

Gambler's Help

Melton Health Promotion Forum

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Who we are



Gambler's Help Northern (part of Banyule Community Health – funded by Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation)

Melton, Hume, Whittlesea, Nillumbik, Darebin & Banyule

Team consists of:

- Community Engagement & Education
- Financial Counsellors
- Therapeutic Counsellors
- Lived experience programs

I've been self excluded for 2 years and I still hear the bells & whistles of the pokies machines.





If it wasn't for you coming to teach us about screen time and parental controls, we would have no idea at all, thank you

l was considering not coming tonight but I'm so glad I came





Thank you for sharing these tips with us, I will use them when I go shopping and hopefully, I can save some money



- Australians lose \$25 billion per year, Victorians lost \$7 billion in 2022-2023
- We lose the most per person (\$1,163) to gambling in the world (double the amount of the United States)
- Young adults aged 18 to 24 are more likely than other adults to participate in some forms of gambling
- 61% of those experiencing severe harm from gambling are male
- Six ten others are affected by the person gambling





Financial

Relationships

Health

Emotional

Work/study

Cultural

Criminal

Victoria			
\$8,278,534 spent on pokies per day 2022-23		\$3,021,664,869 spent on pokies per year	
rocussi D 485 venues with pokies			26,284 pokies
60600 4.8 pokies machines per 1000 adults	SE 31	st state for pokies spend	#40 per cent of total gambling spend in Victoria is on pokies

Melton	
\$237,651 spent on pokies per day	\$86,742,698 spent on pokies per year
rocuss Pocus	523 pokies (this is 63% of allowable machines)
00000 3.7 pokies machines per 1000 adults	10th highest pokies expenditure in Victoria



- Over 85% of bets are now placed online ٠
- Sport and race betting losses increased from • \$1.65 billion in 2019–20 to \$2.3 billion in 2020–21.
- There were **1,381 gambling ads daily** on Victorian ٠ free to air TV in 2022-23 (over 1 million in a year)







Support available

Peer Support Programs

- Not a Dollar Podcasts
- Peer Connection
- Gambling Harm Recovery Group
- ReSpin







How to access gambler's help services

Victorian Gambler's Helpline – 1800 858 858

Website - https://gamblershelp.com.au/

Peer Support Programs: 1300 133 445 / pcintake@bchs.org.au

Website: www.peerconnection.org.au

Gambler's Help Northern: 1300 133 445

Email: ghnintake@bchs.org.au

Website: https://bchs.org.au/services/gambling-support/

Other GH services: http://www.responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/getting-help/find-a-counsellor

Information for healthcare professionals: http://www.responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/for-professionals

Gambling information resource office: http://www.responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/information-and-resources