

We're well into the year now, but we'd like to wish you all the best for 2015 and look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year with news of our auctions, new arrivals and special events.

FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION

Our regular monthly auctions continue to attract world-wide interest and we will be offering some very attractive toys and collectables in 2015. We don't have an auction in January, so our first auction for the year will be on February 2nd. Also, because of our commitments at the annual Model Railway Show in Sydney, we will not be holding an auction in October. But we do expect to conduct one of our popular Silent Auctions at some stage during the year.

Our February auction features a huge number of diecast cars, notably a great collection of Trax, also tinsplate cars and diecast planes. Our featured item is the wonderful Yellow Submarine - we've had these before, but not in such good condition. For our train collectors we have a great selection of Hornby Dublo, also HO and O-gauge. Other highlights include the Australian Cyclops pedal cars and the very special Swedish Charlie Chaplin figurine.

FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION FEBRUARY 2ND 2015

Highlights include:

- A large collection of Trax diecast cars
- Diecast cars from Dinky, Corgi, Bburago, Biante, Matchbox & others
- Diecast planes
- Pedal cars
- Lots of Hornby Dublo
- Hornby O-gauge
- Figures & tinsplate toys
- Train & car books



Featured item: Lot 107 – Corgi No. 803 Beatles Yellow Submarine

Barry is now back after his January break, so viewing will be open at our Annandale gallery this Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The lots can also be viewed at our Mount Victoria auction venue from 2:00pm on the auction day.

Absentee bids can be placed online, or by phone, fax, or email, or in person. Live online bidding is available at invaluable.com. For more information, visit our website or contact us.

NEW STOCK IN OUR NEW PREMISES

We've pretty well settled in to our new gallery shop in Blackheath, and the feedback has been very positive: better location, more parking, brighter shop. For those of you visiting the Blue Mountains, remember that we are no longer in Mount Victoria. Our new premises are at 50 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath.

We're bringing in lots of new stock, including modern Meccano sets, the prestigious Gibson's jigsaw puzzles, more of the popular Garden Spinners, and of course Choo-Choo Bars! (If you're not Australian you probably have no idea what a Choo-Choo Bar is.) We're also expanding our selection of hobby materials, starting with the complete range of Humbrol's acrylic modelling paints to complement the existing range of enamels. We will also be stocking more balsa and metal for model-makers and scratch-builders, and we continue to carry the range of Zap modelling glues. Many of these items are available from our online store.

VICTORY THEATRE

Our association with the Antique Centre in Blackheath's Victory Theatre continues to grow, especially since our move to Blackheath. We try to keep a good variety of items in our display cabinets at the Victory, and new ones are added regularly as others are sold. Next time you're in Blackheath, please visit our shop but also visit the Victory – it's a fascinating place (and just across the road).

GARDEN RAILWAYS

As in previous years, we spent Australia Day at the annual Gnome Convention in Glenbrook Park, in support of the Lower Mountains Rotary Club. It was a bit wet this year, but we had a great time and the gnomes always seem to have fun. Everyone enjoyed watching the gnomes go round on our garden railway, which we are happy to provide each year. Our little workhorse LGB Stainz locomotive ran beautifully all day, despite the rain and despite being 20 years old.

Garden railways continue to be a prominent area of our business, and we're currently working on several large garden railway projects. Our Station Master at the Gauge One Gallery, Mal Abel, is our garden railway specialist, so if you're modelling in 1-gauge you can always give Mal a call on (02) 9555 9537 for garden railway supplies and expert advice.

NEW ARRIVALS FROM ACE TRAINS

We recently received our first shipment of the long-awaited O-gauge Britannia locomotives from ACE, and they have all found good homes. Our ACE expert John Ross says they are the best models he's seen from ACE so far. ACE continues to demonstrate the extremely high quality of models they are capable of producing. There is another shipment of Britannias on the way, and a few are still available.

Also arriving in the next few weeks are the ACE signal gantries and their famous water tower. Very limited stocks are available, so get in quick if you want any of these models.

CLASSIC MODEL CARS

2014 was our biggest year yet for CMC models. These exquisitely hand-crafted model cars are becoming more and more popular, with new versions being produced every few months. Check them out on our online store to see what's currently in stock. And there's a new shipment coming soon, so if you want to keep up to date, contact us and we'll add you to our CMC mailing list.

If you'd like more information about the models and supplies we stock, or about our auctions, please call us on (02) 4787 7974 or send us an email. We'd love to hear from you.

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