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## WE HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A SUCCESSFUL BUYING TRIP AND ARE VERY EXCITED WITH OUR PURCHASES.

It was very difficult to find good quality Ruby, Burmese is becoming very scarce and quality in sizes over 2ct are almost impossible to find. African Ruby proves difficult to buy due to poor mine yields also much of this material is being Beryllium treated to make the vivid orange coloured sapphire. After many days of sorting through countless gems we managed to buy some lovely pieces of Ruby, Red Burmese Spinel which is a great alternative to Ruby and also some pretty blue Vietnamese Spinel.

We found some beautiful pieces of Aquamarine in the very popular 3 to 6ct range in really nice colours and a lovely range of Alexandrite, as well as many fancy pieces in tourmaline, coloured beryl, quartz etc. Parcels of sapphires in a variety of colours are arriving frequently from Sri Lanka so our stock couldn't look better.

<b>RUBY</b> 1.25ct	<b>SAPPHIRE</b> 1.32ct	<b>PINK SAPPHIRE</b> 2.97ct	<b>GREEN AQUAMARINE</b> 2.09ct
			
<b>YELLOW SAPPHIRE</b> 1.45ct	<b>CHROME TOURMALINE</b> 2.23ct	<b>AQUAMARINE</b> 6.70ct	<b>RUBY</b> 1.46ct
			
<b>SAPPHIRE</b> 2.01ct	<b>KUNZITE</b> 27.24ct	<b>ALEXANDRITE</b> 1.21ct	<b>PERIDOT</b> 3.57ct
			
<b>SPESSARTITE GARNET</b> 1.88ct	<b>AMETRINE</b> 11.20ct	<b>TOURMALINE</b> 2.52ct	<b>CITRINE</b> 21.91ct
			

## STAFF

Jess is the Hamid Bros Office Administrator. Married with a 3 year old son, Jess has been with us for 2 years. Although her expertise is in computers, accounts etc, she is becoming familiar with all types of gems and her favourites are the pastel colours of untreated Burmese and Madagascan Sapphires.

## JEWELLERY

Our boutique range of coloured gem stone jewellery is growing with the addition of a pendant range all made in Australia in a variety of price ranges. Items have the Gold & Silversmiths Guild of Australia Makers Mark, date stamps and our stunning coloured Gems.



## Oops!

We often receive calls regarding Gems damaged in the workshop. With a little more care many of these mishaps could have been avoided.

- Never clean Emeralds or Tanzanites in the ultrasonic as they can fracture. Clean with a soft brush instead.
- Never rinse gems under cold water after they have been in a hot ultrasonic.
- Peridot should not go in the acid / pickle, the surface will become eroded.
- Although many jewellers leave gems in the setting whilst repairing, resizing etc. remember it is always safer to remove them whenever possible to avoid damage. Amethyst and Citrine may lose their colour if heated and Tourmaline is susceptible to thermal shock and may fracture if heated.

## BERYLLIUM TREATMENT

When Chrysoberyl was accidentally heated with sapphire it was discovered that sapphire colours were altered by the introduction of Beryllium from the Chrysoberyl into the Sapphire lattice. Beryllium is now commonly added through the heat treatment process to produce yellow, padparadscha, orange and red-orange ruby like colours. This treatment must be disclosed as it is not a traditional heat treatment. Prices of Beryllium treated Gems are considerably lower than non-treated colours.

