

GEMMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
GRADUATE AND CAREER PROFILES

Name: Kareena Newton

GAA Position? Curator of Specimens and Federal Alternative

What is your current job? Production Manager with Larsen Jewellery

What did you study at the Gemmological Association of Australia? Diploma in Gemmology

Did you do any other study? Jewellery Manufacturing at TAFE

Why did you choose to study gemmology? To further my understanding of gemstones

What do you enjoy most about working in the gem or jewellery industry? Being surrounded by passionate people and educating the customers about different gemstones.

How did the GAA help you in your career? Gave me a greater understanding and a good networking opportunity.

How long have you been a member of the GAA? 3 years

What do you like most about your job? Helping people design the perfect engagement ring & seeing their joy when they collect it at the end and it is exactly as they pictured it.

Career highlight? As my career isn't over I can't name just one.

Favourite gem, and why? Tourmaline, because nature puts such beautiful colours together and we still don't understand why or how.

Best kept secret gem? Spinel

Favourite gadget? Microscope

What is your dream job? To be like Vincent Pardieu, a Field Gemmologist.

I wish I hadn't..... Wasted time listened to so much negative talk from older cynical jewellers, who said I couldn't.

My favourite gadget is.....Microscope, I love seeing those special inclusions like 3 phase in quartz or Enhydro Quartz.

It's not fashionable but I love.....My Family

I am always being asked to Tell customers where certain gemstones originate from.

I often wonder.....How much more the earth has to give until there is no more minerals for us to unearth.

I am very good at Making and designing jewellery.

Friends say I am..... Creative and Fun