

First Monday Toy Auction

Monday 2nd February 2026 at 6:00pm

Highlights include:

- A marvellous collection of trains!
- European N-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, sets, and accessories
- 1-gauge from LGB, Aristo-Craft, Bachmann, USA Trains, and others
- Huge range of European and American HO-gauge including locomotives, rolling stock, sets, kits, buildings, and accessories
- Australian HO-gauge locomotives and rolling stock
- OO-gauge including Hornby, Tri-ang, Wrenn, and Mainline



Featured item: Lot 213
Fleischmann 4933 HO-gauge DB Track Cleaning Diesel Locomotive

We are pleased to offer this excellent selection of trains, all from the collection of John Grant, a well-known Sydney model train operator. This is an extensive collection including locomotives, coaches, wagons of all types, sets, buildings, scenic items, kits, and accessories. It's a mixture of Australian, European, British and American models, in sizes from OOO up to 1-gauge.

We couldn't fit it all into one auction, so you'll see more in coming months. It's a wonderful variety which should appeal to all shapes and sizes of train fans. So have a good look through the catalogue and you're bound to see something you need!

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

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms on Saturday 31st January and Monday 2nd February, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and before the auction from 5:00pm.

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

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

In the New Year

This is our first newsletter for 2026, so we'll take this opportunity to wish all our friends a happy New Year.

We have a huge auction programme scheduled for this year, with our usual **First Monday Toy Auction** on the first Monday of each month, held in our **Auction Rooms at The Gearin**, and streamed live online at invaluable.com.

We will also continue to conduct **Mid-Month Toy Auctions** almost every month throughout the year. These are our "quiet" auctions which are held online only and allow us to offer a larger number of lots in each auction.

We started the year with a "quiet" auction in January featuring cars of all descriptions. Since it was quiet, you may not have heard that the auction included a **Matchbox No. 5 green bus**, a particularly rare model that was produced in small numbers for the Australian market in the 1950s. This example was in excellent condition and it sold to a UK collector for \$7,500 (plus premium). In recent years we have become major purveyors of this highly sought-after model, so if you're looking for one, we're the people to talk to. We hear there may be a few more out there that may come our way in the near future.

Once again, we're bursting at the seams with toys and collectables, with great collections arriving regularly and looking for new homes.

There are lots more trains coming up in future months, including another big collection of superb **Australian HO**. We will also have plenty of diecast cars, planes, boats & ships, tin toys, hobby supplies, and all sorts of other toys and collectables.

Our next auction will be a **Mid-Month Toy Auction** on **Monday 16th February**, featuring tin toys, novelty items and fun things.

It's going to be a big year of auctions, so keep an eye on our website antiquetoys.com.au to see what's coming up. We'll also be in touch shortly before each auction with those of you on our mailing list.

Keith's Trivia

For those of you who read this far, here is our first batch of trivia for 2026. Let us know how you do. No cheating!

1. Which railway had locomotives nicknamed "Red Devil"?
2. What was the "Rumpler Taube"?
3. If Detroit was the US centre of car manufacture, where was Britain's "Motor City"?
4. What was the name of the famous ship designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel?

Way back in 2025, we had our final trivia quiz for the year. Here are the answers:

1. Charles William Grineau was an artist who used the names Bryan de Grineau and John Bryan. He painted many covers of the "Hornby Book of Trains".
2. The spire at the top of the Empire State Building was originally designed as a mooring mast for Zeppelin airships.
3. The car manufacturer that had a Stork as its mascot was Hispano Suiza.
4. The first artificial earth satellite "Sputnik" was launched in 1957 (4th October).

What's Happening at Trains, Planes and Automobiles

As well as conducting regular auctions, we have our toy and hobby shop, which is open on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It's well stocked with toys both old and new, and there's always a lot to see, so come and visit us if you can.

We've recently received a new shipment of **modern Meccano sets**, which are fun and educational for all ages. We have the whole range now, including the popular Flying

Scotsman set. We also have some **modern Hornby** train sets and accessories, with more stock arriving very soon.

And, of course, we have plenty of antique toys and collectables, hobby supplies, and other interesting things.

We now have a cabinet of selected toys at **The Post Mistress Vintage**, the large antiques and crafts centre housed in the old Katoomba Post Office, just down the road from us in Katoomba Street. They're open 7 days a week, so when we're not around, you can still see a sample of our wares.

What's Happening at The Gearin

As well as operating a toy shop and auction house, we have **accommodation at The Gearin**. Our rooms are simple but comfortable and affordable, and we offer special rates for our auction customers. So come and stay with us, enjoy our auctions, and watch the trains at Katoomba station just across the road.

You should also visit our coffee shop "**On the Soul Side**", which is open every day except Saturday. It's an ideal place to enjoy great coffee and snacks, regular live music, and a comfortable, eclectic atmosphere. "On the Soul Side" has recently launched a monthly live streaming TV show on YouTube, featuring music, interviews and trivia. It's an interesting mix and well worth a look, so visit www.thesoulside.tv to watch the shows or find out how to join the live audience.

If you're looking for affordable accommodation in Katoomba, call The Gearin on **0405 589 906**. For your toy and hobby needs, call Trains, Planes and Automobiles on **02 4787 7974**. We'd love to hear from you and help you in any way we can.

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