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### **The Member Slot Car Auction Held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Thanks to the committee and members for making another auction a success and seeing first one at the new hall Hornsby run smoothly. Great to see the hall will work well for the auction as well as the swap meet.

We had about 60 people attend as sellers and buyers to enjoy the night. We had some new faces which indicated the new location helped. There were also some familiar faces missing, hopefully can make it on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019.

With 252 or 76% of the 330 lots selling for over \$14,000 we had a good fundraiser for the club and a fast paced evening with sensible finishing time. There were many memorable buys for people, be it collectable mint cars, the very old and rare or just a nice racer or project car. You can read the full list of auction lots with sale prices after this article.

Below are some of the more collectable items we had on a special table.



A big part of this article is to thank the people who make the auction happen. This year all the committee who were able to attend the auction contributed.

Andrew again led the auction list organisation, which like last year, was very involved as we managed the quality to avoid duplication. On the night Andrew, and Brendan, were on stage and supported Rodney Dixon, our auctioneer so it is a big lead up and night for Andrew, greatly appreciated.

Rodney, as auctioneer, is so important to the auction being professionally run for so many years. We always appreciate Rodney's volunteering to conduct the auction, it is amazing Rodney makes 330 lots so look so easy.

To keep everyone well fed and refreshed Johnny G and Roger ran the kitchen really well. Pete was missed this year but not in the kitchen!

Rod Holman again kindly assisted at the cashiers to make sure sale prices were recorded correctly and any delayed buyer payments were managed.

After lots of interest the last two years, Hugo followed up running the Club Car Raffle, adding Club Car Sales, during viewing time.

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.

Steve T assisted with entry management during viewing and collecting fees.

We really appreciated assistance from a few club members including Mark D and Sid T on the entry as well as Steve. The bigger hall in a busier location compared to leafy Loftus necessitated it.

Getting our attention back to the other stars of the auction, the cars, we had some real fantastic bidding and results. The showcase item, Lot 41 Scalextric C96 Auto Union Race Tuned in white, had the most bids and went for the longest before the hammer fell. When all was done 3 or 4 bidders had pushed it to \$900.

The next two lots were the black Bentley and the separate body. The same buyer picked both of these up possibly a bargain at \$160 and \$40 respectively.

We had another 19 items sell for \$100 or more including four Top Slot Mercedes classics for between \$120 and \$150. Lot 114, the Grande Bridge, went for \$130 (top photo) and two V8 Supercars for \$100 each.



Below are some of the slot cars from Scalextric and other brands that made up the 330 lots, being amongst the last 40 to go under the hammer.



We had 127 Scalextric lots of which 99 (75%) sold but this was slightly lower Scalextric mix than last year when had 143. Each year there are more and more brands of slot cars which is a great place to be but Scalextric will always be the backbone of the auction and hobby. There was a bit less mint items versus last year with 224 versus 267 last year.

It is hard to predict what would be the perfect auction list and some variation year on year is important. We will definitely continue the request from the last two years where we ask sellers to submit their lists for review and ask some lots to be changed due to duplication. This will likely get more committee discussion and feedback sort from members (who did and didn't attend).

Thank you for the feedback so far from buyers, sellers, committee members and members. We really want to hear what you think. Please feel free to email anything you'd like to share, be it on the lots, the new location, how we setup the hall or anything else.

The committee formally meet at the next committee meeting mid-October but please don't wait to share your thoughts.

Thank you for those that were able to attend the biggest annual fund raiser for the club, including recently renewed member Simon from WA as well as long-time member Greg from Bathurst. Looking forward to next year!

Cheers Dominic, Andrew and the Committee