

FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION AUCTION March 5th 2018

Highlights include

- Huge collection of Meccano sets and pieces, both early and modern
- Other construction sets including Buz Builder & Ezy-Bilt
- Selection of 1-gauge from LGB, Aster, Bachmann & others, including live steam
- Australian HO including a Red Rattler set
- Japanese brass HO models
- Lots of other HO/OO from many leading brands
- Large collection of N-gauge locomotives, rolling stock & track
- O-gauge from Hornby, ACE, Sakai & others
- Diecast cars from Corgi, Dinky, Winna, Micro Models, Minic, and Matchbox including 1-75s & Yesteryears
- Games & toys, odds & ends



Featured item: Lot 162
Meccano pre-war biplane



In this month's auction we are pleased to present the first part of the Alf Croucher **Meccano** collection. Alf was a keen Meccano man who collected Meccano and similar construction sets from Australia and overseas. Always interested in anything mechanical, Alf was known as an expert motor mechanic who could fix anything, his speciality in his later years being motor cycle repairs and restoration.

For many years Alf operated the garage in Nabic, New South Wales, where he is fondly remembered by all who came across him, afterwards moving to Walcha to enjoy his retirement and

spend time with his two grandsons. His son says if you had a question about how to repair anything, you didn't bother with Google, you called Alf.

Also this month, as usual we have a good selection for the **train enthusiasts**, from N-gauge up to 1-gauge; and for the **car enthusiasts**, with mostly diecast models from all the popular brands. And there's a scattering of sundry other toys, games and collectables. Have a look at the catalogue and there's sure to be something to suit your interests.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, March 5th, at our Auction Rooms in Lawson. All are welcome to attend. There is plenty of parking and refreshments are available. If you can't join us in person, 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 can be viewed at the Auction Rooms next Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on the auction day from 3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call us on (02) 4787 7974 or send us an email.

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

No fooling!

Easter Sunday this year falls on April 1st, and our regular monthly auction is due on Monday April 2nd. Well, we're no fools and we know that lots of people will be away during Easter and may not be available to participate in our auction. So we are moving our **April auction** to the **second Monday** of the month, **April 9th**. We'll be in touch before then to remind you not to turn up on April 2nd, but one week later. And that gives us an extra week to prepare the auction and make it even more wonderful!

In the meantime, you can expect to see one of our "quiet" auctions in mid-March, so none of us have to go through auction-withdrawals for too long.

Live video streaming

For those of you who have had problems watching the video broadcasts of our auctions, help is coming. Invaluable Auctions will soon introduce its new video system, which will work on all computers without you needing to adjust any settings. We have recently been conducting some tests with Invaluable, and while there are a few bugs to sort out, the results have been promising. We expect to be switching over to the new system soon, which means that our entire audience will be able to see us and hear us. We'll keep you posted.

Books are still rolling

We have so many books to sell, and you can see lots of them in our ongoing Rolling Book Auction. There are plenty of books about trains and cars, also some ships, planes, and a few miscellaneous subjects. The current batch of lots closes on March 12th, but you can "**Buy it now**" at any time, and there are some very attractive "Buy it now" prices. We're in the process of cataloguing the next large batch of books and we'll be adding them to the rolling auction very soon.

While you're there, have a look at the Rolling Plane Auction, which features some very nice diecast aircraft as well as aircraft kits. This batch closes the following week, on March 19th, and they also have some great "Buy it now" prices for those who can't wait.

Garage sales

For some time now we have been holding occasional weekend **garage sales** out the front of our **Blackheath shop**. These have been proving quite popular, so we have decided to make them a regular event. Starting with Sunday March 11th we will hold a garage sale on the **second Sunday of every month**. We always have lots of interesting items, including books and records. We're open from 10:00am and the address is 50 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath. We hope to see you there soon. And if you're interested in joining our group of sellers, please give Keith a call.

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