

Subject: Jacinta Childs - Graduate Profile

Name - Jacinta Childs

What is your current job? Jewellery Designer

What did you study at the GAA? Cert IV of Gemmological Studies, diamond grading, Jewellery sketching.

Did you do any other study - one course on using Rhinoceros CAD program

Why did you choose to study gemmology? I did gemmology because I wanted to have a better knowledge of the items I deal with every day and to feel confident to tell customers the right information.

What do you enjoy most about working in the gem or jewellery industry? to work with some lovely people, work with some of the most gorgeous stones and to design beautiful jewellery.

How did the GAA help you in your career - it helped me with confidence on selling

What do you like most about your job? - meeting new people every day.

Career Highlight - winning the 2006 JAA national design award above \$5000

Favourite gem - Yellow diamonds and Pearls

Best kept secret gem - Morganite (I love the colour and I think not many people know about it

What do you consider the most overrate value in the gemstone world? I think every gemstone has its value for a reason and i think they are all reasonable for why they are like that eg - alexandrite because of its colour change

Favourite gadget you use related to gemstones - Microscope

What is you most treasured possession? - my ability to draw jewellery (in the industry) – I like that it makes people happy, outside the industry my family.

What is your greatest business or hobby extravagance? - I keep buying jewellery.

If you could change one thing about the hobby world or jewellery industry what would it be - for clients to be told more information to understand more about the gemstones themselves. I think if you give your clients enough information then they appreciate you wanting to share interesting information.

What is your dream job? - I am in my dream job.

Thank you
Jacinta