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Something for Everyone OFFER 27 May 2014 from small gems to a brilliant 8 Mile piece good enough to hang around a Princess' neck (Marie Antoinette would have loved such an opal if she had been smart enough and had such a piece she may have been able to bargain it for her life)

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Today we have a wide range of rough opal and there is something here for everyone.

If I were to have my choice and not have to consider the dollar amount of course I'd go for the 8 Mile for \$1,932 it is a most unusual stone and lends itself to becoming a magnificent pendant. At its longest it is 59mm and its widest 29mm. My son Kent found this opal amongst many whilst working on the 8 Mile, the pattern is most unusual with colours going every way and just about every colour, reds, golds, greens, blue and many in between. This stone is also 7mm thick and would look great around any fashionable lady's neck.

For a collector the mussel shell on sandstone which has already been polished makes a wonderful specimen. Shells are usually clam but this is a more rare piece. For only \$145 it's not going to hurt your pocket much.

Of course the prefaced Mintubi weighing 9.5cts for only \$143 is an absolute bargain. You can see exactly what you are getting when cleaned up you will have some brilliant reds with a few greens and a little blue. As it is that stone is only \$15.05/ct, you just can't buy opal like this for \$15/ct.

For those of you who would like a gem but can't afford a big one Lambina Super Gem for \$106 is a beauty. It weighs 5.49cts, all you have to do is grind off the top and you will have a magnificent opal. You could end up with about 2.5cts. If you do you'll be buying a super gem Dark Base Lambina for only \$42.40/ct, again an absolute bargain.

The .199oz Mintubi Dark Base Gem Bar for only \$100 is also a bargain, it's probably going to cut two stones. One brilliant reds and blues, the other greens & golds but if it were my stone I'd just clean off the top and have one very large stone, it measures approximately 34mm x 15mm in the rough it is 9mm thick but you'd want to take a little sand off the back and of course a little bit of sand and potch off the top of the stone. \$100 for a gem opal is not a lot of money.

Again, for the collectors, we have six squid pieces at \$50 each. We would be happy to split that parcel for you.

The 2oz Lambina small stones at only \$50/oz is also a bargain, there are many stones, probably over 30, so they are only about \$3 each. I defy you to buy opal like that anywhere for that money.

An even better buy are the 4 Dark Base Lambina stones showing beautiful blues and greens for only \$130 the lot or if you want some even better colour step up to the Opal Valley ounce for \$450.

This Offer is turning out to be one of interest for the specimen collector. The Mintubi specimen that has a small black opal on the front sitting on sandstone is a beauty both as a specimen and as a cutter it is a huge piece and weighs 2.75oz but it is mostly sandstone. What you are going to get is a natural specimen from the ground for only \$225 or a beautiful black opal for that same little money.

Yesterday whilst selecting kilos of opal for India I took out a lot of amber potch and I'm offering it to you today for only \$6/oz. This potch is from Andamooka, we seldom see such amber material from Coober Pedy. Please take a look at our opal bead website and have a look at some of our Lambina Amber & Crystal beads:  
<http://www.australianopalmines.com/mailoffers/GemBeads19Nov2013.pdf>

I am not going to talk about the Lambina Chips at \$25/oz other than the fact that you don't have to buy the whole 78oz we would be happy to split the parcel even into 1oz lots if that would help.

Now last but certainly not least is the Dark Base Dead Horse Gully stone for only \$790. This is a big beauty, it has straight bars running through it and you could cut easily 4 or 5 gems from this piece. I'd suggest that you face the red bars rather than the blues and greens. This stone would also lend itself to carving.

I am particularly proud to offer you this rough opal, there are opals here that will excite just about any opal cutter and I commend it to you.

Regards

Murray

- 1-2. \$100 IMG\_8520 Mintubi Dark Base gem bar will face 34mm x 15mm x 9mm .199oz
- 3. \$100 IMG\_8534 Mintubi Gem specimen .389oz
- 4. \$100 IMG\_8575 Lambina \$50/oz 2oz
- 5. \$106 IMG\_8548 Lambina Super Gem \$3,000/oz .03535oz
- 6. \$130 IMG\_8519 Lambina Dark Base \$125/oz 1.04oz
- 7. \$143 IMG\_8549 Mintubi prefaced 24mm x 14mm 9.5cts
- 8-9. \$145 IMG\_7122 Mussel Shell on sandstone polished specimen 2.19oz
- 10-11. \$150 IMG\_8510 Amber Potch \$6/oz 25oz - will make beautiful beads or pendants
- 12. \$168 IMG\_8605 Andamooka Mixed Opal untumbled \$60/oz 2.8oz
- 13. \$180 IMG\_8597 Lambina Black \$600/oz .3oz
- 14. \$200 IMG\_6890 Boulder Opal Special (17 stones) 32oz
- 15. \$225 IMG\_8532 Mintubi Specimen could cut 2 small black opals 2/6" x 1.5"
- 16-17. \$252 IMG\_9190 Andamooka small stones \$35/oz 7.2oz
- 18. \$450 IMG\_2905 Opal Valley Blues 1oz
- 19. \$630 IMG\_2240 Opal Valley Blues \$600/oz 1.05oz
- 20. \$760 IMG\_8565 Lambina Greens & Golds brilliant \$2,000/oz .38oz
- 21. \$790 IMG\_8588 Dead Horse Gully \$1,000/oz .79oz
- 22. \$1,400 IMG\_5582 Opal Valley Gems \$100/oz 14oz
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Kind regards

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