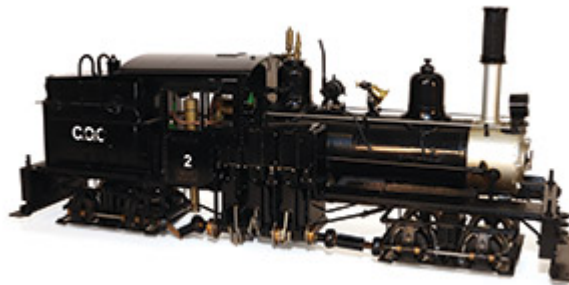


### First Monday Toy Auction

#### Monday 3rd February 2025 at 6:00pm



Featured item: Lot 65  
Accucraft 1-gauge live steam 2-truck Shay Articulated  
Locomotive

*Highlights include:*

- Trains, trains, and more trains!
- 1-gauge including Bachmann, LGB, Aristo-Craft, Accucraft, MTH, and Piko
- Large range of O-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, track, parts, and accessories, including lots of Hornby and a selection of Australian items
- Huge amount of HO/OO-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, kits, parts, and accessories, including British, European, American, and Australian

Welcome to our initial First Monday Toy Auction for 2025. We've had lots of cars over the past few months, so all our train enthusiasts will be delighted with an auction of just trains, trains, and more trains!

We have 1-gauge, O-gauge, OO-gauge, HO-gauge, and a couple of Standard Gauge items.

As well as locos, coaches and wagons, there are all sorts of accessories, parts, power & control, buildings, track, a nice selection of clockwork keys, and various other bits & pieces. It's an interesting catalogue to explore and we hope you'll find something that suits your hobby needs.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, February 3rd, 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 participate by sending us absentee bids before the auction, or bidding live online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com).

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms on Saturday 1st and Monday 3rd February, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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

**THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA**

## Auctions in 2025

We continue to receive all sorts of toys and collectables from our vendors, including some marvellous collections. We have so many great toys and we'll get them to you as fast as we can, with lots of auctions in 2025.

As well as the monthly **First Monday Toy Auction**, we'll be conducting **mid-month auctions** just about every month this year, and we'll be in touch with details as each auction comes up.

If you have friends who don't receive our newsletters and notifications and would like to, please point them to our website [antiquetoys.com.au](http://antiquetoys.com.au) where they can subscribe to our mailing list.

## For the N-gauge Modellers

We've recently been in touch with a vendor who wishes to sell a **complete N-gauge layout**. It's a beautiful layout, still set up, in a 3.5m x 3.5m C-shape.

The layout is lovely, with scenery and buildings, but more important is the fine collection of rolling stock, with lots of DCC locomotives, coaches and wagons – and all Australian.

The vendor would like to sell it as a full layout, so if you're interested, call us on **(02) 4787 7974** for more details.

## New Auction Fees

Starting this year, we have increased our **buyer's premium** from 15% to 19.5%. This is necessary in order to continue using [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com), who have changed their pricing structure so that smaller auction houses such as ours now pay higher fees. However, under the new system there is no longer an online bidding fee, so whether you bid through Invaluable or directly with us at TPA, the total fee for bidders is 19.5%, which is actually a slight discount for online bidders.

For those of you who bid online, remember that you can also leave absentee bids with us at TPA and avoid the possibility of missing out due to internet problems.

## Keith's Trivia

Here is our first batch of trivia for 2025. Remember, no cheating!

1. Between which two locations did the first steam powered monorail operate?
2. What was Sir Christopher Cockerell credited with inventing and naming?
3. Why did the "Mysterons", an alien race, want to destroy the Earth?
4. Notable for their 10-pin bowling alleys, what does "AMF" stand for?

Here are the answers to December's questions:

1. The longest official UK station name is "Rhoose Cardiff International Airport" railway station.
2. In 1934 the F168 Comet aeroplane won the England to Australia air race.
3. The Sydney trams ended on 25th February 1961 (not the current light rail operation).
4. The iconic structure that was sold for scrap metal in 1930 was the Eiffel Tower. The purchaser, Andrew Poisson, paid £300,000 to a conman and when he learnt of the fraud he was too embarrassed to tell anyone. 17 years later, the conman, Victor Lustig, admitted to the fraud on his deathbed.

## Another Year at The Gearin

We've been operating at **The Gearin** for almost six years now and we're looking forward to another year of running our toy shop and auction house, and our coffee shop "On the Soul

Side", and also offering affordable accommodation in Katoomba. It's not the Ritz, but it's clean and comfortable and the rates are good.

For our auction customers, we offer generous discounts! So if you're coming to one of our auctions, a weekend at The Gearin watching the trains go by and perusing all the wonderful toys in our shop might be just what you need.

For more information, visit [thegearin.com.au](http://thegearin.com.au) or call us on **0405 589 906**. And for your toy and hobby needs, call us on **(02) 4787 7974**, and we'll help you in any way we can.

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