

NOTES FOR BUYERS

1. Buyer's Premium of 17.6% (including GST) will be added to the hammer price of all lots sold.
2. A Goods & Services Tax (GST) of 10% is included in the Buyer's Premium on all lots.
3. GST will be included in the hammer price of items sold where the vendor is registered to collect GST. These lots are identified by the symbol '*' in the Catalogue.
4. The grade, weight and dimensions of precious metals and of gemstones not removed from settings are approximate.
5. All conclusions with regard to stone-set jewellery are substantiated by examination of items within limitations imposed by their settings using appropriate gemmological testing methods.
6. Estimates and descriptions provided represent an opinion and are assessed on the basis of perceived quality, workmanship, age, country of origin, wear and condition.

7. **Diamond Grading.**

Discrepancies in diamond grading may occur when the diamonds are set due to the colour of the precious metal and restrictions of settings.

When diamond grading or valuation certificates are supplied by the vendor the opinion expressed therein may not necessarily be in accordance with the opinion of A.B.A. Associates Pty Ltd.

8. **Gold Quality.**

The precious metal purity is that marked on the article. When testing of precious metal is considered necessary the results are approximate.

9. **Gemstones.**

We remind potential buyers, in regard to gemstones, that they may be treated in some way to enhance the colour or transparency. These treatments are generally accepted in the jewellery industry worldwide. They may include heat treatment, fracture filling and surface filling, beryllium diffused and glass filled rubies and sapphires, irradiation, dyeing and oiling etc. New treatments are constantly being developed as well as new technology and new scientific methods to detect them. The differences in technology may cause a lack of consensus between laboratories concerning whether the gemstones have been treated and the extent or permanency of the treatment. Unless an independent laboratory report accompanies the item the intending purchaser must assume that a type of treatment may have been used. The purchaser should consider these points when bidding.

10. **Valuations.**

Where accompanying valuations are mentioned in connection with lots, ABA Associates do not in any way guarantee the information contained in the said valuations as they are independently produced and are intended for additional information for prospective buyers only. The values mentioned in these valuations represent the retail replacement value for insurance purposes from a traditional prestige retail showroom.

14. **Watches.**

Prospective buyers should satisfy themselves by personal inspection as to the condition of each lot. If a member of A.B.A. Associates is asked for a condition report it must be treated as an opinion and not a statement of fact as we are not qualified watch restorers. The absence of a condition report in the description of a lot does not imply that the said lot is necessarily in good condition, working order or free from restoration or repair. Original parts may be replaced due to restoration and therefore cannot be guaranteed to be authentic.

15. Intending bidders must satisfy themselves by inspection or otherwise as to the nature of the lot or lots offered for sale and must accept same with all faults.

16. **Authenticity.**

It is the responsibility of every bidder prior to the commencement of the auction to satisfy themselves as to the authenticity of any lot being offered for sale.

17. **Method of Payment.**

It is the policy of A.B.A. Associates Pty Ltd to accept payment in cash, by Visa card or Mastercard, EFTPOS, or by Bank Cheque. Personal cheques may be accepted at the discretion of the auctioneer. It is essential that payment be effected within two days following the Auction Sale.