

Strengthening Gambling Research Links Across the World



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What will be covered

- Gambling in Australia
- Australian Gambling Research
- Formation of NAGS
- Purpose and Membership Benefits
- Linkages with Other Organisations
- The Future

Gambling opportunities in Australia

- 1788 – 1890 Card games, Two-up, Horse Racing
- 1890 – 1940's On-course totalisator betting
 - 1896 Lotteries progressively across jurisdictions
- 1930's – 1960's Illegal off-course SP bookmakers
 - 1950's Poker machines in NSW clubs
- 1970's – 2000 Rollout of casinos
 - 1980's Sports-betting
 - 1990's Introduction of EGMs in other States
- 2000 and beyond On-line gambling, 3G, Digital

Australian Gambling Research



- Born in the late 1970's
 - Caldwell, McMillen, Allcock, Walker, Windross
- Need for promotion of high-quality Australasian research on gambling issues
- Conference – Gambling in Australia, July 1984

Post 1984

- Jurisdictional research programs
 - Victoria, Queensland, South Australia
 - Dickerson, Blaszczyński, Hing, Jackson, et al
 - Gambling Research Australia
 - Pre-commitment study
 - Identification of Problem Gamblers in Venues



A National Association

- National Association for Gambling Studies
 - National Council on Compulsive Gambling

Purpose

- 1. Promote, develop and commission research and coordinate opportunities for research into gambling and activities associated with gambling
- 2. Act as agent for the collection and dissemination of information and data related to gambling and associated activities
- 3. Encourage and promote excellence in gambling research
- 4. Further knowledge and understanding of gambling and gambling-related issues in the community

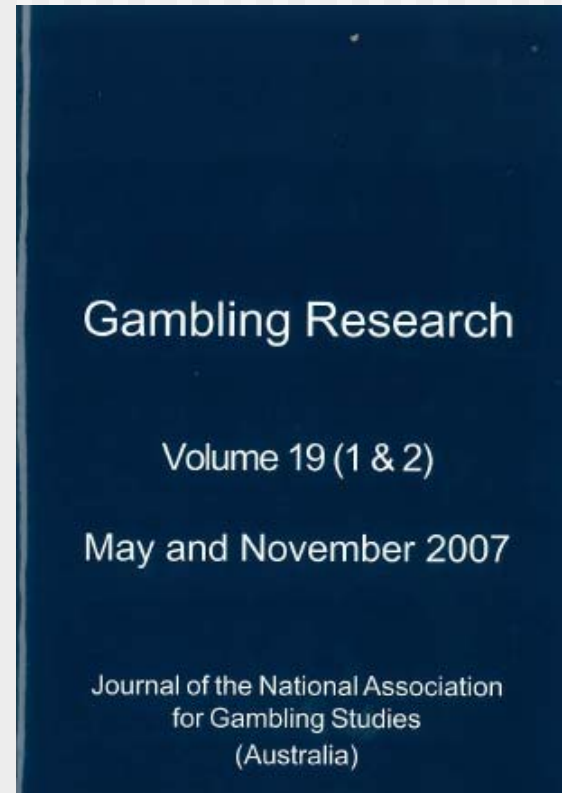
Membership

- Academia
- Regulators
- Industry
- Community organisations
- Problem gambling help services

NAGS activities

Gambling
Research
Journal

Half-
Yearly
(Papers invited)



NAGS Activities

■ Annual International Conference



EASG Conference
Nova Gorica 2008

NAGS Activities

- Research grants
- Student Awards
- Website
 - www.nags.org.au



NAGS going forward

- Increased linkages with international organisations
- Broaden membership base
- Identification of gaps in gambling research
- “Provide platform for discourse and research on gambling-related issues”

Questions

- 18th Annual Conference
Adelaide Convention Centre
3 – 5 December 2008

Deadline for abstracts – 31 July 2008

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