

# NEWS

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## Birthstones

Are a popular choice as the wearer has a beautiful coloured gem with a special personal significance. A birthstone can be a gift for a new baby or parents, a present to celebrate a special birthday or a collection of gems representing a family or friendship group. The popularity of birthstones dates back to ancient times, the breastplate of Aaron contained twelve gemstones and the modern list has evolved from this. It is believed that gemstones have incredible powers such as luck, health and prosperity, each having a unique meaning, historical significance and therapeutic powers.

Emerald, the colour of life and springtime is the Birthstone for May; we currently have an extensive stock of fine quality Zambian Emeralds.

Moonstone, the birthstone for June has been used in jewellery for more than 2000 years. The ancient Greeks and Romans coveted Moonstone, as they believed it was born from solidified rays of the moon. It was used extensively during the art nouveau period and Moonstone with its wonderful schiller is still popular today. We stock Moonstone from 2mm round to large individual gems.

For more birthstone information, visit our website [www.hamidbros.com.au](http://www.hamidbros.com.au)



## New staff members

Paul and Mina are settling in well. After a long standing friendship we are excited that Paul has decided to join us. With 30 years working in the Jewellery industry, an experienced Gemmologist, Diamond Technologist and Registered Valuer, Paul is an asset to our sales team. Actively involved in the industry, Paul was the inaugural President of the National Council of Jewellery Valuers Victorian Division and President of the Federal Committee. He has also been on the JAA and GAA committees.

Mina has worked in the Jewellery Industry for 5 years. She received 2 awards at completion of her studies in the first year of Gemmology and is now half way through her second year and is determined to obtain great marks again. Fluent in French and well versed in computer skills Mina has also completed a Bachelor in Visual Communications and Masters in Teaching.