

### FIRST MONDAY TOY AUCTION NOVEMBER 2nd 2015



Featured item: Lot 71  
Very early Bing O-gauge 3-rail tinsplate Tramcar

#### *Highlights include*

- O-gauge from Hornby, Bassett-Lowke, Marklin & others
- 1-gauge from LGB, Marklin & others
- Stationary steam & hot air engines
- Schuco tinsplate
- Military vehicles
- Military diecast from Britains, Lone Star & others
- Tri-ang waterline ships
- Lots of Meccano
- Micro Models diecast vehicles
- Spot On diecast vehicles
- Corgi diecast vehicles
- Books of all sorts including children's books

There's a great variety of toys & collectables in this month's auction. We have a huge collection of **military models**, including army vehicles in diecast and tinsplate, guns of various kinds, a large range of diecast figures (some of them quite special), books about soldiers and toy soldiers, and various other items of military paraphernalia.

This month's auction also includes the **Tri-ang waterline ships** which we've previously mentioned. These are beautiful models, boxed and in excellent condition.

In diecast vehicles we have a sizable collection of **Micro Models** and **Spot On** (which are always much sought-after), a large selection of **Corgi**, some very good early **Matchbox**, and more fire engines.

The range of tinsplate items includes several clockwork cars from **Schuco**, a manufacturer noted for its mechanical ingenuity. Some of these cars have working differentials; one even has an operating 5-speed gearshift. These are lovely models in good condition.

There is also a good selection of **O-gauge**, including some early **Bassett-Lowke** track, **Marklin** tinsplate, a beautiful electric crane from **Bing**, and plenty of **Hornby** items, notably a rare "**Princess Elizabeth**" loco. Our featured item this month is the **Bing O-gauge tramcar**. This is a very early model (pre-WWI) and a beautiful example.

And that's just to name a few! There's a lot more, so use the links below to view the full list or download a catalogue. Viewing is open at our **Annandale** gallery next Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and at our **Mount Victoria** auction venue from 3:00pm on the auction day.

The auction starts at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome to attend. You can also leave absentee bids with us, or bid live online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com).

For more information, visit our website [antiquetoys.com.au](http://antiquetoys.com.au), email us, or call us on (02) 4787 7974.

## THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

### Christmas Auction 2015

In past years we have sometimes held an extra auction in December to help you with your Christmas shopping, and we will be holding one this year, on **Monday 14th December**, just a week after our regular December auction. The Christmas Auction will be a **left-bid and online auction** only. We will not be broadcasting video this time, and we will not be conducting the auction at our usual auction venue, which means there will be no floor bidding.

So to take part in this auction, you can leave absentee bids prior to the auction, or participate online at [invaluable.com](http://invaluable.com). We will also accept telephone bids, but please arrange this with us beforehand.

The auction will commence online at the usual time of 7:00pm. We will have a large number of lots to get through and we expect the auction to run swiftly, so if you're joining us online please get your bids in quickly!

Full details of the Christmas Auction will be available on our website early in December, and the lots can be viewed at our Annandale gallery on Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

### Scalextric Old and New

We recently received the latest releases of **Australian cars** from **Scalextric** and there will be more coming soon. Scalextric continues its tradition of high-quality super-detailed models and they don't produce many Australian cars, so we predict that these will become major collectables. They're such good models that you don't need track, you don't need to run them, they're worth collecting for themselves, true investment pieces.

Pre-loved Scalextric is in high demand and we had a few interesting examples in our October auction. Our friend the Fairfax journalist James Cockington has written an article on collecting Scalextric for fun and investment, which highlights the commitment of serious Australian collectors. Grab a copy of today's **Sydney Morning Herald** or **The Age** and check out this article in the **Money** section, or read it online at [smh.com.au](http://smh.com.au).

If you're running Scalextric, don't forget to check out our stock of new track and accessories. We have a good range at great prices in our Blackheath shop.

### More New Stock

We've built up a good range of the modern **Airfix Quick-Build Sets**, including some new releases. These are a great gift idea for children aged 5 and upwards. They don't need any messy glue or paint, you just build them! Our current stock includes: Volkswagen Beetle, Bugatti Vyrion, Lamborghini Aventador, McLaren P1, Challenger Tank, Spitfire, Typhoon, F22 Raptor, Apache Helicopter, and Harrier Jet. Our young customers have been delighted with them, and at just \$27.50 a set they're perfect for Christmas. Come and see them in our Blackheath shop, or give us a call – we're happy to post them to you anywhere in Australia.

We're also stocking up with a large quantity of new **Oxford Diecast** 1:76 scale cars, which are suitable for HO or OO. There are some interesting new models in the range and the prices are exceptionally good, so come in and see what we have in our Blackheath shop.

### More Old Stock

We have just finished sorting out our collection of **pre-loved track**, and we have lots of it! It's available by the piece at great prices, perfect for expanding your layout or filling the gaps in a vintage set. The range includes original **Hornby Dublo** 2-rail and 3-rail, **Tri-ang OO** both grey and brown base, **Marklin HO**, and a bin of various **HO/OO** pieces from 50 cents each. We also have a huge amount of pre-loved **O-gauge** 2-rail and 3-rail, and some **1-gauge** pieces.

When you visit us at Blackheath check out our **"Rust or Bust"** and **"Smash or Crash"** bins of model train and car bits & pieces. These have often been a feature at our auctions and exhibitions, and they're now a permanent fixture in our shop. Prices start at 10 cents, so grab a bargain or find that special piece you need to complete a project. We're clearing out our warehouse to make room for new stock, so you never know what may turn up in these bins.

## TPA for Everybody

TPA is mostly about boys' toys, but if your better half is holding you back from visiting us at **Blackheath**, bring her along! She'll find plenty to do on Govetts Leap Road. Next door to us is a **haberdashery** shop with a huge range of fabrics, threads, and all sewing needs; on the other side is a specialty **wool shop** which stocks rare and unusual wools; and just up the road is **Ravir Boutique** which specialises in natural fibre women's clothing. There's something for everyone in Blackheath!

And while TPA's main outlet is our Blackheath shop, you can find us in other places, too. We have display cabinets in the **Victory Theatre Antique Centre** at 15-17 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath, and at **Macarthurs Arcade** at 84 Katoomba St, Katoomba. You can visit these antique centres 7 days a week and find vintage toys that you won't see in our shops. And of course we have our shop in **Annandale** – the original, established in 1987 – which specialises in antique O-gauge. And if you can't get to any of these places, you can visit us online and see the range of new and pre-loved products in our online store.

## More Reasons to Visit Blackheath

Last month we mentioned one of the great **restaurants** in Blackheath, so this month we thought we'd mention another one (there are quite a lot of them so this may become a regular feature). Our favourite Thai restaurant in the Mountains is **Thai Silk**, just around the corner from us at 124 Wentworth St, Blackheath. The food is excellent, the prices are great, and they do a fantastic \$9.90 lunchtime special. Check it out!

Remember that Blackheath's annual **Rhododendron Festival** kicks off on Saturday November 7th. There's a lot to see, including the Grand Parade, stalls and entertainment, and of course **Trains, Planes & Automobiles**. Please come and visit us whenever you can – we'd love to see you.

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