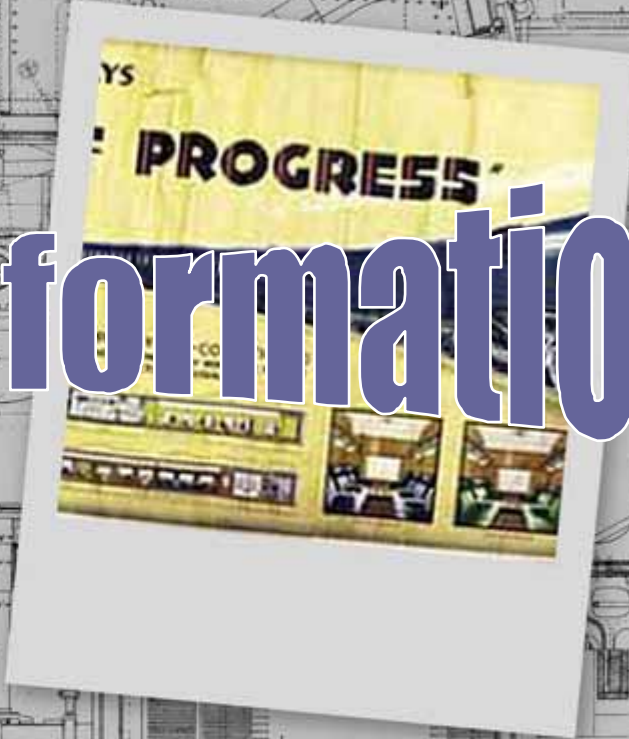


# Gathering Information

*By Chris Pearce*



38 FT 0 INS	HEATING SURFACE - FIREBOX	840 SQ FT	BOILER PRESSURE	200 LBS SQ
48 41	TUBES	2818	GRATE AREA	58 SQ FT
74 42	ELEMENTS	402	TRACTIVE POWER AT	
78 32	TOTAL	3704	61% BOILER PRESS	4100 LBS

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS	
LOCO CLASS 5 I.	
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT	
DATE: 1888	BY: T.M.P.
DATE: 23 2 28	

## N scale – What do we do?

We model locos, rolling stock and a little scenery.

**WRONG!**

We model scenery on a much larger scale than most other railway scales.

# Discussion points

Where is the information I want?

Tools of the Trade

Nice to haves

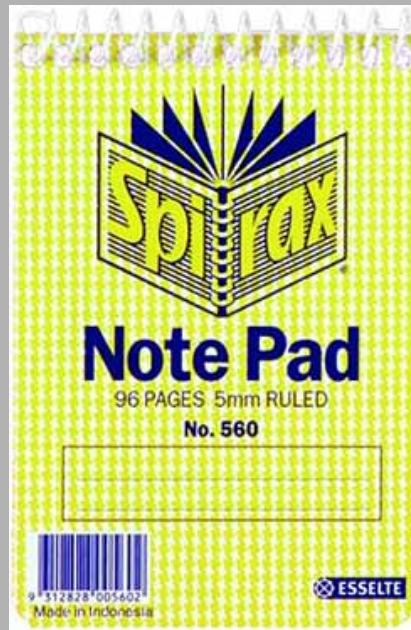
Examples

# Where is the information I want?

The answer is absolutely everywhere, its probably right under your nose. But most people have trouble locating it. You just need a few pointers to start you off down a road of discovery.

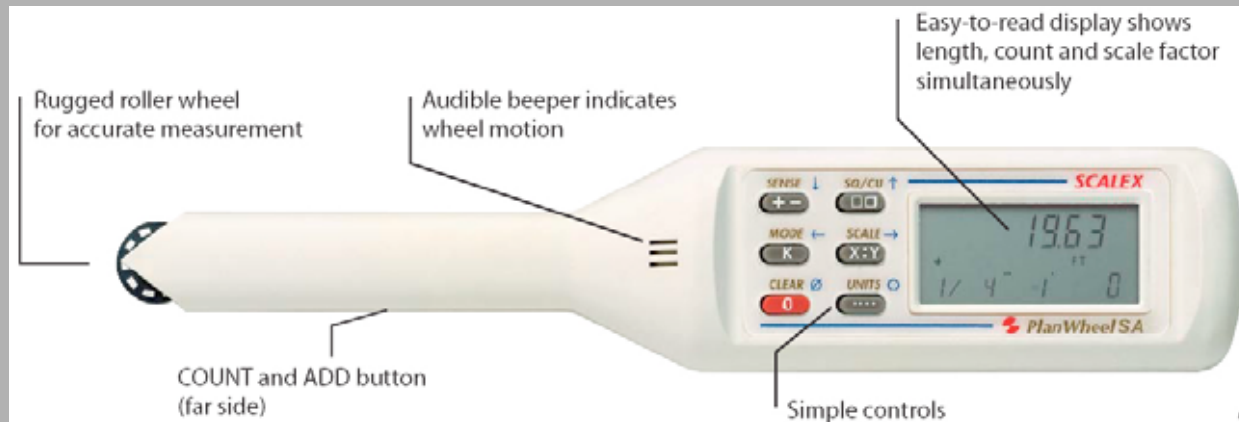
It exists in libraries, museums, private collections, on the web, schools, garage sales, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shops, antique stores, historical archives and railway archives both current and historical and of course your railway mates!

# Tools of the Trade



# Nice to haves

Electronic map/plan measuring tool.



Wheel measuring stick.



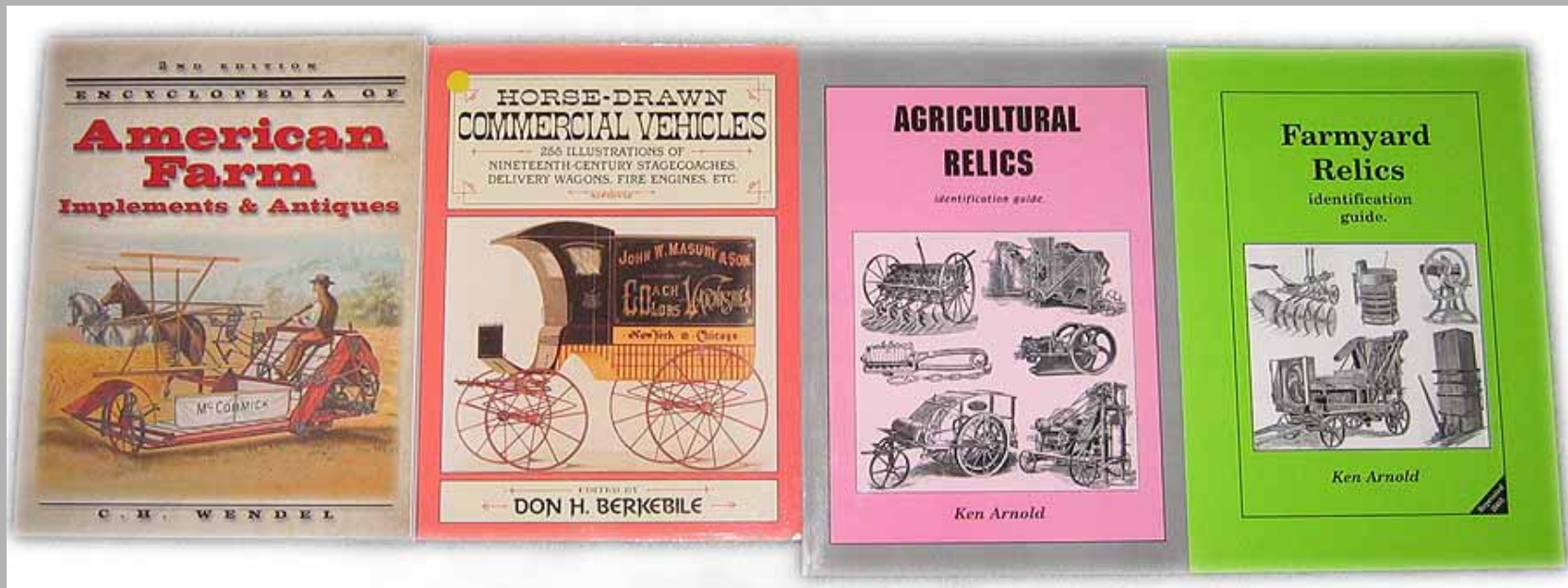
# Photos



Photos are probably the first thing we search for and surprisingly what you may need may turn up in the oddest of places!

See your notes for more details.

# Farmyard and wagons - 1

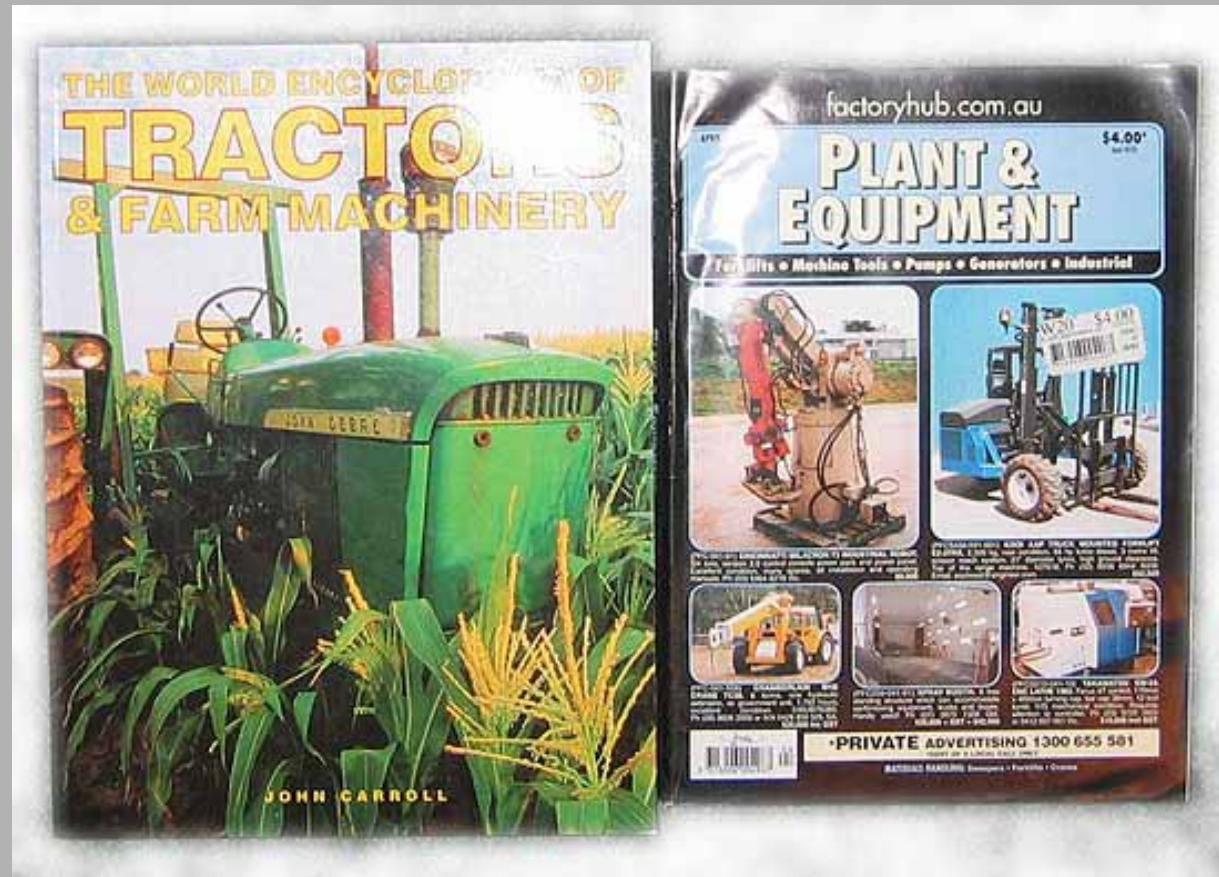


Price range \$10-\$40 per book.

## Farmyard and wagons - 2

Specific books are great if you are just after one subject.

Price range  
\$8-\$40



For sale publications are a great source of modern and old machinery.

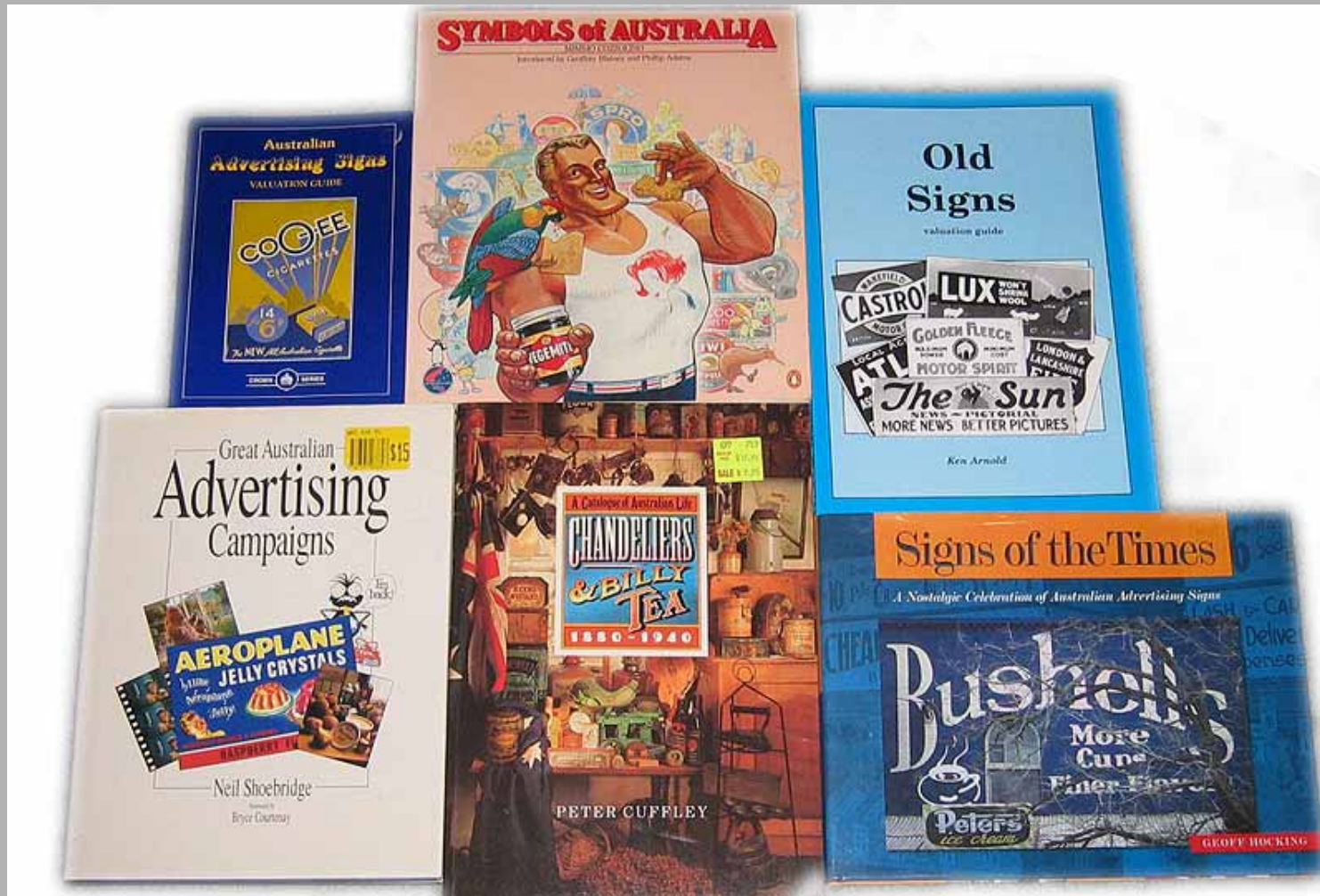
# Tins



Don't overlook the value of non train related books. These signs and tin collectors books have a wealth of detail that can be used on and in shops and railway platforms.



# Signs Symbols & Advertising



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# Signs Symbols & Advertising



Not only a great source for signs but a valuable resource for buildings as well as unusual items.

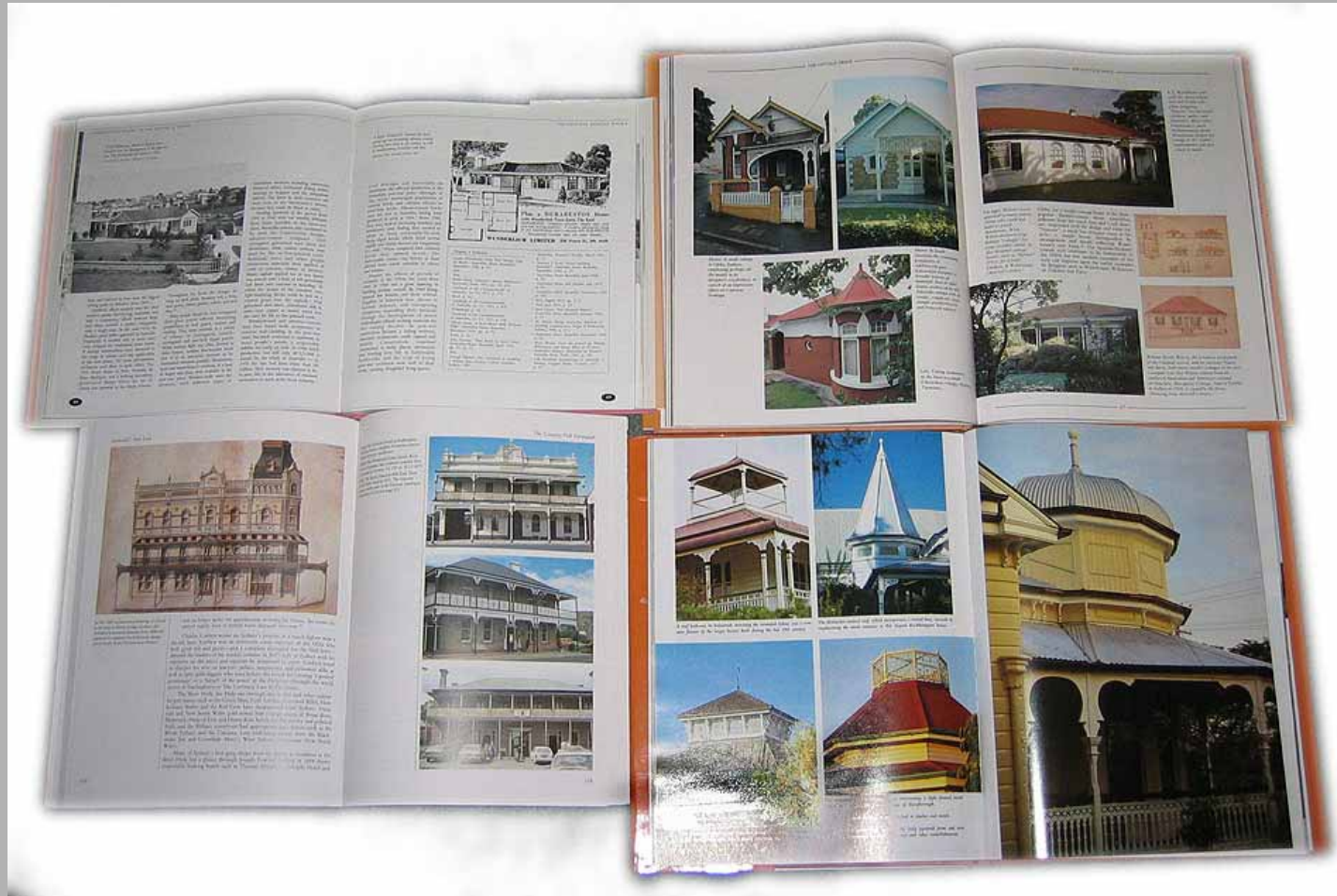
# Homes and Hotels - 1



Haunt the bookstores for their specials and gems like above have a wealth of information on shops, homes and period buildings. Most can be bought for less than \$20.

# Homes and Hotels - 2

A peek inside shows a diverse selection of material for the builder.



# Businesses



An absolute mountain of material can be found in these cheap little gems. From period shops, dwellings and milk bars to the modern convenience store. Price range \$4-\$8. Free Real Estate magazines show plans and photos of both modern and period homes.

# Cars

The best source to get correct colour schemes is the car restoration magazines.

Price range \$1 through to \$50 for authoritative works.

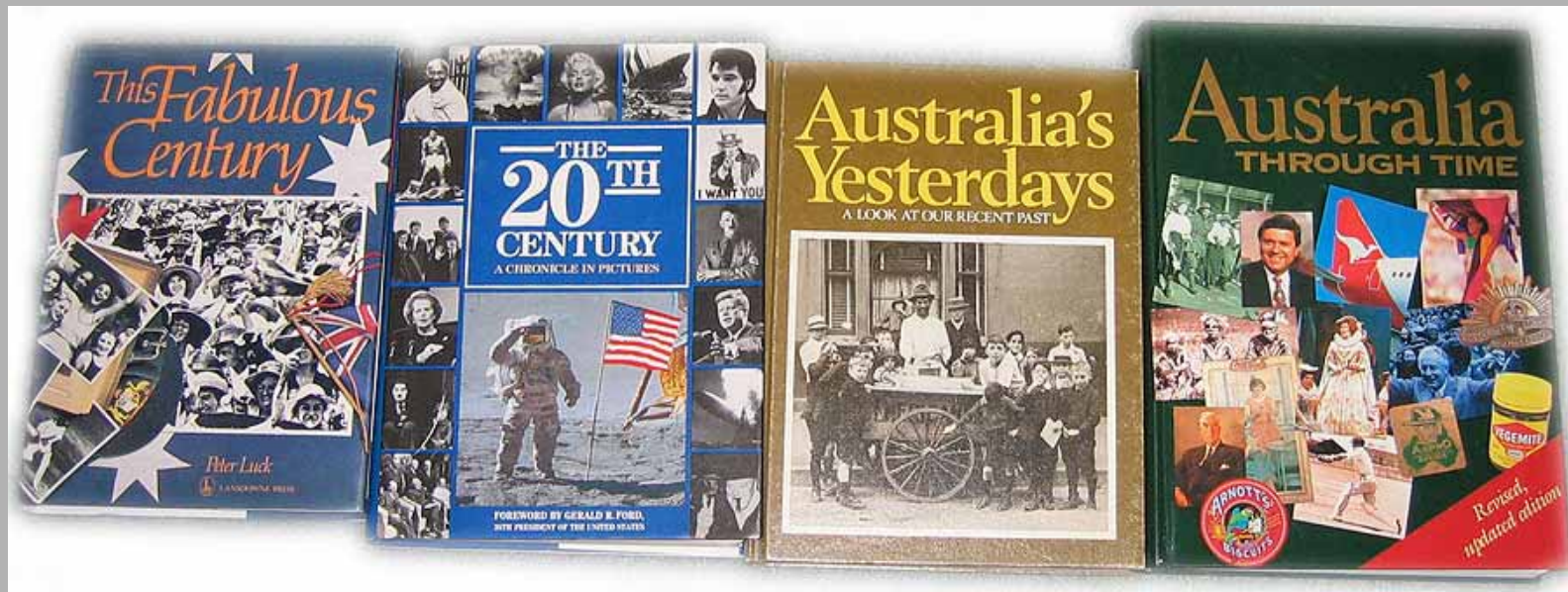


Collect both current and older 2<sup>nd</sup> hand magazines for a wide selection.

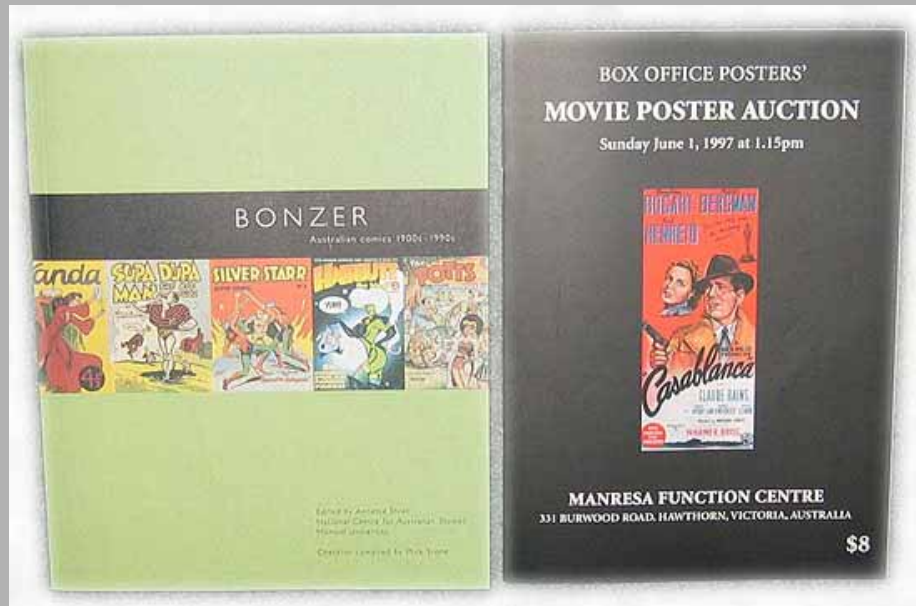
# Australiana

Books on Australia, bygone eras, past centuries are a great source of mixed content. E.g. signs, buildings, cars, trucks, farmyards, trains etc.

Generally \$10-\$40 new or \$5-\$25 second hand.



# Catalogues



Always a good source of information are Auction and Sale catalogues. Remember current Junk Mail catalogues are a wealth of information to.

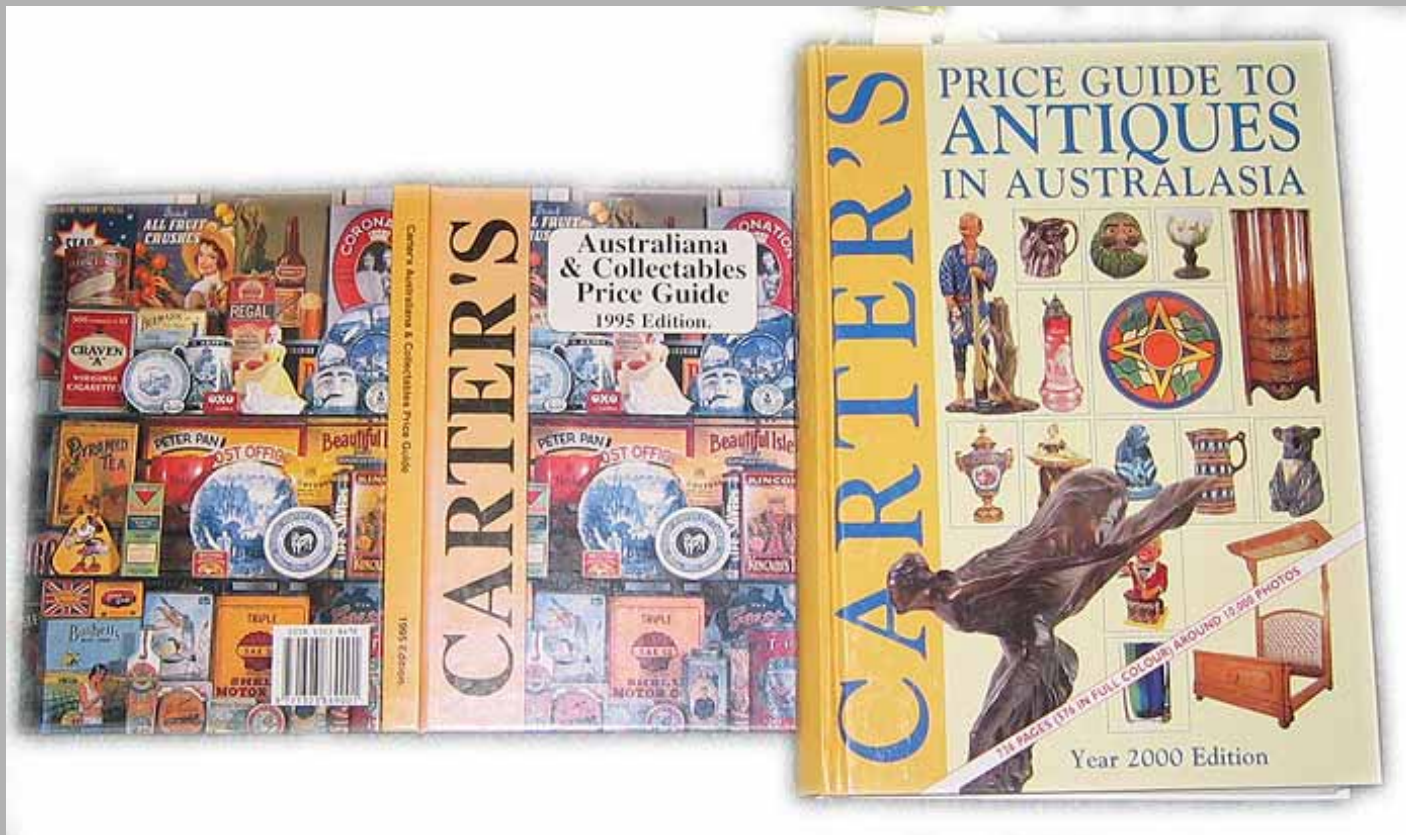
# Do it Yourself books



These books turn up surprising facts and information that you can use in your model railway. House plans, colour schemes of the era are just a few examples of what to look out for. Prices range from \$1-\$20 (old and new)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Antique guides

Reduced in price Antique guides supply a wealth of household goods, signs, tins and other bric-a-brac that can be modelled around your railway scenes.

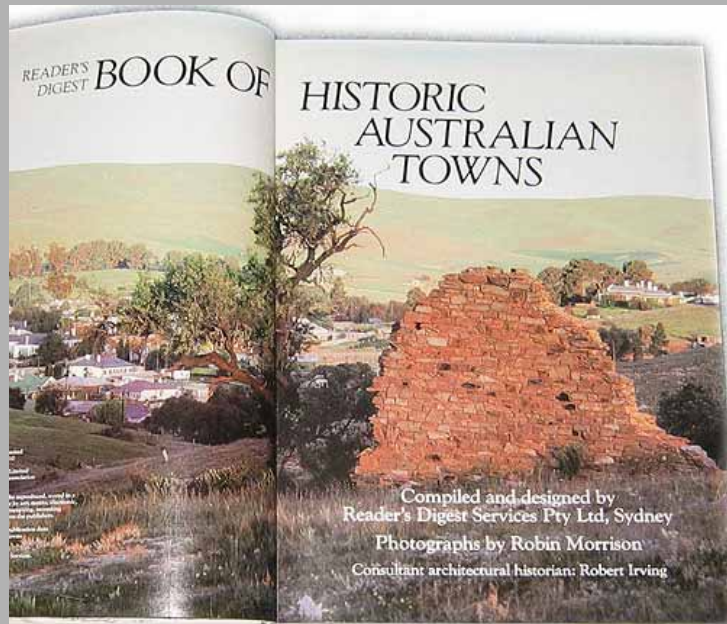


# Souvenir books from road trips

Surprising the amount of details and modelling information that can be gleaned from these.



# Souvenir books from road trips



Picture post card books and small souvenir books are a great inspiration to modelling.



# Diaries and Postcards



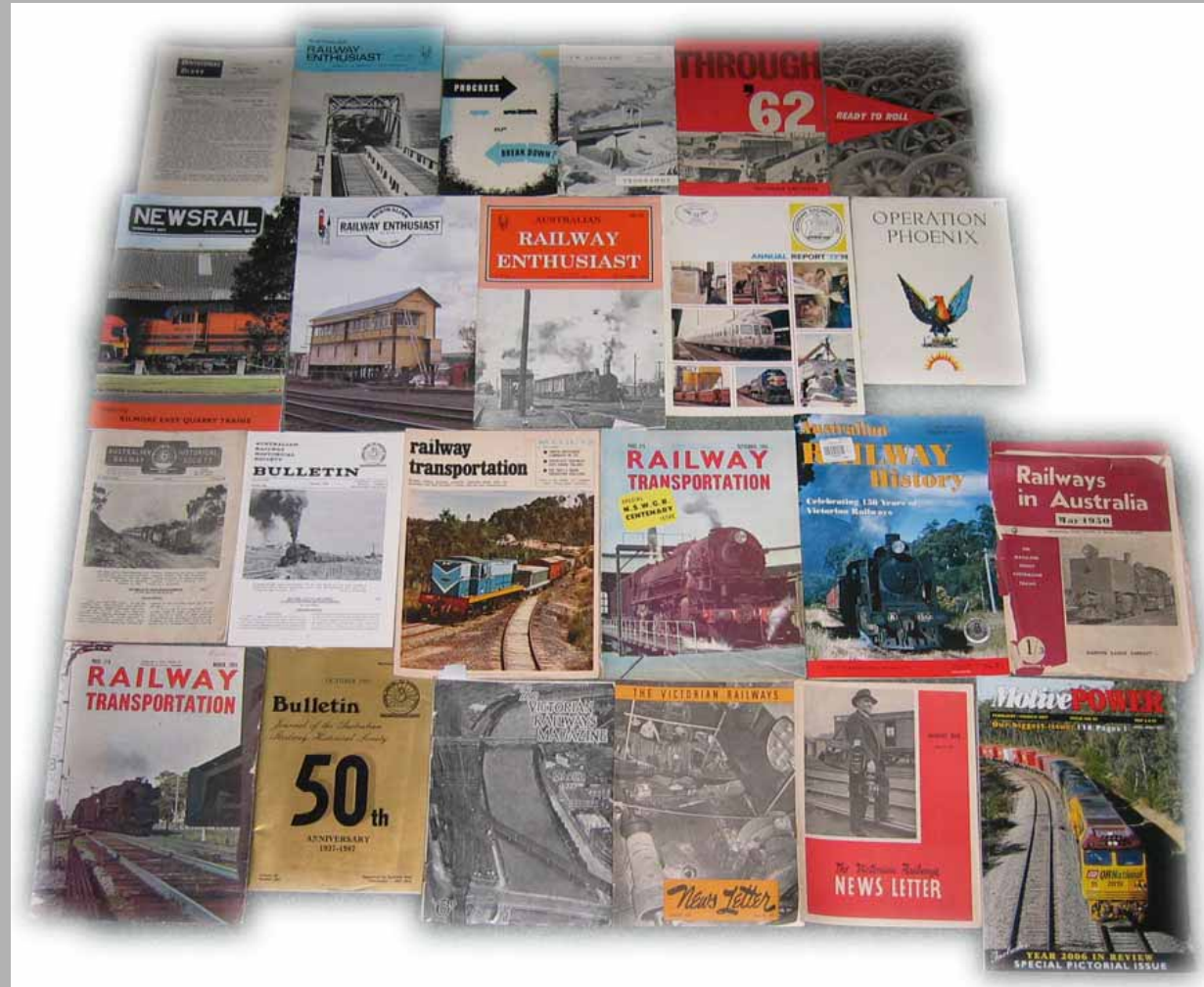
# Railway books

I can't emphasize enough the importance of collecting books from all sources as well as the new ones mentioned in your notes.



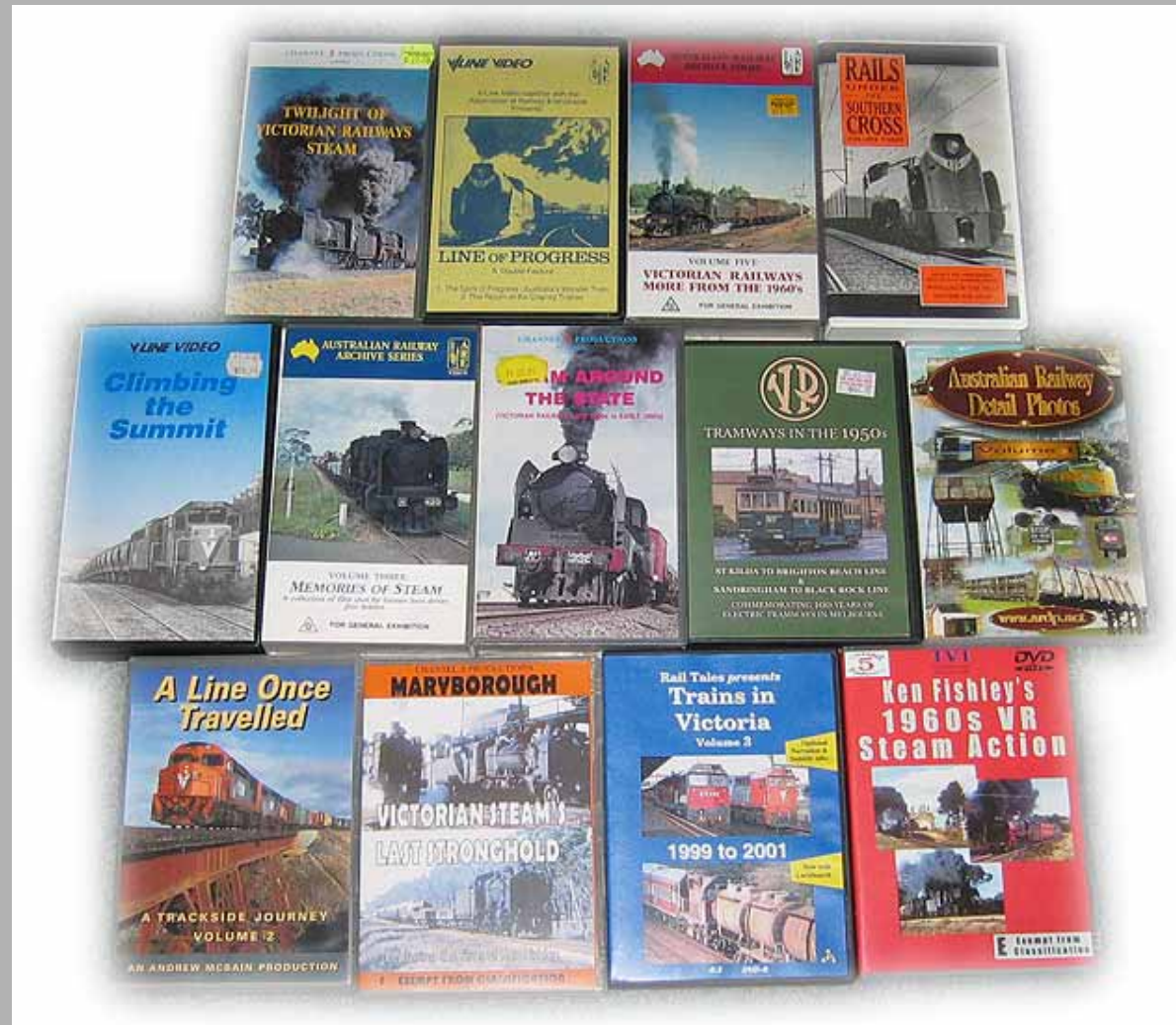
# Railway Magazines

Railway magazines both old and new offer history, plans, colour schemes, scenery and show a way of life from a bygone era.



# Railway Videos and DVD's

Videos and DVD's are great for scenery shots, colours, train consists, way of life, station layouts, weathering details and lots more. Use your Computer to capture shots and print them out.



# Finally

I have given you some insight into the way I gather information. I hope this presentation and notes inspires you to do more. Chris Pearce.

# The End