

Welcome to our 2013 Christmas Newsletter. This is the first of our combined mailings and we know you will find all the information interesting and informative. Mal's GAUGE ONE EXPRESS is included for all our supporters – we are sure you will enjoy the words from our own Station Master.

As in the last few years we have included a \$25 Gift Voucher to spend in any of our shops before Christmas (conditions apply). This year vouchers are also available to our email list as well as those who receive a print version – your email will explain how it works.

Fires in Mount Victoria and the Beautiful Blue Mountains

Many of our customers have been inquiring how we fared in the recent bushfires. Happily we survived, although ten Mount Victorians lost their homes and many more were affected with fences and buildings damaged. In the lower mountains many more were affected and we know of at least one of our customers who lost his entire collection, including his treasured boyhood toys.

Thanks go to our Fire Brigades, both Town and Bush, our Police, SES, and all the other agencies and volunteers who did so much to prevent more damage. We closed over the many days of fire threat but all's well and we and our beautiful blue mountains are now back to normal. The best support you can give to the community is to come up and see us, stay a while, there is so much to see and do. The mountains are still predominantly green (or blue) and businesses are back in action offering more than ever.

Special Christmas Present "Silent Auction"

If you have not already heard about it, we are having a special "Silent Christmas Auction" this year. It happens on our website. Lots have been chosen that are all "as new" and suitable for giving as Christmas presents. There is no buyer's premium and there are sure to be some bargains. Most items are already on display at our Annandale showroom. You can watch the progress of the auction on our website where all the items are shown. Bidding can be by email, fax or phone. Check our website or call us for further details.

And of course if you can't find that special item visit one of our shops for the perfect Christmas present.

Update on our "Not so Silent" First Monday Toy Auction

Our auctions just seem to get better each month and our November auction was no exception. We had more lots (over 320), and more bidders (over 500 registered and the highest number online during the auction).

We continue to get quality consigned items and we don't discriminate – estimates from \$5 to \$5000. During the year we have had some great speciality auctions, including Fire Engines, Meccano, and Model Ship Kits.

Due to increasing visitors participating, we have moved the auction venue to our local (St. Peter's) church hall, and the feedback from those who have made the trip has been so positive that next year we are offering accommodation

packages for those who plan to stay in our village overnight. If you haven't seen our auctions yet, become a watcher next month. We're told it's more entertaining than Monday night television.



Time to order your ACE Trains Britannia

ACE Trains just get better and better, with several releases in 2013, most of them now sold out. There have been a few disappointed customers who did not act fast enough after having seen the quality and detail of the 2013 offerings, including the Schools Class, Bulldog, Metropolitan, and especially the Coronations which landed most recently.

The Britannia class will probably be the best product yet from ACE. The 54 locos from the class will all be available and if you want to name one after yourself – that's possible. Check our website for more details.

Note for your 2014 diary

On May 24th and 25th 2014 we are planning a BIG TRAIN SHOW at Mount Victoria – watch our website!

We're Open, well mostly

Last August we decided to close our Mount Victoria gallery during the week (other than school holidays), but as it has turned out we have still been open most days. So as the sign outside says "If the door's open we are open". If you are planning to visit midweek outside school holidays, it's worth giving us a call to check if we are open. As usual, the Annandale shop will be closed in January and back 1st February.

Our Mount Victoria gallery will be open 7 days over the holiday season as usual (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Australia Day. We look forward to your visit.

Gallery Shop – Blue Mountains

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