



CJL JEWELLERY

- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Chris LEEKS is a boutique jewellery craftsman. He creates unique jewellery to order using precious materials.

Chris loves exploring new ideas using new materials and creating new forms. “In my profession, you realise that you can do anything”, he says.

For Chris, transforming his customers’ dreams into reality is particularly fulfilling.

Using state-of-the-art equipment, he creates his designs in his studio/boutique in downtown Noumea, working mainly to order. Chris has made a name for himself on the local craft jewellery scene for his mastery in creating one-of-a-kind designs, stylish wedding rings, delicately engraved pearls and finely set jewels, and for his skill in restoring and remodeling jewellery. “Over the years, I have earned my customers’ respect and gratitude by delivering jewellery that exceeds their expectations”.

- **BACKGROUND**

Chris is a native of Perth; he studied at an art school and then specialised in jewellery. He was awarded the Advanced Diploma of Jewellery in 2004.

He worked as a freelance jewellery craftsman in Australia, then moved to Noumea in 2014, where he set up his own business and did work for Noumea’s jewellers. He has now created his own brand name - “CJL Jewellery” - and works at his studio/boutique in downtown Noumea. “Showing my customers how I work is really important to me” he explains.

Chris is keen to pass on his knowledge and skill to others and trains young jewellers in specialised techniques.

In 2018 he was chosen to represent the Pacific Islands at the Sydney International Jewellery Fair.

- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Chris loves giving old pieces of jewellery a new life, either reworking a piece to enhance the original design, or crafting “something completely new and exciting”.

With his mastery of handcrafting techniques, Chris is happy to fulfill any request from his customers and sees each new order as a new challenge. His one goal? Making his customers happy. He combines gold and platinum with diamonds and pearls to create exquisite one-of-a-kind designs.