

Media Release

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Thousands of unclaimed items to go under the hammer at RailCorp auction

RailCorp will hold its annual Lost Property Auction on Saturday September 10 with thousands of unclaimed items to go under the hammer.

More than 15,000 items such as 2100 mobile phones, 110 iPods, 75 cameras, 150 bikes, laptops and tower computers, musical instruments, jewellery which includes watches, pendants and trinkets, one pallet of books, camping equipment, clothing plus many other items will be up for auction in what has become a popular event for those hunting for a bargain.

Lost Property Office Manager Matt Dunn said more than 50,000 items are left on trains and rail property each year and most were returned to their owners, but those that are unclaimed end up in the auction.

"It will again be a big auction this year with a wide variety of items available for those after a bargain," Mr Dunn said.

"The rarest and most interesting item to appear in this year's auction is an 1865 Franz Diener violin from the Grazlist area in Germany. We have been searching for the owner of this rare item for many months but unfortunately no one has come forward to claim it, so it must be auctioned off."

Mr Dunn said surplus items from the RailCorp stores are also to be put under the hammer, with CityRail raincoats, refrigerators and disused wheelchair ramps up for grabs. Some rail heritage items are available including six rollover indicator boards, cabinets and luggage trolleys.

The proceeds of the auction go back into helping run the Lost Property Office.

If you have lost a personal item on RailCorp trains or premises you can phone the Lost Property Office on 02 9379 3343, submit a Lost Property online request form through the CityRail or Country Link websites www.cityrail.info or www.countrylink.info or by attending the Lost Property Office located at Central Station.

Items are held for 28 days then removed to the sale room located at Central Station.

The Auction will be held at 10am Saturday 10 September at 5-11 Governor Macquarie Drive, Chipping Norton NSW 2170. Contact 02 9782 9444 or visit chippingnortoninfo@pickles.com.au for more information.

A viewing of the items is available 8am – 4:30pm Friday 9 September and 8am on the day of the Auction

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