

# News from Trains, Planes & Automobiles JULY 2017

# FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION July 3rd 2017

#### Highlights include

- Britains diecast farm models
- French and other diecast military figures
- O-gauge from Hornby, Robilt, Mettoy, American Flyer & others
- Lots of HO/OO including Hornby, Tri-ang, Dublo, Lima, Bachmann & others
- Selection of On30 items
- Large collection of diecast cars in 1:18 and 1:24 scale
- Diecast aircraft from Corgi & others
- Unusual tinplate toys



Featured item: Lot 203 Tri-ang Sydney Suburban Red Rattler Set in excellent condition

Welcome to our July auction. Once again we have a great mix of trains, cars, toys and collectables, something to tempt everyone.

This month we start off with a very nice collection of **Britains diecast figures**, including lots of farm animals. There is also a good range of superbly detailed **soldier figures**, some meticulously painted, others ready for painting.

For the **car fans** we have mostly large models this month, in 1:18 and 1:24 scale from Bburago, Maisto, Anson, Solido, Franklin Mint and others. There's also a small selection of **tinplate cars** and other vehicles.

And for the **train fans** there's plenty of O-gauge and HO/OO-gauge to choose from, notably our featured item, the Tri-ang Sydney **Red Rattler Set**, in superb condition and in its original box (bids started coming in for this even before the catalogue was published). There are also a few On30 items that didn't make it in last time, and we expect them to be snapped up quickly like the last ones.

Then there are boats, planes, railway memorabilia, and various other odds & ends. A bit of everything.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, July 3rd, at our Mount Victoria auction venue. You're welcome to join us there, or you can bid live online at invaluable.com, or send us absentee bids before the auction. Telephone bidding is also available by prior arrangement.

The lots will be on display at our Annandale shop next Saturday, July 1st, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and at the auction venue from 3:00pm on the auction day.

Visit our website to see full details. If you have any questions, please call us on (02) 4787 7974 or send us an email.

### Life, the universe and everything, but mostly rockets

If you missed **Professor Fred Watson's** talk in Blackheath on June 17th, you missed a rare treat. It was an entertaining and informative session of astronomy, space exploration, and most of all rockets. The talk was organised by Blackheath Rotary, who are raising funds for a new playground rocket in Blackheath Memorial Park. Professor Watson is a great story teller and brimming with enthusiasm and knowledge. He is fully behind the Blackheath rocket project and donated his time for the event, so we thank him for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We learnt a lot.

One of the raffle prizes on the night, courtesy of TPA, was an Estes model rocket, which was won by a local young man who has been having a lot of fun with it ever since, with many successful launches. Luckily we have plenty of rocket engines in stock. We also currently have a special on the "**Eliminator XL**" rocket, a pretty zippy model that flies up to 420 metres. These normally sell for \$85 but right now you can have one for **just \$59.00**, and for another \$19.50 we'll throw in a starter kit so you can get flying straight away. These are only available from our Blackheath shop and only while current stocks last. Give us a call on (02) 4787 7974 and head for the stars!

#### **Blue Mountains Antiques Fair**

It's time once more for the annual **Antiques & Collectables Fair in Blackheath**, which is happening this weekend, July 1st and 2nd, at Blackheath Community Centre, across the road from Blackheath Station on the Great Western Highway. And we're giving away a dozen **free passes** to our Sydney customers. The first twelve people who come to the auction viewing at our Annandale shop on Saturday will each receive a free pass to the Antiques Fair. Yet another good reason to visit Blackheath in the Beautiful Blue Mountains. For more details about the fair, call 0428 446 534.

### Mount Vic Flicks turns thirty

Last weekend the TPA team attended Mount Vic Flicks to help them celebrate their **30th anniversary**, which included a screening of the Australian film "Malcolm", one of the first movies they showed 30 years ago. The original proprietors were there as well as the current ones, along with a full house of regulars and locals. A lot has changed over 30 years, including digital technology, but Mount Vic Flicks is still a friendly place where you can drink tea from a bone china cup while watching the latest arthouse or mainstream film. We highly recommend the venue and the movies, and wish them all the best for the next thirty years. Visit mountvicflicks.com.au to see session times.

## **TPA turns thirty**

It seems that 1987 was an eventful year, and at **Trains, Planes & Automobiles** we'll be celebrating our **30th anniversary** in just a few months' time. Like Mount Vic Flicks, we haven't changed a lot over that time. Despite keeping up with modern technology (or trying to), we still mostly run on clockwork and steam. We're not sure what form the celebration will take, but watch this space and you'll find out soon.

From the team at Trains, Planes & Automobiles.

