

FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION AUGUST 3rd 2015



Featured item: Lot 68
"Mobo Puppy" Tinplate Walking Dog

Highlights include

- Tinplate toys
- Diecast figures
- Disney figures & toys
- Smurf figures
- Some great examples of boxed Dinky
- Early Matchbox 1-75 boxed
- Lots of other diecast cars
- Diecast military vehicles
- HO locomotives & rolling stock
- HO buildings & scenic items
- Train & toy books
- And more...

After our big train auction we're back to normal in August with a selection of **diecast cars**, **tinplate toys**, **HO trains**, **diecast military models**, and some unusual items including a collection of **Disney** figures and toys. Highlights include the wonderful **Mobo Puppy** which looks vaguely like a dog and walks like a turtle; the extraordinary clockwork **ladder-climbing fireman**; and some excellent examples of boxed **Dinky** and **Matchbox 1-75** models. We also have a large number of **Smurfs** for those who've been asking (yes, there have been a few).

Our August auction will be held in our usual venue at St Peter's Church Hall in **Mount Victoria**. You're welcome to attend either to bid or just to watch. It's always an entertaining evening, refreshments are available, and there's plenty of parking. If Mount Victoria is too far, you can join us online at invaluable.com.

As usual, the lots can be viewed at our **Annandale** gallery this Friday and Saturday, and at our Mount Victoria auction venue on the auction day. The catalogue can be viewed at antiquetoys.com.au, and you can leave absentee bids on our website, at the viewings, or by email, phone or fax. Live online bidding is available at invaluable.com.

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

LIVE STEAM & TRAIN AUCTION

Our **Live Steam & Train Auction** at the **Powerhouse Museum** last week was a roaring success. We had a good crowd in the room and a large online audience, and the vast majority of lots were snapped up by lucky collectors. Staging an auction of this size was quite a challenge and we're very pleased by how well it went, thanks to the great TPA (extended) team and the wonderful staff at the Museum. It was great to see so many of our regular customers, and an opportunity for our **Gauge One Gallery** Station Master, Mal Abel, to catch up with a lot of 1-gauge friends.

We learnt a few things from the auction which we'll take into account in the future. One thing was that when an auction's over, it's not over. For days after the auction we were flooded with enquiries and offers on unsold lots, and quite a few items were sold post-auction. But there were many people who missed out because unsold lots are only available for a limited time. The answer is to **get in early!** If you see something you like, come to the auction or leave bids. If you wait until after an auction, it's often too late.

Now that many of you have acquired beautiful new large-scale locomotives, you'll probably need some track to run them on. Well, we can help you. For one month only we are offering a discount on **LGB 1-gauge track**. We will reduce our already excellent prices by 10% on all LGB track items, but only until the end of August. As we've already said, don't wait until it's too late!

BIG CHILL IN BLACKHEATH



You probably heard about the big **snowfalls** across New South Wales a couple of weeks ago. This picture shows our **Blackheath** shop on the morning of Friday July 17th. Just two days before our big auction, with no electricity and all the roads closed, our resources were stretched. But we got through and managed to have a bit of fun as well. Trainloads of sight-seers came up to Blackheath to play in the snow and it turned into quite a festive occasion.

If you missed out on the fun, winter isn't over yet. Come and visit us in the Beautiful **Blue Mountains**. We can't promise snow, but we can still have fun playing with trains and toys!

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