

## Geoff Brown

**WORKS AT:** Geogem

**AGE:** 58

**YEARS IN TRADE:** 42

**TRAINING:** Apprenticeship,  
Sydney TAFE

**FIRST JOB:** Rhon Rae  
Productions

**Favourite gemstone:**

Sapphire. It comes in a variety of colours, has a great hardness and can easily be retipped.

**Favourite tool:**

Microflame welder by Johnson Matthey (no longer trading in tooling or machines). An amazing retipping tool.

**Best new tool discovery:**

The Puk Welder. I wish this had been invented far earlier in my career.

**Purchase tooling locally, overseas or both:**

Locally, but am venturing into the overseas markets.

**Best part of job:**

Dealing direct with my customers, and getting their wants and needs correct.

**Best tip from a jeweller:**

Always use the hardest solders you can.

**Best tip to a jeweller:**

Putting in the long hours at the beginning of your career will pay off.

**Biggest health concern on the bench:**

At my age ... dying at it!

**Love jewellery because:**

There are no boundaries to design.

**What frustrates you about the industry:**

Show ponies.

**My bench is always:**

Reasonably tidy because at least I know where things *should* be.

