

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Carmel Galvin, interviewed by Criena Fitzgerald [sound recording]

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### Details

Carmel Galvin talks about her parents background; her schooling; religion and religious beliefs; the death of her partner; her first marriage; purchasing a brothel in Kalgoorlie, Questa Casa; her impressions of Kalgoorlie; characteristics of sex workers; the role of the brothel madam; Brothel containment and the lifting of that containment at a later date; accounts and finances; the number of working girls; brothel operations, police rules; description of the rooms; drugs; the number of clients in a shift; prices and services; clients; the number of mines around Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie; mature aged workers; amounts earned; the stigma attached to prostitution; the number of brothels in Kalgoorlie and closures of some houses; Langtrees; Dominatrix; the rights of working girls; difficult clients; changes in Kalgoorlie; Privacy Act and health checks; Worker's compensation; leasing out the brothel during the boom; her return to take over running the brothel in 2000; tourists and brothel tours; dress standards; day and night trade; Women's Liberation and brothel work; taxation classifications; licensing; the increase in the number of brothel tours.

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