

First Monday Toy Auction

Monday 6th April 2026 at 6:00pm

Please note that NSW daylight saving ends on Sunday 5th April

Highlights include:

- Large scale cars including Franklin Mint
- Car kits from Monogram, Revell, Hasegawa, Tamiya, and others
- Large range of Trax 1:43 scale cars
- Reproduction early Lesney models
- Lots more cars including Dinkum Classics, Micro Models, Matchbox Dinky, Dinky Code 2, Yesteryears, and Lledo
- Tinplate cars, trucks, and toys
- Tractors and fire engines
- Dolls and soft toys
- Meccano and Lego
- Plenty of HO-gauge including Bachmann, Rivarossi, Athearn, Roundhouse, Walthers, and Life-Like
- Railway memorabilia
- Hobby tools and materials



Featured item: Lot 135
Reproduction Lesney diecast Soap Box Racer

We have a great variety of toys and collectables this month.

There are lots of diecast cars, of all types and sizes, including a lovely selection of **Franklin Mint** in 1:16 and 1:24 scale, racing cars in 1:18 scale, 1:43 scale cars from Australian manufacturers **Trax** and **Dinkum Classics**, modern New Zealand issue **Micro Models**, and plenty of others. There's also a good range of plastic car kits.

Of special note is the collection of reproduction **early Lesney models**, produced by MICA. The originals from Lesney are very rare, so this is the next best thing for those who collect antique toys.

We also have tinplate toys, including vehicles, animals, and several children's typewriters, along with dolls and soft toys, other fun things such as Lego and Meccano, and hobbyist tools.

We haven't forgotten the train fans. There's a great selection of **HO-gauge** locomotives, rolling stock, sets, buildings, accessories, and some railway memorabilia.

There are some really unusual items in this auction, so have a good look at the catalogue and you're bound to see something that suits your hobby interests.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday), 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 4th and Monday 6th April, 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

Documentary Filming

Last weekend, we had a big 2-day filming session for our John Cervenka documentary. We had to close the shop on Saturday and we apologise for any inconvenience this caused. Thanks for your understanding.

The filming went well and we're looking forward to the finished production, which will be a fascinating account of John's toys and his skill as a toymaker. When it's complete, we'll be in touch to let you know where and when you can see it.

At The Gearin

Autumn is a lovely time to visit Katoomba, and in case you don't already know, as well as running a toy and hobby shop at The Gearin, we offer affordable accommodation. If you're looking for a place to stay in Katoomba, call us on **0405 589 906** or visit thegearin.com.au. We have special rates for our auction customers. We're just about booked out for Easter, but there are still rooms available for the Anzac Day long weekend.

Also at The Gearin is our coffee shop "On the Soul Side", which is open every day but Saturday and is a great place for good food, excellent coffee, and an eclectic atmosphere. On the Soul Side has regular live music and is currently running a Comedy Night every third Monday from 7:00pm, which has been getting rave reviews. For more details, call Dave on **0448 477 197**.

Lithgow Autumn Ball

It's time for the annual Autumn Ball presented by Lithgow Old Time Dance Club. It will be held on **Saturday 18th April** in the Civic Ballroom at Lithgow Showground. Tickets are \$50 each and bookings are essential. For bookings and more information, call Bev Grazier on **0431 268 239**.

We'll be there and we hope to see you!

Keith's Trivia

Here is our regular round of questions on a variety of interesting topics.

1. What colour was "Stroudley Green" otherwise known as "Improved Engine Green"?
2. How long did the Wright brothers' famous powered first flight in the "Wright Flyer" stay in the air?
3. Encouraged by Ben Chifley, which motor car company started making cars in Australia in

1951?

4. Who was "Stooky Bill" and what was he famous for?

Here are the answers to last month's questions:

1. The "Mauch Chunk" railway ran in Pennsylvania, USA. It was originally for coal and later became a very steep incline tourist railway.
2. The Wellington bomber was nicknamed "Wimpy" after the Popeye comic strip character "J. Wellington Wimpy".
3. The "Twini" was a specially made 4-wheel drive Mini Moke designed for military use.
4. The model maker who started as a boiler making apprentice was W.J. Bassett-Lowke.

Holiday Opening Times

Our shop is closed on major public holidays, so we will be closed next Friday, April 3rd, which is Good Friday. But we will be open on Saturday April 4th and Monday April 6th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

So auction viewing will be open as usual next Saturday, and of course we will be open again on Monday 6th from 5:00pm for our First Monday Toy Auction. Come and join us and you might get an Easter egg!

A little later in the month, we have the Anzac Day long weekend. So we will be closed on Anzac Day, Saturday 25th April, but open for business as usual on Monday 27th.

In the meantime, we wish all our friends a safe and happy Easter.

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