

Gambling Harm in Hume

Hume City Council recently surveyed our community to better understand their views on gambling. Results from the survey are in and this is what our community told us!



752
community
member responses
were received.

Participation in gambling over last 12 months



1 in 3 people in Hume City have gambled in the last 12 months



Buying lotto tickets is the most common gambling activity, followed by playing electronic gambling machines



Males are more likely to gamble than females



1 in 3 people who have gambled over the last 12 months have spent more money than they wanted to spend when playing pokies

Effects of gambling



1 in 7 people have been personally affected by another person's gambling, most often a family member or a friend



Of the Hume City residents who have gambled in the last 12 months, 1 in 5 are at moderate risk or higher of gambling harm (according to the Problem Gambling Severity Index)



Financial impacts/ loss, stress, emotional impacts, and stealing, borrowing money are the most common effects experienced by gambling



Attitude towards gambling



Community members expressed concern about the availability of gambling and its impacts on society.



Community members believe that electronic gaming machines are too widely accessible and that there should be 'more non-pokie venues in Hume City'.