# Celebrating Sexuality – Media release 2017

1. **17th – 20th November 2017**
2. ***Celebrating Sexuality* will return to the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, Australia this November, once again uniting the tribes of contemporary sexuality across 4 workshop spaces.  With a personal touch evident across every aspect of the weekend and an atmosphere characterised by exploration and intimacy, this festival has become one of Australia’s most beloved over the course of its 6-year history.**

***Celebrating Sexuality* is a unique festival, founded in 2012, providing a radically different space for adults to explore the spectrum of sex and relationships. This is realised through quality, interactive and experiential workshops lead by people who are professional, intelligent, fun and accepting. The festival is held in a stunning bush location away from the everyday distractions and attracts presenters and attendees from all around Australia and internationally.**

**People attending vary in age, sexual preference, relationship and gender identities. All have a willingness to explore their curiosity, share their learnings, fun, fears and struggles – aiming to live their lives more fully.**

1. **Co-Founder and Festival Director, Jo Balmforth, ﻿ curates an experience described by presenters and attendees as inclusive, fun, welcoming, and life-changing. Curation is driven by Our Vision; influenced by contemporary local and global research and trends and the Circles of Sexuality (D. Dailey PhD).**

**The latter is a model that recognises the impact of sexuality on our well-being and how it is influenced by community, culture, institutions, politics, science, spiritual beliefs, family, and the law.**

1. **Jo Balmforth – Co-founder and Festival Director**

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***Jo has 25 year’s education and experience in mainstream health, education, project management, research and alternative health –  in Australia and the U.K.***

***Jo is most excited about creating spaces for people to explore personal expressions of health, creativity, intimacy, connection and sexuality. She believes these experiences to be fundamental to the well-being of the individual and the community.***

**Opportunity**

1. **Interview pre-festival with Jo Balmforth and key presenters**
2. **Photo opportunity on Friday morning of the festival with J Balmforth and key presenters**
3. **Interview attendees, new and previous**