

News from Trains, Planes & Automobiles *May 2025*

First Monday Toy Auction Monday 5th May 2025 at 6:00pm

Highlights include:

- Vintage Australian pressed steel toys including Boomaroo and Wyn-Toy
- Tri-ang pressed steel toys
- Large selection of Minic tinplate vehicles
- More tinplate & pressed steel including British, American, and Japanese toys
- Good range of Micro Models diecast cars and trucks
- Circus & carnival vehicles and accessories
- Lego, Meccano, and Spot-On Arkitex construction sets
- Boats & ships, including wooden models, kits, prints, and books
- Aircraft including diecast models, wooden models, kits, and historical prints
- Lots of Hornby Dublo and Trix Twin
- More HO/OO including buildings and accessories
- Small selection of O-gauge locomotives, sets, and accessories
- Lots of other fun things including Phantom comics, dolls, games, and toy collectors' books



Featured item: Lot 240 Lego No. 10196 Grand Carousel

This month we have another great mix of toys, collectables and fun things. There are trains, planes and automobiles, as well as boats, Lego, Meccano, dolls, books, paintings and photographs.

The collection of **tinplate and pressed steel toys** is extensive and includes many Australian items. Also from Australia is the fine range of **Micro Models** 1:43 scale diecast cars and trucks.

There are lots of aircraft, some boats & ships, dolls, books on a variety of subjects, and maritime & aviation prints.

Our featured item, the impressive **Grand Carousel**, is one of several Lego sets, and there are a few other construction items including Meccano and Arkitex.

For the train enthusiasts, we have a good selection of **Hornby Dublo** and **Trix Twin**, plus HO/OO buildings and accessories, and a few **O-gauge** items.

There are some interesting and unusual things in this auction, and we hope you enjoy perusing the catalogue.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, May 5th, 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.

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms on Saturday 3rd and Monday 5th May, 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

For the Train Buffs

We have the latest brochure from **Blue Mountains Rail Trail**, detailing the historic railway activities you can take part in around the Blue Mountains, including museums, walking tracks, steam train rides, and beautiful scenery. There are railway-related things to see and do all across the Mountains, from Lapstone to Oberon. Come in and grab a brochure, or visit bmrailtrail.info.

If you're a **3801** enthusiast, you've probably seen the short film **"A Steam Train Passes"**, produced by Film Australia in 1974. This award-winning film follows the famous 3801 on a journey from Sydney into the countryside, and has received international accolades for its stunning cinematography and evocative soundtrack. To commemorate the film's 50th anniversary, the National Film & Sound Archive have remastered it in 4K resolution and you can stream it at player.nfsa.gov.au. It will cost you all of \$2.99 to watch it!

Keith's Trivia

Here is this month's round of trivia:

- 1. Which station on the Sydney suburban rail network has a platform "O"?
- 2. What series of aircraft were individually named after yachts that defended the Americas Cup?
- 3. What year was the first Morris Minor sold?
- 4. What improvement to a common item did Captain Sir Samuel Brown invent and patent in 1808?

Here are the answers to our April trivia questions:

- 1. A "flamingo" can be found on a steam engine's whistle it's the flamingo shaped activation lever.
- 2. The French built Potex 75 aeroplane used a "pusher" prop engine only one of the aeroplane was actually made.
- 3. Art Arfon's 1964 "Green Monster" was a jet powered vehicle that set the world land speed record of 536.71 mph on 27th October 1964.
- 4. A "short" ton is what Americans call a ton, actually 2,000 pound or 907.185 kilos.

Originally a ton was 2,240 pounds or 1016.05 kilos. A metric ton, or tonne, is 1,000 kilos.

Let's Go Fly a Kite!

We have just received a shipment of **colourful and affordable kites**, in a variety of sizes and styles, including vehicle and animal shapes. Priced from just \$7.50, they're great to look at and a wonderful way to have some old-fashioned fun in windy autumn weather.

We still have stock of the new Construct It Toys sets and the Metcalfe card building kits which we mentioned last month, as well as our usual range of hobby supplies.

And we always have plenty of other toys, collectables and curios in our shop. For your toy and hobby needs, come and visit us at **Trains, Planes and Automobiles** in Katoomba, or call us on **(02) 4787 7974**, or send us an email. We're always happy to help.

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