



Another surprise!

As this is being written tooling is underway for the first of Australains new Steam locomotives, the C30 Tank. The factory has advised us that first test shots will be here around mid November. We are not rushing the project. Steam locos are much more complicated mechanically to tool and assemble and Chinese New Year once again will be right in the middle of the project. Estimated delivery is somewhere between April and June 2017. Certainly not much later.

Recent events have made us change our mind about the numbers. Another manufacturer has announced the South Maitland Rlwys 10 class 2-8-2 Tank. SMR also owned three variations of the C30 class for passenger and light coal workings. Two (nos. 15 & 16) were built by Beyer Peacock to the same specs as the 30 class and 3013 was purchased from the NSWGR in the sixties. So, to complete your SMR collection, we will be doing #15 lettered for South Maitland Rlwys and 3013 unlettered suitable for use on the SMR or main system. The SMR locos were fitted with air tanks mounted each side of the smokebox. These will be provided as a separate item cast in resin to be fitted by the purchaser. This now gives a choice of fourteen numbers selected from locos which ran on the Illawarra, Sydney – Camden – Richmond, and Newcastle areas from the late sixties to end of steam.

As previously announced it was not our intention originally to do the C30T version. However, circumstances have changed considerably. Recent events involving another company made us reconsider the C30T locos the factory has now completed the design work for the Tender versions. It will not be released until after the 30 Tank so October 2017 sounds good.

The C30 Tank and C30T been designed and as Australains would do them using our thirty six years of experience manufacturing for the Australian Model Railway industry.

The models will have:

- Powerful 5 pole skew wound motor with flywheel.
- Diecast boiler barrel, firebox and running board (and side tanks on the Tank version) to get the power from the motor to the track.
- In the case of the C30T three different smoke boxes to give as many variations as possible.

They will be:

- Saturated: Also used on the Tank version.
- Drumhead: As used on the early 30T super heated conversions.
- Fully supported: As fitted to the last eight 30T super heated conversions.

The C30T will have a bogie tender and slidebar covers as fitted to locos operating in areas where sand abrasion was a problem.

There will also be a limited run of 3028T in its final Blue livery as painted by the depot staff at Dubbo. Unfortunately it is not possible to do 3144T in Green at this time as we do not have access to a six wheel tender. Perhaps later!

The C30 Tank version will have three different coal bunkers using etched brass inserts (as per the Trax 1980's model) giving a wider range of number availability.

Imagine a 30 Tank with a couple of SDS BMT Milk Tankers operating the mixed from Camden with an Australains CCA passing a 41 class on a coal train at Narellan. Who said you don't have space for a realistic layout?

We will not be taking paid advance orders for the C30 class project, (we don't need the money up front) nor will we answer monotonous questions about when they are coming. They are on their way. They will get here in good time. There will be two prices. Advance order price \$550.00 valid until the day the models arrive in Australia. \$650.00 Final price after that date.

Our SPECIAL offer still applies to those who have placed orders for C30T class locos with another company and can prove, to our satisfaction, that they have received a full refund of their deposits, we will supply them with an equivalent number of Austrains C30 Tanks and C30T's at the price of \$495.00. FUNNY though, we still haven't had anyone take us up on our previous offer.

Other New Products:

Recent Releases:

KF / CKF Flat Wagons. We now have in stock the KF / CKF 4 wheel Flat wagons. This wagon has a multitude of uses from carrying tractors and farm equipment to bagged wheat or acting as a match truck for adjoining wagons carrying overhanging loads. The CKF version was modified as a stop gap measure in the very early days of containerisation to carry one 20' container. In this form they lasted into the early 1980's. The retaining lugs on the Austrains model will accommodate either Austrains or SDS 20' containers. Some other brands may not be suitable as, despite them being models of one of the worlds most standard sized items, not all models appear to be made to correct dimensions.

KF / CKF Flat Wagons are now \$77.00 per pack of two (2).

41 class: Now in stock from us or at Austrains dealers. The price has risen to \$330.00.

VR Z Vans: Now in stock from us or at Austrains dealers. \$165.00 per pair.

KKG Horse Boxes. Now in stock from us or at Austrains dealers. \$175.00 per pair

Other Projects:

The last Austrains rolling stock project will be the VR 4 wheel J Cement Hopper and FJ Flour Hopper. These are tooling now with expected delivery around April 2017. Probably the Cement Hopper will be released at one exhibition the followed by the Flour Hopper. No price yet. It depends on next years factory price rises and the exchange rate.

LHG Goods Brake Van: Variations. We have done two versions of the 49'3" LHG Brake Van. Firstly the as built version with two windows in the guards compartment end. These vans all had this configuration until the early 1950's when the windows were removed and they were rebuilt with solid timber planked ends. A further variation of the original version is the one off #7118 which carried advertising for the railways parcel service on both sides. ~~One of these is included in pack B.~~ ***Please note that this has been the most popular set. We have very few of Pack B left.***

Pack B now Sold Out. Some dispute has arisen in the councils of the wise about the OHG code applied in the early 1950's to some of the vans which retained their screw couplers while the remainder of the fleet was fitted with autos. The late R.G. Preston (an author renowned for the accuracy of his writings) in his book 'Day of the Goods Train' states that these vans were used on stock trains where the four wheeled Cattle and Sheep vans had not been fitted with auto couplers. However excellent documentation also exists showing that sixteen vans coded OHG with screw couplers were transferred to the carriage sheds at Central in the weeks before Easter and Christmas holidays for thorough cleaning for use as supplementary passenger guards vans during the holiday periods. A task to which they were ideally suited and regularly performed in country areas when the need arose. So the LHG is a multi purpose van. The LHG are being sold in twin packs based on eras. Pack B is as built with end windows 1930's / 1940's era. Pack B will also contain the van with advertising.

Packs A and C are in early 50's with one LHG and one OHG. Packs D & E contain vans in their mid 50's through to the early 80's configuration.

LHG packs retail at \$165.00.

Other recent products:



The Way and Works Train. When many vans and coaches had finished their economic life in main line service they were transferred to service stock. Most of the larger stations had a few vans, wagons and coaches painted cream and silver lying around in the yard as storage or sleeping accommodation for the Way and Works crews who kept the system running behind the scenes. Many LHG Brake vans finished up in this role. Austrains will be releasing a two car pack consisting of an LHG van and LFX coach (based on original photographs) painted cream with silver roof. This will be a Limited Edition of 480 sets only selling at \$230.00 for the twin pack. It is a once only run and will not be repeated. We still have a few boxes of Way & Works sets.

NSW Dog Box Coaches: We now have full stocks of LFX / HCX / ACX Dog Box coaches..

We have made three versions of the Dog Box coaches all based on the 49'3" chassis. Two versions of the LFX (Mansard and semi Elliptical roofs) and one version of the HCX branch line composite Brake coach with semi elliptical roof. There were only two numbers of this particular version of the HCX on the 49'3" chassis. All the rest were of varying lengths so we are limited to this one type. The Dog Boxes will be sold as Two Packs in both Tuscan & Russet and Indian Red liveries. Prices are \$230.00 per pack of two. It has been decided to combine the ACX into packs with an LFX. A pack containing an ACX is \$245.00.

Now what have we got in stock.

CW Cattle Wagon. We have very good of the NSW 1915/1921 CW Cattle wagon packs. These comprise four of the new 1915 version and two 1921 version wagons in a six pack. There are three different packs with new numbers on the 1921 version. When compared side by side the difference in the two types of vans is quite obvious. Photographic evidence exists some wagons of this version of the CW still being in service in the mid 1960's making them suitable for the steam /diesel changeover period. The price is \$240.00 per pack. < [link to Cattle Wagon order form](#) >



NSW Four wheel wagons: We still have reasonable stocks of the following four wheel NSWGR wagons:

MV Meat Van	3 pack (1 pack only)	\$120.00
LV Louvre Vans	4 pack (2 different numbered packs)	\$160.00
LV Louvre Vans Milk Van version	4 pack (2 different numbered packs)	\$160.00



LHO Passenger Brake Van and **KP Mail Sorting Van**. Both of these items have been designed to complement the FS / BS cars in the composition of mail trains. The LHO can also be used wherever a Passenger Brake Van is required for trains from the early 1960's onwards. The new vans are being sold in a three pack with an FS coach. **Retail price is \$330.00 per pack.**

< [link to order page](#) >



The Great Austrains Clearance Sale:

In preparation for our impending semi retirement we are clearing out ALL of our older stock. Much has already been sold to retailers but most remaining items will be cleaned out in a NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED Sale at the AMRA Liverpool exhibition. Also included in the Clearance will be our entire stock of spare parts including motors, bogies, wheels etc.

There will be no lists and we will not answer questions about what will be available. You have to be there to find out. Nor can we do this sale by Mail Order. If you want the goodies at really sharp prices you are just going to have to be there. Sorry, no bleeding heart pleading about not being able to make it. There are people coming to the exhibition from as far away as Texas and Holland. If they can make it so can you.

Not all Austrains stock will be discounted. Excluded are 41 class Diesels and a few other items.

Repairs: Austrains does not offer a repair service however if you are unable to repair or service a model yourself contact Paul Baker. 0439 566391 or email prb287@hotmail.com

Office Hours: And communications. Austrains no longer takes direct phone calls from the public.

We can be contacted by email on austrainspl@tpg.net.au or info@austrains.com.au. Please do not expect an immediate response.

Or by Mail or Owl to:

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We will miss all those early morning phone calls and those from the deviate who rings from a private number and gives us an earfull that would make a wharfie blush. Oh, by the way. The authorities know who you are. You are one more phone call away from an appointment with a magistrate.

Exhibitions:

Austrains will be attending the following exhibitions during 2016/17:

LIVERPOOL – NSW. October 1-3, 2016. 2016 Sydney Model Railway Exhibition, Whitlam Leisure Centre, Memorial Ave, Liverpool. 9.00am-5.00pm (Sat & Sun) & 9.00am-4.00pm (Mon).

CORIO – VIC. Jan 28-29, 2017. Corio Model Railway Club Exhibition, South Barwon Civic Centre - 2 Colac Road, Belmont. 10am-5pm (Sat) & 10am-4.00pm (Sun).

Warranties:

All Austrains products are covered by a 12 month Replacement warranty. In other words we replace rather than repair most items returned to us under warranty. This warranty only applies to items sold by Austrains or by an authorised Austrains retailer. We have disputed a warranty claim made by a customer in Queensland for a locomotive purchased in supposed new condition from a retailer who apparently claimed to be an authorised Austrains retailer. It appears that the loco was second hand and the retailer was most definitely not an authorised Austrains dealer. Nor are items purchased second hand over ebay covered by warranty. Be careful.

Our arrangement with Retailers: Please take note of this to avoid missing out on some models:

For a peaceful life our preference would be to supply all our product to retailers from day one and allow them to do all sales while we disappear into a contented semi retirement. However this is just not a viable option for any manufacturer who wishes to expand their range and stay in business. The reasons for this are many and complicated. Suffice to say that the reason there are so few Austrains retailers usually relates to the inability of many of the retail trade to carry the amount of stock we deem necessary to promote the range as we wish to see it promoted. Current Austrains retailers have proven that they can do the job for us and we are happy to continue supplying them as we can. Surprisingly there are a few retailers who would probably qualify for an Austrains franchise but have never approached us. That is their loss.

The other part of this equation is that the cost of new tooling in China is horrendously expensive. To offset this initial cost we need a markup on cost better than we can get by just supplying retailers. This is why we direct market. Not all Austrains products, especially new tooling items, are available immediately to the retail network. Rolling stock items are especially expensive to tool compared to the retail return which can be made on them. So, while you may walk away with a happy heart after placing an order for a new Austrains product with your friendly neighborhood hobby shop that does not guarantee that you will get it. We have even had recent examples of orders being placed with retailers who are not Austrains authorised dealers. In these cases those placing the orders missed out completely.

Austrains retailers are aware of these conditions when they accept a franchise. Please check availability before placing an order for advance delivery with a retailer.

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