

2017 Annual Member Auction – Another Great Night Had By All!

Thank you all and everyone for making the auction an enjoyable evening and a big success this year.

As the main fundraiser for the club it is an important event.

It is also a really important due to being one of the many things, for many years, our good friend John managed and organised for the benefit of the members and the club. The committee wanted the event to be in fitting memory of John, being professionally run as well as including 100 lots hand selected from John's collection.

As you can expect the auction takes a lot of effort in the lead up as well as on the night. We had 328 lots go under the hammer and 84% sold for a total of about \$19,300. There were many memorable buys for people with most being very hard to get items. There were also some memorable bargain buys too, the auction really did cover most of the interests of a slot car enthusiast.

You can read in following pages the full list of auction lots and sale price, it is an interesting list to scroll through. Hope you don't think you missed out on too many things!



A big part of this article is to thank the people who make the auction happen. Andrew again led the organisation of the auction list of cars which was more involved this year as we wanted to manage the quality and avoid too many similar cars being auctioned. We hadn't done this before and so it was a little unknown and sadly did involve many list reiterations and juggling work to meet Club Lines print deadlines. On the night Andrew, and Brendan, also support Rod Dixon, auctioneer, on the stage so it is a big lead up and night for Andrew and greatly appreciated.

As mentioned the auction has been professionally run for so many years and this is the credit of Rod Dixon, see photo below with Brendan. We appreciate his volunteering to run the auction each year and were glad gave him a very interesting list of items to hit the hammer on throughout the night.



Pete, see photo over page, and Johnny G have always got the kitchen and food covered and look after us. Brad and Sharyn also kindly help in the kitchen and I must say it was Johnny G's barbeque snags and Sharyn's rocky road that got me through this year. Thank you to all of you in the kitchen. Rod H kindly offered to sit with me as cashier again this year and helped make sure I didn't miss any sale items or mix up which lots sold for what. There was also a bit more going on with late entries and club car raffle tickets selling once the auction had commenced which meant I had three separate cash floats running, something to avoid next year!



In mentioning the club car raffle, luckily won by member Mark Dewar, Hugo did a great job selling tickets, making sure offered buying a ticket to all.



On the night we had a number of absent or committee sellers and big thank you to Jason for holding up each item and bringing across to the cashiers. In addition to the main volunteers there were many people who helped on the night in different ways including setup and pack up. Thank you for contributing and making the night easier, is appreciated.



For those who are interested here are some numbers:

- 274 of the 328 lots sold, 84% clearance and same as last year.
- Top sale items were the Auto Union at \$480, see photo above, followed by the Power & Glory set at \$350, see photo below.
- The Club welcomed a few new members for the rest of the year.



There was a strong mix of Scalextric items but also lots of diversity of other brands. Thank you to all who attended and made the night the success with taking a few or many cars home with them. Whilst we missed John it was nice to catch up with so many people and see some long time club members meet for the first time and build a friendship. It was a fitting auction to say goodbye to the Loftus hall that has served well for so many years. Due to changes in Sutherland Shire costs and arrangements, we relocate to Hornsby next year.



Cheers

Dominic, Andrew & the Committee