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Get to know one of Australia's premier auction house specialists.

Calling all collectors, art lovers, and jewellery aficionados alike, Leonard Joel is the ultimate marketplace for the rarest heirlooms and treasures. Established in 1919, Leonard Joel is Australia's premier auction house offering specialist expertise and regular, curated auctions for a diverse range of categories. Think rare rubies, diamonds, original artworks, sought-after timepieces, and bygone furnishings.

Leonard Joel's online space is a great way to ease into the auction world with help from specialist Troy McKenzie. With Leonard Joel already located in Melbourne and Sydney, Troy considers it an honour and exciting challenge to launch the brand into Queensland. Get to know this local expert as he shares his insights on the wonderful world of highly regarded commodities.

When did you decide to get into the auction world?

I always had a creative side as a kid and would often spend school holidays tinkering away in my neighbour's jewellery workshop. After leaving school I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to train as a goldsmith, and over the next four years learnt the intricate skills in manufacture and design. After studying gemmology at the Gemmological Institute of Great Britain and completing an advanced diamond



grading in Antwerp, Belgium, I found myself at Leonard Joel. I am also proud to be a registered NCJV valuer and am well equipped to provide valuations for any purpose.

What does a workday in your life look like?

I love the diversity. Whether I'm presented with art, luxury goods or jewels, I love the excitement of not knowing what you are going to unfold or what phone call is going to lead to something. It's fast paced and I'm often presented with many beautiful, rare treasures of all descriptions, shapes, and sizes.

What is your number one career highlight?

One of my many highlights is being able to assist clients find their ideal engagement ring, or jewel to celebrate a special occasion. Seeing the joy these gifts of love can bring is a great feeling. Another highlight was assisting in the sale of an entire deceased estate including furniture, collectables, art, jewels, and watches. This was my first of such volume, the family were a delight to work with and was such a positive result all round.

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