

A working relationship

by Sam

Working in the Sex Industry always intrigued me. However, acting on this didn't eventuate until I found myself out of work and needing money to survive.

At the time I was living in Melbourne as an unattached gay man. I was 21 years old and thought that I could attract a clientele, so I decided to canvass Shakespeare Grove (Melbourne's male prostitution area).

Meeting some of the workers and getting to know them and their trade, I began my new career.

Six months later I moved to Sydney and continued as a sexworker, however there was a big twist. Not long after arriving, I started a relationship with a man. At the start he didn't know I was a worker, but it didn't take him long to work out what I did for a living, and he wasn't too pleased. He wanted a monogamous relationship, but because of his love for me, he decided that we should have a chat and try to come to some form of agreement.

After much talk we formed an arrangement that didn't interfere with us being partners. When we first met I was working for an agency, but I left there of my own accord so that I could spend more time with him. He was working through the day, therefore I would only work through the day and we would meet when he finished work.

Working at night always worried me because of the safety aspect. He told me that he didn't want me to work at night for my safety and because it lessened our time together.

I don't earn much of a living from this work. I only do it to make ends meet which is fine.

We are both happy with our relationship which has lasted over one year. We are proof that you can work in the Sex Industry AND have a long term relationship.

It's the best of both worlds.

