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Bondage
Discipline
Sadism
Masochism

Behind the Scenes...

RhED was pleased to be able to present an introductory forum about the BDSM sector that attracted much interest across the industry. The event was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Thursday 28 June, in the band room, which lent an appropriate sense of theatre with staging, lighting and music. This was the first time professional dominants had gathered as a group to represent their specialist craft and they kindly donated their time to share their insights with all areas of the sex industry.

We began with clarification of the 1999 amendments to the definition of sexual services in the Prostitution Control Act 1994. The varied program provided an informative and comprehensive overview illuminating the expense and investment required to establish and maintain business, types of sessions, the negotiation and safety considerations that players observe, as well as the processes of training to become an expert dominant and/or submissive. A psychologist who has worked for many years with sexuality, gender identity and related issues further elucidated the emotional and psychological care of professionals and clients involved with BDSM play. Masters and Mistresses alike revealed their philosophies, lifestyles and career paths. A professional and lifestyle "bottom" was represented by her written contribution about the submissive point of view. The performance of a foot worship scene by a Dominatrix with her leatherhooded slave enthralled the audience. The afternoon ended with all presenters fielding questions together as a panel, engendering lively debate. As producer of the event it was an honour for me to bring together a range of practitioners of such calibre.

Mistress of Ceremonies – Nicole B.

RhED is able to refer BDSM aspirants to practitioners and services.



Mistress Stern with her foot-fetish slave
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