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### Auction Number 1 – The wrap up.

Well auction number 1 is finished, the packing is done and items are now finding their way to their new homes. It was a steep learning curve for us but I think we got there in the end with only minor hiccups along the way. We'd like to especially thank the vendors and bidders who have been a part of our first auction. Your confidence is crucial to ABCRAuctions success and given this is a new idea for Australian Bottle Collecting we are extremely grateful for your support at this early stage of our existence.

Most things went smoothly with the setting up and running of the auction. We'd like to do more with the videos, the quality left a bit to be desired but improvement probably requires some better equipment and software. A change in format might also occur as we work out the best method of presentation. The extra time feature for last minute bids certainly worked well from a technical viewpoint. While the McGee jug (Lot 230) was the most obvious example, there were a handful of lots that went past the official 8pm closing time. We would definitely like to hear the thoughts of anyone who used or observed the extended bidding time.

Invoicing caused us some consternation; the inbuilt system we found to be a bit inflexible and when the time came to hit "send" there was a glitch that delayed things by several hours as we worked around it. All in all though, it is nice to be underway. Now as we work towards Auction number 2 we'd like hear from you, the bidders, subscribers, vendors and watchers as to what you liked, didn't like, thought strange or enjoyed. Unless there is a major issue we aren't looking to make huge changes between auctions but we do expect to incrementally build and adjust things so everything works as smoothly as possible.

The auction results were reasonable for a starting point. Clearance rate was just under 60% in the final wash up with a fairly regular distribution of prices in the lots sold. Judging by some of the questions and a few of the after sale comments there was a bit of nervousness dealing with a new venture which is understandable. Hopefully some of those fears have been allayed with the successful conclusion of Auction 1. From our point of view the bidding side of things appeared to work really well – no obvious delays or errors that we could see but we would welcome hearing from anyone who used it. As far as highlights go Ceramic items were the order of the day, but lets start with a glass one (note all prices quoted include 11% buyer premium/GST): The Rosebud Newcastle butter jar made \$1776 despite some small damage to the rim; both Sheekey Ginger Beers (lots 66 & 67) ended up selling, the blob top made \$1043 during the auction while the Crown Seal sold after the auction for \$1110; the Abbey Mustard Jar (lot 113) is heading back to the UK for \$2276 while the extremely rare but repaired Woolnough, Melbourne pot lid (lot 214) remained in Australia for \$1721. Finally of course the standout of the auction was the McGee Melbourne jug (lot 230). Possibly unique, there was no doubt that this item would go well but given the handle had been broken off and glued back just how well was open to debate. Needless to say, now we know with the final price being \$8214 some five and a half times our top estimate.



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Auction 1 Results:

| No. | Hammer   | No. | Hammer     | No. | Hammer     | No. | Hammer     | No. | Hammer     |
|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | \$50.00  | 55  | Not Sold   | 109 | Not Sold   | 163 | \$112.00   | 217 | \$185.00   |
| 2   | \$261.00 | 56  | Not Sold   | 110 | \$135.00   | 164 | Not Sold   | 218 | \$55.00    |
| 3   | \$105.00 | 57  | \$10.00    | 111 | Not Sold   | 165 | Not Sold   | 219 | Not Sold   |
| 4   | \$65.00  | 58  | \$125.00   | 112 | Not Sold   | 166 | \$110.00   | 220 | \$162.00   |
| 5   | \$425.00 | 59  | \$25.00    | 113 | \$2,050.00 | 167 | Not Sold   | 221 | \$10.00    |
| 6   | \$50.00  | 60  | Not Sold   | 114 | Not Sold   | 168 | \$85.00    | 222 | \$10.00    |
| 7   | \$50.00  | 61  | \$30.00    | 115 | Not Sold   | 169 | \$210.00   | 223 | Not Sold   |
| 8   | \$10.00  | 62  | \$20.00    | 116 | \$50.00    | 170 | \$50.00    | 224 | \$50.00    |
| 9   | \$20.00  | 63  | Not Sold   | 117 | \$25.00    | 171 | \$75.00    | 225 | Not Sold   |
| 10  | \$75.00  | 64  | \$40.00    | 118 | \$30.00    | 172 | Not Sold   | 226 | \$25.00    |
| 11  | \$100.00 | 65  | \$20.00    | 119 | Not Sold   | 173 | Not Sold   | 227 | \$15.00    |
| 12  | \$20.00  | 66  | \$1,000.00 | 120 | \$60.00    | 174 | \$300.00   | 228 | \$50.00    |
| 13  | \$40.00  | 67  | \$940.00   | 121 | Not Sold   | 175 | Not Sold   | 229 | Not Sold   |
| 14  | \$95.00  | 68  | Not Sold   | 122 | Not Sold   | 176 | \$250.00   | 230 | \$7,400.00 |
| 15  | \$260.00 | 69  | Not Sold   | 123 | Not Sold   | 177 | Not Sold   | 231 | \$100.00   |
| 16  | Not Sold | 70  | Not Sold   | 124 | Not Sold   | 178 | Not Sold   | 232 | Not Sold   |
| 17  | \$20.00  | 71  | \$60.00    | 125 | \$100.00   | 179 | \$100.00   | 233 | Not Sold   |
| 18  | Not Sold | 72  | \$75.00    | 126 | \$50.00    | 180 | \$200.00   | 234 | \$50.00    |
| 19  | Not Sold | 73  | \$520.00   | 127 | \$15.00    | 181 | Not Sold   | 235 | \$20.00    |
| 20  | \$30.00  | 74  | Not Sold   | 128 | Not Sold   | 182 | \$100.00   | 236 | Not Sold   |
| 21  | Not Sold | 75  | \$210.00   | 129 | Not Sold   | 183 | \$150.00   | 237 | Not Sold   |
| 22  | \$15.00  | 76  | \$100.00   | 130 | Not Sold   | 184 | \$20.00    | 238 | Not Sold   |
| 23  | \$46.00  | 77  | Not Sold   | 131 | Not Sold   | 185 | \$50.00    |     |            |
| 24  | \$150.00 | 78  | Not Sold   | 132 | Not Sold   | 186 | \$40.00    |     |            |
| 25  | Not Sold | 79  | \$10.00    | 133 | \$40.00    | 187 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 26  | Not Sold | 80  | \$30.00    | 134 | Not Sold   | 188 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 27  | \$25.00  | 81  | \$50.00    | 135 | Not Sold   | 189 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 28  | Not Sold | 82  | \$68.00    | 136 | Not Sold   | 190 | \$115.00   |     |            |
| 29  | Not Sold | 83  | \$50.00    | 137 | Not Sold   | 191 | \$40.00    |     |            |
| 30  | Not Sold | 84  | \$30.00    | 138 | \$45.00    | 192 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 31  | Not Sold | 85  | Not Sold   | 139 | \$45.00    | 193 | \$135.00   |     |            |
| 32  | Not Sold | 86  | \$400.00   | 140 | \$1,600.00 | 194 | \$175.00   |     |            |
| 33  | \$10.00  | 87  | \$170.00   | 141 | Not Sold   | 195 | \$65.00    |     |            |
| 34  | \$500.00 | 88  | Not Sold   | 142 | \$10.00    | 196 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 35  | \$520.00 | 89  | \$50.00    | 143 | \$55.00    | 197 | \$315.00   |     |            |
| 36  | Not Sold | 90  | \$10.00    | 144 | \$30.00    | 198 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 37  | \$150.00 | 91  | \$300.00   | 145 | \$65.00    | 199 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 38  | \$40.00  | 92  | Not Sold   | 146 | \$85.00    | 200 | \$120.00   |     |            |
| 39  | Not Sold | 93  | \$200.00   | 147 | \$5.00     | 201 | \$120.00   |     |            |
| 40  | Not Sold | 94  | Not Sold   | 148 | \$55.00    | 202 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 41  | \$50.00  | 95  | \$200.00   | 149 | \$75.00    | 203 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 42  | Not Sold | 96  | Not Sold   | 150 | Not Sold   | 204 | \$620.00   |     |            |
| 43  | \$125.00 | 97  | Not Sold   | 151 | \$47.00    | 205 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 44  | \$40.00  | 98  | \$65.00    | 152 | Not Sold   | 206 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 45  | \$60.00  | 99  | Not Sold   | 153 | Not Sold   | 207 | \$595.00   |     |            |
| 46  | Not Sold | 100 | \$125.00   | 154 | Not Sold   | 208 | \$140.00   |     |            |
| 47  | \$150.00 | 101 | Not Sold   | 155 | \$60.00    | 209 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 48  | Not Sold | 102 | Not Sold   | 156 | \$570.00   | 210 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 49  | Not Sold | 103 | \$110.00   | 157 | \$85.00    | 211 | \$100.00   |     |            |
| 50  | \$67.00  | 104 | \$40.00    | 158 | \$15.00    | 212 | \$385.00   |     |            |
| 51  | Not Sold | 105 | Not Sold   | 159 | \$310.00   | 213 | \$410.00   |     |            |
| 52  | Not Sold | 106 | Not Sold   | 160 | Not Sold   | 214 | \$1,550.00 |     |            |
| 53  | Not Sold | 107 | Not Sold   | 161 | \$50.00    | 215 | Not Sold   |     |            |
| 54  | Not Sold | 108 | \$50.00    | 162 | \$20.00    | 216 | \$200.00   |     |            |

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