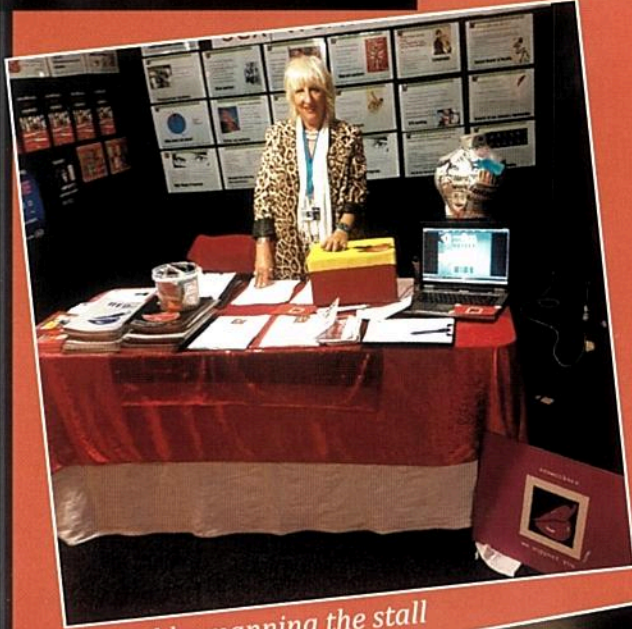


at SEXPO

24-27 November 2016



Pic: Gabby manning the stall

Pic: from left Cat, Sexpo promoter and Hayley



Where can you buy sex in Victoria?

Visitors to the RhED stall put pins where they knew or thought that sex work was happening in Victoria. In conversations, it was decided that it would be more fun to put up two maps – one for metropolitan and another for rural Victoria as there were many interesting conversations about where people bought or sold sexual services.

RhED was back at SEXPO.

The RhED team including management and our wonderful volunteers had fun over the four days catching up with familiar faces and meeting many new people.

RhED used the opportunity to ask people about their knowledge of the sex industry in Victoria. RhED now has 150 client surveys and this will inform us about how to continue advocating for full decriminalisation of the sex industry.

On the stall we had lots of information about the sex industry. We used it as an opportunity to display the works from the art project workshops on the laptop. This project was developed by sex workers to use art to enhance the human rights and workers' rights and forms part of the advocacy strategy to decriminalise sex work in Victoria.

One of the many highlights was the two sex workers who joined us with their t-shirts reading "ask a sex worker a question" – not only were they engaging and informative – their magnetism drew people to the stand and helped educate people about the lives and the values of sex workers in the community.

Big thanks to them for their honesty and charm.



Visitors to SEXPO included sex workers – familiar faces, newcomers and some from overseas including an American who is moving to Australia for reasons many may regard as sensible! There were clients – some forthcoming about their experiences, others interested in finding out more about the industry. And of course others who were curious, wanting to know more about RhED, how the industry worked, the legalities and people with disability wanting services.