

The Amethyst Pancreatic Cancer Project

Once again a big thanks to all of those who responded to the Amethyst Project cutting "Jenny" to raise research funds for Pancreatic Cancer. The stones were provided at cost to the AFG by Brian Pepperall (BR Gemstones) and were distributed by the AFG. .

Henk Prins and Noel Warrell must also be thanked for their contribution in test cutting and modifying the Jenny cut to provide a more even girdle for setting purposes. We eventually settled on a final design with a rolled girdle facet at 55 degrees on the pavilion as suggested to Noel by the editor. This worked well in reducing the risk of damage to the faceted amethyst during setting.

At last count we had almost 60 cut stones being set as needed by Lesley at LA Gems. The Cancer Ribbon design was cast and finished in sterling silver findings to take 7 to 8 mm diameter stones.

The finished Sterling Silver amethyst pendants sell through LA Gems for \$95. For each pendant sold a \$50 donation goes to Pancare. To date we have raised almost \$1000 and still going. It is hoped to present a donation to Pancare at the 2019 Gemboree in Rockhampton. This will provide much needed funds towards their research.

For more information on Pancare: <https://www.pancare.org.au>

If you wish to purchase a pendant please contact Lesley at LA Gems to order one. Please specify if you would prefer a light mauve, medium purple or deeper purple amethyst. Nine karat gold pendants may also be ordered. Please enquire about these with Lesley as prices for gold change daily (about \$275 for the completed pendant).

You may also like to purchase a Cancer Ribbon finding at \$35 each for sterling silver and cut and set your own stone for another form of cancer and give these to someone as a nice pendant. For example – pink stone for Breast Cancer, green stone for Lymphoma, etc. Pendant (right) is a created pink sapphire. This is not connected to the Pancreatic Cancer Project and does not involve donations unless of course you wish to make a separate donation.

Alternatively a cash donation can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Project through the AFG without purchasing a pendant. Simply transfer an amount of your choice to the AFG bank account and label "Pancare". Bank details are:

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