

Dikran Manjian

WORKS AT:

Manjian Design Works

AGE: 35

YEARS IN TRADE: 18

TRAINING: Apprenticeship – trained as a jeweller and diamond-setter in both eastern and western styles of manufacturing

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

Gemmologist, FGAA

FIRST JOB: Citygold Gold Manufacturing

Favourite gemstone:

Natural Australian sapphires. When untreated they're available in a full spectrum of vivid tones.

Favourite metal:

Platinum. It's an unforgiving metal to form and carve but the outcome when handled correctly yields an awesome finish with longevity.

Favourite tool:

Techdent hammer drill – over 15 years old and doesn't miss a beat.

Best part of job:

The collaboration process with the client. I also love watching their reactions the first time that they see and hold the piece that they have been imagining and describing.

Worst part of job:

No 'undo' button.

Best tip from a jeweller:

There's nothing that can't be done with the tools on hand.

Best tip to a jeweller:

Have a hobby. It's important for the creative mind to have other outlets of expression.

My bench is always:

Reasonably tidy. I'm much more efficient when I have this space under control.

Favourite sports team:

Rabbitohs – I loved watching them rise to the top.

