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**EVERYONE KNOWS SEX SELLS,  
RIGHT? SO IN A WORLD WHERE  
MORE SEX IS BEING SOLD TO  
MORE PEOPLE ON MORE DEVICES  
THAN EVER BEFORE, WHAT'S  
THE REAL PRICE? AND WHO'S  
REALLY PAYING?**

**IT'S TIME TO FIND OUT.**

ABC2 spends a week looking at 'the business of sex', from sex work to porn to stripping to sex in gaming. Examining the sex industry both in Australia, and around the world, a range of documentaries look closely at the connection between sex and money, and the consequences for young relationships.

At the heart of the week will be a live discussion show **Australians on Porn**, made in collaboration with triple j's Hack and Essential Media, and hosted by Tom Tilley. This program will unpack Australia's love affair with porn and ask who's really watching it, how often and what is it doing to our relationships.

We'll also broadcast **Revenge Porn** (Australian premiere), a cautionary tale that investigates a rapidly growing phenomenon and the devastation that results when intimate photos are maliciously shared. We'll revisit **Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars** and Sabour Bradley's **Head First: The Porn Ultimatum**. The conflicting consequences of sex work are put under the

spotlight with a range of films exploring the issues including **Maddie Parry: Brothel Hostess** (world premiere), **A Very British Brothel** (Australian premiere), **Male Hookers Uncovered**; **Sexwork, Love and Mr Right**, Nick Broomfield's acclaimed **Sex: My British Job**, as well as Caro Meldrum Hanna's profoundly moving **Four Corners: Escorts** on transgender sex workers. **Strippers** looks at the growing number of women who are turning to lap dancing to make a living in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen and both **Websex: What's the Harm** and **Sexters** look at the impact of modern communication avenues to access sex. In a special episode the **Good Game** team investigate the role of sex in gaming.

Once again ABC2 is tackling an issue that has never been more relevant to young Australians and their relationships. It's time to find out about the good, the bad and the downright dirty impact of porn on the psyche of everyday Australians, and the wider implications of a world addicted to the business of sex.





# LOUIS THEROUX: TWILIGHT OF THE PORN STARS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 8.30PM ABC2

Louis Theroux travels to California, home of America's adult entertainment industry, to meet the porn stars and find out how the growth of the internet has changed the industry. In the 1990s, Louis visited the hub of America's adult entertainment industry – the San Fernando Valley in California – to find out if being a male port star really was one of the best jobs a man could have and to explore the psychological effects of performing one of the most intimate acts of human behaviour in public and on film. Now, 15 years later, he goes back and finds that everything has changed. Pornography is far more mainstream, the rapid expansion of the internet means that porn is available at the click of a mouse, much of it free of charge, and new technology means that performers can upload their own films and have direct contact with their fans. Louis catches up with some of the people he met before to see how they have fared over the years, and finds one has fled, one was sent to prison and another killed himself. He also meets some of the newer performers and finds out how they cope in a business that offers less money, more insecurity and more stress than ever before. **Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars** is a BBC Production.



# HEAD FIRST: THE PORN ULTIMATUM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 9.30PM ABC2

Documentary maker Sabour Bradley dives in head first, getting involved in the hidden worlds and most controversial, intriguing issues in Australia. Sabour looks at the way that porn has become the new norm and infiltrated every aspect of our lives, causing what some therapists are calling an 'epidemic' of addiction, and leading to a 'tsunami' effect on relationships around Australia. Sabour jumps into that world and follows the addicts trying to regain control of their lives, only to find himself at the centre of a very modern day love story.

**Head First** is a Mushroom Pictures, Silver Suit Media and Tin Roof Pictures production. It was produced and developed by and in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.





# AUSTRALIANS ON PORN

MONDAY DECEMBER 7 AT 9.30PM ABC2  
WORLD PREMIERE

Porn is more accessible today than at any other time in history. In **Australians on Porn** young Aussies throw the doors open on what porn they're into and what it's doing to their lives. Is it helping them better understand sex or destroying relationships? From amateur porn to the future of virtual reality sex, you'll see it all as triple j's Hack host Tom Tilley moderates a live television event and social media experience with a panel of porn stars, porn users and anti-porn activists.

#AusPorn





# REVENGE PORN

MONDAY DECEMBER 7 AT 8.40PM ABC2  
AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

**Revenge Porn** investigates the dark side of sexting, revealing what can happen when your most intimate photos get into the wrong hands. For young people today sharing intimate, nude and sexual pictures via text message and social media is commonplace, however, for many it has back fired. It is becoming increasingly common for angry ex's to post private pictures online on revenge porn and social media websites, leaving young people more exposed than they would ever want to be to their friends, family and people around the world. This modern phenomenon has become such a prominent issue that under new laws, revenge porn is now deemed illegal in the UK and perpetrators could face up to two years in prison. In this shocking documentary, presenter Anna Richardson, goes to extraordinary lengths to demonstrate just how an ex's appetite for revenge can have devastating, life changing consequences. We meet the people who have fallen victim to a scorned ex, anti-revenge porn campaigners, experts in the field and even the perpetrators of these awful crimes. **Revenge Porn** is a Tifini production for Channel 4.

#RevengePorn

# GOOD GAME: THE GG SPOT

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 8.30PM ABC2

From obsession to suppression the world of gaming uses sex almost as much as the real world. In this special the **Good Game** team joins forces to look at just how far and wide it goes. Steven 'Bajo' O'Donnell over-clocks his romantic side as he plunges into the melodramatic world of dating simulators. Stephanie 'Hex' Bendixsen investigates how sex is actually used in games, to affect both stories and game mechanics. The host of GG Pocket, Nich 'NichBoy' Richardson, penetrates the thriving industry of X-Rated games. Meanwhile, the host of Good Game Well Played, Michael 'Hingers' Hing, looks at how online allies can form real relationships. Finally, Angus 'Goose' Ronald looks at the future of sex and gaming, in particular the final frontier of virtual reality. All this and more, in the **Good Game: The GG Spot**.

#ggtv





# CATALYST: THE TROUBLE WITH SEX

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 9PM ABC2

A special **Catalyst** report into the complex world of those for whom having an orgasm is an unrelenting nightmare. Orgasm is arguably the most intense and pleasurable experience. But what happens when your desire for orgasm becomes a necessity? Or what if having an orgasm makes you sick? In this episode, Dr Maryanne Demasi travels to Europe to meet a few women suffering from a bizarre condition which has them constantly on the brink of an orgasm. It's known as Persistent Genital Arousal Disorder (PGAD). The problem is that 'relieving' this urge doesn't fix the problem. These women have to live with the stigma of having this disorder, often being labelled as nymphomaniacs. AND....there's more bad news....for the blokes at least. A growing number of men are fronting up to the doctor with another embarrassing condition called Post Orgasmic Illness Syndrome. Basically, these men get sick after orgasm. Muscle aches, fatigue, brain fog are just a few of the symptoms and they last a week! And if this isn't soul destroying enough, Prof Waldinger believes it's because they are allergic to their own semen. The experimental treatment being performed on these men in the Netherlands is punishing. Maryanne goes on a journey with one sufferer who is determined to find out whether he is allergic to his own semen.



# WEBSEX: WHAT'S THE HARM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 9.30PM ABC2

An investigation of the growing trend of young people using the internet for sexual relationships. What are they getting out of it and what are they risking? Would you show yourself naked, on video camera or live on your mobile phone to a complete stranger or someone you know? Thousands of UK teenagers and young adults do this regularly and for most, it's one of the highlights of their week. Websites and apps such as Facebook, Skype, Cam4, Stickam, Omegle and Facetime all let you connect visually with whoever you like, to do what you like. In this revealing documentary, Nathalie Emmanuel, star of hit UK soap Hollyoaks, investigates this growing phenomenon and gains some insights into the trend. **Websex: What's the Harm** is a BBC Production.





# FOUR CORNERS: ESCORTS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 10.30PM ABC2

As the US Olympic champion Bruce Jenner has undergone the transformation to a transgender woman, Caitlyn Jenner, she's been hailed as a hero for diversity, feted on magazine covers and celebrated in her own television show. Her arrival on the world stage has been hailed as a breakthrough moment. But for many transgender women, the reality is very different. They can only dream of such a reception. In this profoundly moving **Four Corners**, reporter Caro Meldrum-Hanna takes us into the lives of four transgender women. In the face of discrimination, unemployment and the constant threat of violence, they have turned to sex work. In this eye-opening account from inside a hidden world, **Four Corners** reveals the price many transgender women pay simply to be themselves, as they ask: when will society give them the same rights as everyone else?

# MALE HOOKERS UNCOVERED

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 8.30PM ABC2

Anyone order a Male Escort? Join UK comedian Jeff Leach as he take a fearless look at the world of male escorts. Joining the industry for real, Jeff uncovers some of the dangers that lie in store for sex workers and lifts the lid on the psychological damage that they suffer. When it comes to the crunch, will Jeff have what it takes to become a male hooker?

Like most men looking to make a bit of extra cash, Jeff Leach has heard all about the modern-day male escort; getting paid vast amounts of money to be wined, dined and sleep with wealthy women sounds like the perfect job. But what is the reality behind this seemingly dream job? **Male Hookers Uncovered** is a fearless investigation into the realities of the male escort business that pushes the authored documentary genre to a new level as Jeff joins the industry - for real. On his journey he meets self-styled 'happy male hookers', and the punters keeping them in business. He also discovers that all might not be as it seems with bogus agencies set up to fleece joining fees from cash-strapped young men, the psychological repercussions of working in the industry, women 'purchasing' men as an act of empowerment, and the harsh realities of life being treated as nothing more than a sex object. Jeff is on a mission to find out the reality behind the headlines but is he willing to go 'all the way' to find out the truth? **Male Hookers Uncovered** is a Jesper Films Production for Current TV Ltd.





# MADDIE PARRY: BROTHEL HOSTESS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 9.30PM ABC2  
WORLD PREMIERE

In this new series by young Australian journalist Maddie Parry, we see Maddie tackle working in some of Australia's most controversial workplaces. She unpacks stereotypes and must battle her own prejudices while searching for the truth of these polarising issues. In **Maddie Parry: Brothel Hostess**, Maddie goes looking for love in one of Melbourne's oldest and largest brothels. Working as a hostess, she meets sassy sex worker Rachael, who claims women will always be objectified so she may as well make money from it. And Charlie, a man who has paid almost 100 women, says it's a performance, just like going to the cinema. The women at the brothel have trouble trusting men, and after a few weeks, Maddie can understand why. It seems the ladies are right - men pay outside of the brothel too, providing 'love' in return for sex. At first shocked, Maddie wonders if she's been naïve. But as she clocks up hours on night shift, she discovers the men are paying for far more than just sex; they too want intimacy. Is intimacy really for sale? What is the cost for women when they provide a 'special connection' along with hot sex? And can this connection be real? Maddie meets Ben, a man who has fallen in love with his regular sex worker. She worries Ben has fallen for an act - is he being fooled? Maddie sets out to find out but while investigating the desires of the ladies and their clients she finds herself questioning her own relationship with love.

#MaddieParry

# SEXTERS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 10PM ABC2

Every day thousands of people are using their mobile phones to send sex messages... and not just mucky messages but photos too... Sexting is the latest tech driven phenomenon. So who are the gay, straight, married and single people who can't live without it? Now that we carry mobile phones with us at all times, sexy messages and photographs can be exchanged in a way that they never could before. Sexting is so common that apps have been developed to allow people to 'sex' strangers based on locality, shared interests and other filters. It has become a new dating tool, embracing men and women in all kinds of relationships. This documentary meets couples who use sexting to spice up their marriages, singles looking for love by sexting random strangers and sexting virgins who give it a go for the first time.

**Sexters** is a NFTS production for Channel 5 (UK)



# Sexters



# STRIPPERS (3 PART SERIES)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10 AT 8.30PM ABC2

With the number of strip clubs having doubled over the last 10 years, more and more young British women are turning to lap dancing to make a living. Filmed over the course of five months in Scotland's three largest cities - Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, **Strippers** is a three-part series that meets dancers and club owners, punters hell bent on having a good time. We discover how they cope with the stigma attached to their profession and the impact it has on their friends, family and relationships. In the Glasgow strip-club Diamond Dolls sprawls over three floors and employs over 40 dancers. It's run by house-mother Shelley, who has worked in the business for 20 years, first as a dancer and later looking after the girls. The program watches the dancers as they learn to juggle love, life and lap dancing, including former gymnast Kim, who gave up her gold medals to lap dance and Laefena, who has come to the UK to earn enough to pay of the debts from her nursing degree. **Strippers** is a Firecracker Films production for Channel 4.



# SEXWORK, LOVE & MR RIGHT

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10 AT 9.30PM ABC2

Amsterdam's world-famous red-light district is the fascinating backdrop to the story of plucky prostitute Lina as she searches for Mr Right. Lina believes she has found true love with American customer Sean, but is she treading a fine line between fantasy and reality? Could Sean be her Prince Charming or will she end up heartbroken? With hard-won access to this notoriously secretive, hidden world, **Sexwork, Love & Mr Right** is a revealing and thought-provoking documentary which includes the stories of experienced punters and wise experts. As streetwise sexworker Lina navigates the highs and lows of her precarious new relationship, the film asks can sexworkers ever really find true love?

**Sexwork, Love & Mr Right** is a TCF Film Production.





# A VERY BRITISH BROTHEL

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 AT 9.30PM ABC2

An estimated 1 in 10 British men regularly pay for sex. In the heart of Sheffield is the so-called golden mile of sex, with the highest concentration of massage parlours in the city. **A Very British Brothel** reveals the day-to-day workings of the only parlour in the street run by a mother and daughter duo. Operating in a converted pub, their premises specialises in the services of more mature women. The documentary reveals the struggle to fill the daily rota, how the management deal with problem clients, and the lives of the working girls who advertise their services and for whom sex is just a job. With unprecedented access to all areas of this unique and unusual family business, and with contributions from the women who work there and the paying customers who visit them, it provides an extraordinarily frank look inside a rarely seen world.

**A Very British Brothel** is a Transparent Television production for Channel 4.

#AVeryBritishBrothel

# SEX: MY BRITISH JOB

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 AT 9.30PM ABC2

Investigative journalist Hsiao-Hung Pai specialises in undercover work on the lives of immigrant workers. Hsiao once more teams up with filmmaker Nick Broomfield, with whom she collaborated for *Ghosts*, about the fate of undocumented Chinese workers in the UK and the 23 Chinese cockle pickers who drowned in Morecambe Bay in 2004. **Sex: My British Job** is a chilling exposé as Hsiao works undercover as a housekeeper in London brothels and unveils the terrible reality of the British sex trade. Hsiao embarks on a prolonged period of secret filming, using cutting-edge camera glasses, to expose not just why illegal workers turn to sex work, but also how: through a complex combination of pressure and verbal abuse from the brothel owners, the lure of high earnings and the guilt they are made to feel about not providing for their families back home. This eye-opening film shows how easily Chinese and immigrant women can be drawn into sex work and highlights the shocking reality of what is happening behind closed doors up and down the country. **Sex: My British Job** is a film by Nick Broomfield.







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