

The Philosophers' Stone



SUPERANNUATION BOOST?

I know we all get very busy and totally immersed in our business and lives and forget how quickly this year is rolling by. We are already into June with the end of the financial year upon us.

Have you thought about taking advantage of the federal governments superannuation incentives this year? The lemel & sweep sitting in your workshop could be refined and converted to dollars, which you could then use to make an extra superannuation contribution. Is this worth considering?

If so, please allow us 2 weeks prior to June 30 for processing of your refining.

If we can assist, call us on 07 5574 6629 to arrange a collection.

SAFETY IN THE WORKSHOP

One of the biggest issues with safety is complacency. "This is the way the task has always been done and nothing has ever happened so far."

Of the many hazards in your workshop, fire is perhaps the biggest threat to your welfare and potentially the most devastating. Imagine losing your workshop, the time and energy involved dealing with insurance issues, (if covered), and getting your business and life back on track, so a few minutes invested now.....

All jewellers work with gases for soldering and melting, so be aware that even well maintained hoses can blow, or leak and become flame-throwers.

- Ensure areas where flames are used are free from combustible materials i.e. floor coverings, curtains, rubbish, bookshelves etc.
- Ensure ready access to the gas cylinders and never have a main valve on more than a ¼ turn. Storage of gases should comply with local regulations, (important regarding insurance).
- Keep appropriate extinguishers around, in good condition and regularly checked. Be aware how to use an extinguisher. Sweep back and forth at the base of the fire from 2-3 metres away. The extinguisher only works for 15-20 seconds so have more than one around. Mount them near exits.
- Keep access ways clear and avoid clutter.
- Regularly check your electrical systems condition and ability to deal with the load.
- Be aware of flammable dusts in collection systems, filters and polishing machines. Clean regularly.
- Wear fire resistant clothing like cotton and wool.

Make safety a habit and then it won't seem like work.

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