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A ROLLERCOASTER
OF REFORMS



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Our Vision is to enjoy a just, healthy and prosperous Australia, where people can happily socialise together and flourish without the harm created by gambling. By working together, we can achieve an Australia where there is no longer a need for our organisation.

We are an Alliance of more than 60 local governments, organisations and individuals who share our vision. Together we advocate for public health reforms that prevent and reduce gambling harm. Many of us have personally experienced gambling harm in our lives, or via families, friends or workplaces.

We make change happen by:

1. Shifting how gambling harm is discussed, moving from individual responsibility to recognising this harm as a public health issue for which industry and governments have responsibility
2. Bringing people, local governments and organisations who share our vision together, centring those who have experienced gambling harm
3. Shining a light on the harm caused by the gambling industry, and contrasting this with examples of pubs, clubs, sports teams and communities free from such harm
4. Working together to advocate for reform to politicians and leaders who have the opportunity and responsibility to reduce gambling harm.

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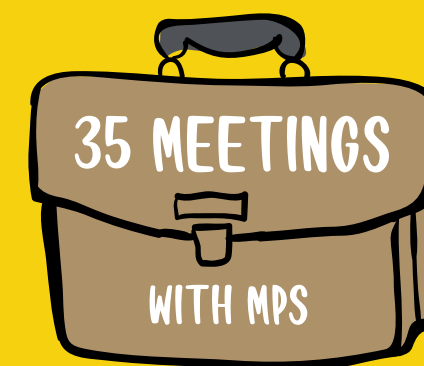
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2021 AT A GLANCE



550,000+
EMAILS SENT



10,000+ NEW SUPPORTERS



TIM'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

2021 was a rollercoaster of reforms; of ups and downs, highs and lows. It was a year of soaring victories (we helped secure a Royal Commission into Crown) and ongoing struggles (poker machines losses topped \$250 million in Victoria in one month alone). But throughout it all the team here at the Alliance, in lockstep with our incredible supporters and Leadership Councils, continued to work towards our vision of a safe and prosperous Australia free from the harm caused by gambling.

You'd be forgiven for forgetting but just twelve months ago the idea of forcing Crown to appear before a Royal Commission investigating the harm their predatory practices inflicted upon so many was nothing more than a pipe dream. It felt wholly unachievable to ever seriously hold this huge corporation accountable. Yet fast forward to today and the landscape has been forever altered.

With the Victorian Royal Commission finding that Crown is unfit to operate the casino and terminating their licence at the end of 2023 unless radical reforms are implemented, we find ourselves now with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to implement long overdue harm reduction measures. A moment our team is ready to meet head-on.

The Alliance's work during the Royal Commission was fundamental in shaping the outcome. Jumping straight to action when it was announced we supported those with lived experiences of gambling harm at Crown casino to come forward, share their story and expertise, and to demand the changes needed so that what happened to them would never happen to another.

It was the stories of incredible people like Carolyn Crawford and Paul that resonated widely, that helped so many understand the profound and painful impacts that gambling has on so many Australians.

Heading now into 2022 we will continue to organise, campaign and advocate for all 33 recommendations in the Finkelstein report to be legislated not just in the casino, but across all of the pubs and clubs in Victoria that have been taken over by poker machines too.

Elsewhere we've made huge strides building on the longstanding work of the campaigners and academics who came before us. More and more we are approached to participate in inquiries, studies and roundtables. Last year alone we made over ten submissions on topics ranging from money laundering to real money gaming. It is clear our leadership in policy is being recognised by organisations across the country.

We're also being approached for comment more than ever before. In the last six months of the year our media appearances rocketed by 400%. Whether it's in the paper, on the evening news or for talkback radio, our position as a trusted voice for gambling harm reduction has never been stronger than now.

Looking back over the year I feel an incredible sense of pride in the strides our movement has made. Going up against the multi-billion dollar gambling industry isn't an easy task, but it is one that we must continue regardless of the hardships.

Throughout the rest of these pages you will find all of what our team got up to in 2021 and where we're headed in 2022. I hope you'll be as inspired and energised as I am by our collective work for a fairer, more just Australia free from gambling harm.

Warm regards,



REV TIM COSTELLO,
Chief Advocate, Alliance for Gambling Reform



**2021 WAS A ROLLERCOASTER OF REFORMS;
OF UPS AND DOWNS, HIGHS AND LOWS.**

CHAIR'S WELCOME MESSAGE

**MOVING FORWARD INTO 2022 OUR FOCUS REMAINS FIRMLY ON
STRENGTHENING OUR ORGANISATION, OUR VISION AND VALUES**

2021 was framed once again by the uncertainty of COVID. From both a national and community perspective, the shape of our operations was influenced by the ways in which gambling occurred and its impact across the country. We commenced the year in a time of restrictions, moved through a period of easing and then concluded the year with yet another wave of lockdowns.

It was amongst that uncertainty that we saw big changes internally with our former Executive Director, Tony Mohr, stepping down in March after six years at the helm. Under his leadership the Alliance grew from its humble beginnings to the robust organisation that you see before you today. His contributions to our movement cannot be overstated and myself and the board wish him all the best for what comes next on his journey.

Joining us from March was Gordon Ramsay who steered the ship until our AGM in November, where we saw Carol Bennett appointed as our Chief Executive Officer. We are thrilled to have her taking over the ropes in 2022. With extensive experience working for leading national public health bodies we are confident that the Alliance will go from strength to strength under her steady watch.

Throughout the year the board's focus was on maturing the Alliance, clarifying our vision and values, building our resilience and adaptive capabilities, and expanding the capacity of our team. It is our firm belief that by working together we can achieve an Australia where there is no longer a need for our organisation.

This is a bold vision, and the board shifted our intent towards establishing the Alliance as the key national voice on the reduction and elimination of gambling harm. This includes the necessary work of establishing a diverse, reliable and sustainable income base for the work that lies ahead.

Our foundational base of Leadership Councils in Victoria continued to be a source of energy, engagement and action. Throughout the year our team worked closely with councils across Victoria to provide guidance and support as the communities they represent endured uncertainty and restrictions amidst COVID. It was through this work that we were able to shine a spotlight on the hundreds of millions that is lost to poker machines across the state, securing substantial media coverage for the issue.

As always, our work continues to be guided by the Voices for Gambling Reform (formerly known as "Champions for Change"). Our Voices are now drawn from five jurisdictions across the country and we welcomed over 40 new Voices to the work of the Alliance throughout the year, with substantial involvement and action with the Victorian Royal Commission into the Casino Licence. This included 25 individual participants making a submission and/or giving oral testimony.

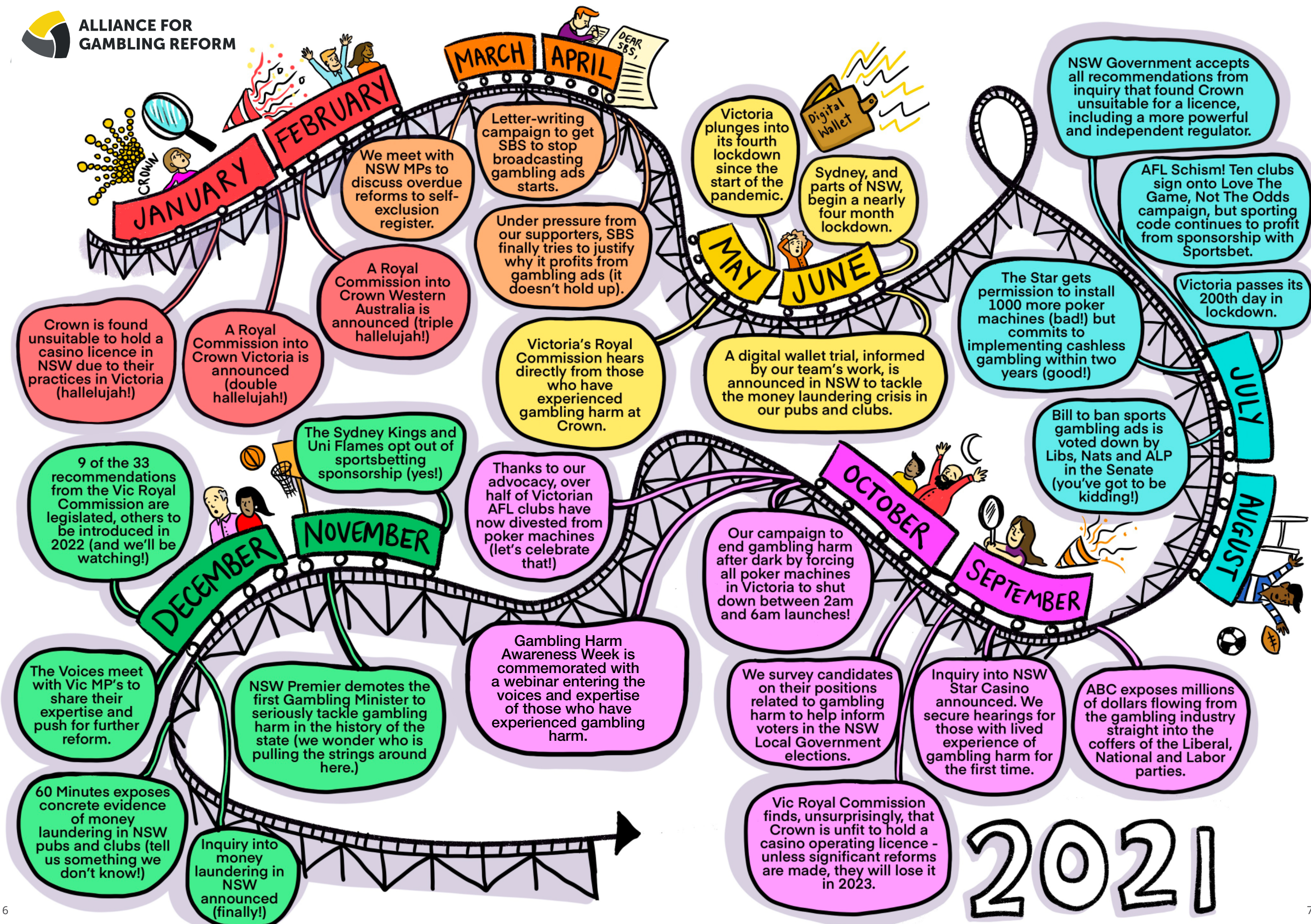
This work, and the increased profile of people with lived experience, has resulted in a substantial increase in media engagement with Voices. This (alongside the work of the Alliance staff with media, and key decision makers) has made important inroads into change in the use of language towards "gambling harm". This shift, important in the removal of stigma and the normalisation of gambling, remains an ongoing priority.

Moving forward into 2022 our focus remains firmly on strengthening our organisation, our vision and values and laying the foundation for the Alliance to become the leading national voice on the reduction and elimination of gambling harm. With Carol Bennett now at the helm and our fantastic team of incredible staff working tirelessly each and every day, we look to the future with determination knowing that we can create change, and that together we will.

Warm regards,

SHARON DICKSON
Chair





CROWN

Just years ago a finding that Crown was unfit to hold their casino licence would've been unthinkable to almost anyone – yet here we are at the beginning of 2022 with just that.

For almost 25 years activists, experts and community groups have been campaigning to have the harm caused by Crown casino recognised, often to a hostile audience. In the early days they were mocked, even laughed at, for suggesting that what we now know to be true – that the casino tycoons and poker machine barons who head up Crown have built their empire on causing untold harm to families, individuals and communities across the country.

So when the Bergin Inquiry report was tabled in February 2021, a chain reaction was quickly sparked. Dan Andrews, blindsided by the report which had found Crown unfit to hold a casino licence in NSW due to their predatory practices in Victoria, quickly announced a Royal Commission into whether they were fit to hold a licence in Victoria.

Our team quickly leapt into action, successfully pushing for the Commission to hear directly from those with lived experience of gambling harm at Crown's casino.

And it was their testimony; powerful, raw, unfiltered, that changed the outcome of the Royal Commission. We saw it in the language of the report, of the sweeping 33 recommendations for urgent reform proposed, of the very questions that Commissioner Ray Finkelstein asked of Crown board members during the inquiry.

And while the outcome was not as strident as we wanted, nor as immediate as many who have experienced harm at the hands of Crown deserve, it is still a mammoth step in the right direction that just years ago was wholly unthinkable.

In December Voices who'd testified at the Royal Commission travelled to Victorian Parliament to meet directly with MPs, including the Gambling Minister, to share their expertise about exactly what they want to happen next. At the

forefront of that meeting was the demand that those with lived experience have a seat at the table as reforms are discussed. As we know so well, it is those closest to the harm that are often closest to the solution.

Going into 2022, our team will continue to push for further reforms such as extending harm reduction measures from the casino to all pubs and clubs in Victoria with poker machines, implementing stricter shut down periods for poker machines and increasing the penalties for the multi-billion dollar corporations whose business model is built upon exploiting the wellbeing and safety of our communities.



FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS ACTIVISTS, EXPERTS AND

COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE BEEN CAMPAIGNING TO

HAVE THE HARM CAUSED BY CROWN CASINO RECOGNISED

CAMPAIGNS

Whether it was tackling the harm caused by poker machines or building our campaign to ban gambling ads our campaigns team was working tirelessly in 2021 towards our vision of a safe and prosperous Australia free from the harm caused by gambling.

Headed up by the indefatigable Dr Kate da Costa, the Campaign and Reform team led the Alliance through a rollercoaster year of highs and lows. Read on to find out about some of what they got up to.

ENDING GAMBLING HARM AFTER DARK

We know that a significant portion of gambling harm caused by poker machines happens after dark, primarily between midnight and 6am. It's in these twilight hours that the most damage is inflicted on our communities.

The data backs this up. Available research shows that almost all the people gambling on poker machines between midnight and 10am are experiencing harm¹. More people severely impacted by gambling are in front of poker machines between midnight and 4am than between 3pm and 6pm. Although we know that far fewer people are gambling after midnight, we also know that up to 70% of gambling losses come from people experiencing harm. It stands to reason that nothing good is happening in venues late at night or very early in the morning.

It's for this reason that in 2021, the Alliance for Gambling Reform, launched the End Gambling Harm After Dark campaign.

Currently in Victoria any venue with poker machines other than the casino can operate their machines for up to 20 hours a day. But the legislation doesn't tell them when they need to turn them off. This means that venue operators are deliberately staggering their shutdown hours so that the individuals using machines can simply walk 400 metres down the road and keep going at another pub or club. It's dangerous, and it needs to be stopped.

Our solution is simple; enforce an aligned statewide shutdown of all poker machines between 2am and 6am so that venues can't stagger their operating hours. It's a no-brainer and it's going to continue to be a priority campaign for our team going forward into 2022.

Once we achieve this long overdue reform in Victoria, it won't be the end of our long-running Reduced Hours campaign. Our next goal is to have every poker machine turned off between midnight and 10am in every state and territory.



1. Productivity Commission 2010 Table 14.5



CAMPAIGNS, CONTINUED

IT'S TIME FOR THE STAR TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HARM IT CAUSES

Every five years Sydney's Star casino is subject to a procedural review of its obligations, duties and practices, but it almost always happens behind closed doors without any way of contributing to the process. That changed in 2021 as the public sentiment towards casinos across the country rapidly shifted.

In October it was announced that a review would be conducted into The Star casino. We immediately reached out and requested that the inquiry create a space to hear directly from those who had experienced gambling harm at the casino – and they agreed. For the first time ever those who have been directly hurt by the unscrupulous practices at Star have had the opportunity to share their story and speak truth to power.

We strongly believe that the most effective way to create meaningful change is to support and centre those closest to the harm caused by this predatory industry. We are hopeful that, just like how the voices of survivors of gambling harm changed the outcome of the Victorian Royal Commission into Crown, the people who shared their testimony and expertise about The Star will help lead the way forward on holding it accountable for its actions.



SBS IS FEELING THE PRESSURE TO STOP PROFITING FROM GAMBLING ADS

Gambling ads were taken to new extremes in 2021 with ads for sports betting becoming practically inescapable. Whether it's on your phone, watching TV, or on the side of the bus, it seemed that ads promoting dangerous gambling apps were literally everywhere.

Alongside that there was a rapidly growing recognition that these ads were toxic and damaging to our communities (and that's not to mention the profound impacts they have on our children).

As our public broadcaster, SBS has a duty to protect and support the wellbeing and safety of the people it represents, which is exactly why we are pushing for it to commit to banning gambling ads.

And we made solid progress this year too. With the help of our supporters, we finally got them to acknowledge the issue and to weakly justify why they continue to show these damaging ads. They have also admitted that they know it's not appropriate to show gambling ads during some programs – and in 2022 we'll get them to agree that it's not appropriate at any time.

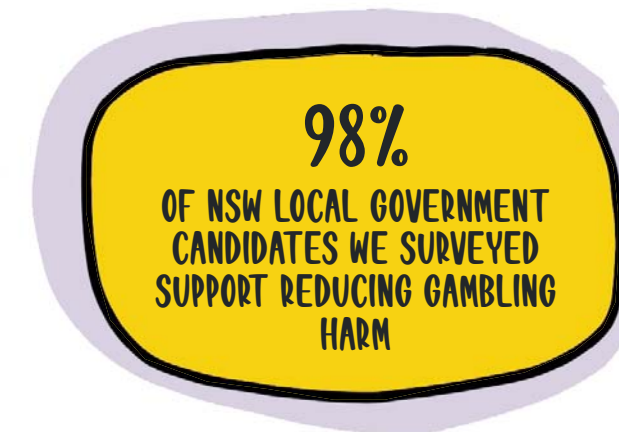
Why is this important, since SBS is not the main TV channel in Australia? Because we know that gambling advertising for sports betting normalises all gambling activity. It also changes and corrupts sport – so our kids know the odds before they know the rules. Being exposed to gambling advertising is a key predictor of future gambling harm. As a society, we have a duty to protect our children from this predatory industry. And that's our goal. No sports gambling advertising, marketing or sponsorship anywhere, anytime.

It was done with tobacco, we can do it with gambling. SBS is just the start.



98% OF NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES WE SURVEYED SUPPORT REDUCING GAMBLING HARM

In November 2021, after over a year of delays, residents in NSW finally went to the polls to elect their new local government representatives.



While we remain firmly non-partisan, we also wanted to give voters information on exactly where their potential next Councillors stood on the topic of gambling harm.

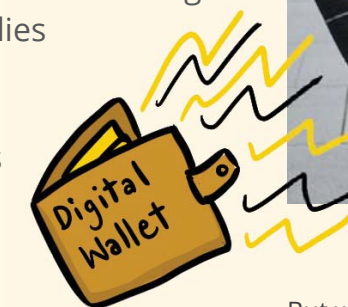
That's why we sent surveys to all candidates asking them for their position on poker machines, gambling ads, and political donations from the industry.

While engagement was slightly lower than our previous surveys in the Victorian Local Government elections, we were very pleased to report that of those that did respond that 98% committed to reducing gambling harm in their community and 90% supported an end to gambling ads.

With the election now concluded, our focus in NSW turns to working collaboratively with the newly elected councillors to ensure gambling harm reduction policies are implemented by Councils across the state.

IN NSW, WE HELPED SECURE AN INQUIRY INTO MONEY LAUNDERING

It doesn't take an expert to know that money laundering is rife anywhere there are poker machines. Across the country in pubs and clubs, organised crime is sitting just metres away from families enjoying their dinner. Yet for years there has been almost no action to address this crisis by our elected representatives.



Well, that all changed in 2021.

Fresh off the heels of the Bergin Inquiry, the then Minister responsible for gambling, Victor Dominello, announced the launch of the Digital Wallet trial – an initiative that would stop money laundering dead in its tracks. We're proud to say that the trial guidelines were modelled on policy positions we had taken.

Due to be rolled out in the middle of the year, this schedule was disrupted when NSW was swept into an extended three month lockdown – and that has appeared to allow the industry to pressure venues so that in early 2022 only one club is scheduled to take part in the trial.

But what did materialise was in some ways even better. After an explosive expose on 60 Minutes with concrete evidence that money laundering was happening in pubs and clubs across NSW, the NSW Government was pressured to announce an inquiry, but backed away from including clubs and pubs. In the end, the NSW Crime Commissioner announced an inquiry, to report in early 2022. It won't be public, but it will be damning, we're sure.

We'll be contributing to and following the inquiry as it progresses while continuing to advocate for a Digital Wallet scheme that would not only stop organised crime but also significantly reduce the gambling harm caused by poker machines in NSW.





DEMONSTRATING REAL THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

It was a huge year for policy submissions with our team submitting nine substantive papers; ranging from an online marketing legislative review to Casino Royal Commissions.

THESE SUBMISSIONS INCLUDED:

WA Royal Commission Regulatory Framework Discussion Paper (DEC 2021)	The Star Casino 5 year administrative review (DEC 2021)	National Self Exclusion Register Rules response (DEC 2021)
Basic Online Safety Expectations (NOV 2021)	Response to the Qld Attorney-General on changes to the Qld Casino Control Act (SEPT 2021)	The Western Australian Royal Commission into Crown Casino (AUG 2021)
Federal Joint Parliamentary Committee on the regulation of credit cards and digital wallets for online gambling in Australia (JUNE 2021)	The Victorian Royal Commission into Crown Casino (MAY 2021)	Senate Committee into the prohibition of credit cards for online gambling (APRIL 2021)

We strongly believe that continuing to demonstrate this thought leadership will be critical to ensuring best practice policy outcomes federally and in each state and territory.

VOICES FOR GAMBLING REFORM

Ensuring those with experience of gambling harm are centred in all that we do is a core tenet of our work here at the Alliance. So often, it is those closest to the harm who are closest to the solution, and that's why the Voices program exists; to empower people impacted by gambling harm, to amplify their voices, and build their capacity to campaign for meaningful change.

Headed up by our Head of Voices, Pepi Belfort, and supported by our Voices for Gambling Reform Community Builder, Anna Bardsley, the team oversees all facets of the work; from recruitment, to training, to advocacy.

Voices advocates are volunteers who support all aspects of the Alliance's work to end gambling harm. They influence decision makers, compel supporters to join our movement, aid in securing funding, inform policy positions and play a huge role in shaping the media narrative around gambling harm.

In 2021 they were instrumental in all of our successes. It was their work in providing testimony of their lived experiences of gambling harm to the Victorian Royal Commission that single-handedly changed the course of the inquiry.

Guided by a deep belief in the "nothing about us, without us" theory of change, the program solidifies the Alliance's connection to those most impacted by gambling harm. Read on to find out more about what the Voices got up to in 2021 and to hear directly from some of the advocates who work alongside us below.

PROGRAM NAME CHANGE CONSULTATION

In January, we surveyed all Voices to gather their views on the Alliance and the Voices program overall. We wanted to know what was working, what wasn't, and what more we could do to expand our advocacy.

We found that many in the community did not feel comfortable with the former name of the program; Champions for Change. Many felt it was patronising and that it did not adequately explain who they were and what the Alliance does.

Acting on these findings we undertook extensive consultation with all Voices advocates and determined that the best course forward was to rebrand the program. We understood that doing so would involve rebranding and a language change, but firmly believed that the program should be designed by the community it represented.

The new program name; Voices for Gambling Reform, more accurately reflects both our aims and the level of respect and dignity program participants deserve. Paul, one of the many Voices said;

"The way the program name change was carried out in 2021 (from Champions for Change to Voices for Gambling Reform) is evidence of the consultative culture of the program and the new name reflects how I feel about the program - I feel heard, that my voice is important."



VOICES FOR GAMBLING REFORM, CONTINUED

GAMBLING HARM AWARENESS WEEK WHILE IN LOCKDOWN

Faced with lockdowns all across the country, our team decided to pivot and host our “Stopping the Stigma” event online to commemorate Gambling Harm Awareness Week. We welcomed Kate Seselja, founder of The Hope Project, who shared her deeply personal experiences of gambling harm, and what she believes needs to be done to tackle this crisis. Hosted by our very own Anna Bardsley, the conversation was guided by and for those who have experienced gambling harm.

While we’re very much looking forward to hosting more events in person going forward, we were thrilled with the outcome and want to extend our thanks once again to Kate for giving us her time and expertise for the night.

MEETING WITH VICTORIAN MPS

In December, after the dust had settled on the findings of the Victorian Royal Commission into Crown, several people in the Voices program went to the Victorian Parliament to meet directly with MPs from all parties, including the Minister for Gambling. They shared their stories and told those present what they want to happen next. At the forefront of that meeting was the demand that those with lived experience have a seat at the table as reforms are discussed.

Beyond the need for further consultation, the Voices pushed for harm reduction measures to be legislated not just for the casino but in the pubs and clubs across Victoria.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Voices advocates bring an unmatched passion and knowledge to our movement. Every single person wants to protect others from experiencing the harm they lived through. Here we wanted to give two of the Voices; Carolyn Crawford and Paul, an opportunity to share, in their own words, what being part of this movement means to them.



PAUL

The relationships formed between the Voices are such a huge strength. Through the program I’m able to connect with others across the country who have experienced harm and want to change the system too. As new people join I get excited, the more the merrier I say.

The culture within the Alliance is special, I always feel freedom to express my thoughts and ideas. Most importantly though, I always feel my lived experience and expertise is valued and respected. Changes are consultative and my voice is clearly heard.

The Alliance constantly presents us with opportunities to advocate, to be a part of meaningful change. You really feel like you’re part of something important.



Last year, I got the opportunity to work as part of the Alliance. I was contracted to mobilise and support people with lived experience of gambling harm to participate in the Crown Royal Commission.

To be employed felt so rewarding and a big achievement for me. Overseeing submissions to a Royal Commission is after all no small thing! The magnitude of participating felt immense. We held weekly briefings to keep everyone in-the-loop, to maintain energy, and motivation.

Many people overcame huge barriers when giving testimony - they’d experienced so much harm in Crown casino. I couldn’t have been prouder of everyone for sharing their lived expertise and helping shape the outcome.

I always knew I had a large team behind me supporting my work during the Royal Commission - because of that I felt more equipped than ever to advocate for reform.

Because of the support I received from the AGR over many years, I feel equipped to support others with their advocacy.

CAROLYN CRAWFORD



In 2021, I gave testimony at the Crown Royal Commission of the harm I’d experienced at the casino. It was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done but with the incredible support of the Alliance, particularly Anna Bardsley of the Voices program, I was able to walk through those doors and share my story and demand much needed change.

During the year, I was called upon to do lots of media; articles for newspapers, segments on the evening news, even podcasts. After every media appearance the team always checked in on me, I really appreciated their ongoing support, you can tell that all of the staff genuinely care about the cause and about us, they’re fully committed to the cause.

There were other ways I was able to contribute over the past twelve months; from meeting with MPs to push for legislative reform, to undertaking research to develop our campaigns against poker machine venues. I know that my contributions are valued and respected.

I always feel fully informed of what is going on at the Alliance. I know what our goals are and what role I can play. Working with the team and other Voices means that I feel something good has come out of something bad. I’m helping create a world where no one else has to end up how I have. I am proof that you can survive and recover from gambling harm and I want others to know they can too.

LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

Our 20+ Leadership Councils are the backbone of the Alliance. Their ongoing support enables us to run campaigns, advocate for systemic reform and to take the fight up against the gambling industry. We simply couldn't do what we do without them.

Our Networking team, led by Kat Copsey and supported by Kasuni Mendis, works closely with each of our councils to ensure we're responding to their needs and heading in the right direction.

SUPPORTING LEADERSHIP COUNCILS AGAINST POKER MACHINE APPLICATIONS

A big part of the Networking team's job is to ensure our Leadership Councils have support when going up against the corporate interests in the gambling industry. This is only truer for our regional and rural Leadership Councils that oftentimes lack the resourcing and funding of those in metropolitan areas.

That's why we were so pleased to meet with officers from Mitchell Shire Council last year in relation to an application for additional EGMs (poker machines) at Hogans Hotel, a local pub in their community. As a smaller rural council, they told us that it was our support and advice that made a real difference to the outcome, and was invaluable to the team at the Council.

TACKLING GAMBLING HARM ON THE GROUND IN THE COMMUNITY

Another huge part of our work is assisting our Leadership Councils to develop and implement best practice policy when it comes to gambling harm. Throughout the year we liaised with councils such as Manningham and Maribyrnong, as they worked towards updating their Public Health and Wellbeing Plans. We're pleased to say that both councils are in the process of updating their policies, and that we were able to assist with this process.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: A CREATIVE SOLUTION TO TACKLING THE GAMBLING HARM CRISIS

Some Councils just get it - Kingston is one of those. They know their local pubs and clubs that are drowning in poker machines cause untold harm to their community, and they know that creative solutions are needed to make it stop.

Which is why it was so wonderful to see them fund and launch a bold new theatrical work, Enough is Enough, based on the stories of those impacted by gambling harm in 2021. Directed by local playwright Kieran Carroll, the play tells the story of four people from different socio-economic backgrounds who experience gambling harm.

The play was a resounding success and helped turn a spotlight on the issue locally. We were delighted to take part with our Chief Advocate, Tim Costello, attending and speaking at the performances.

COMMEMORATING GAMBLING HARM AWARENESS WEEK

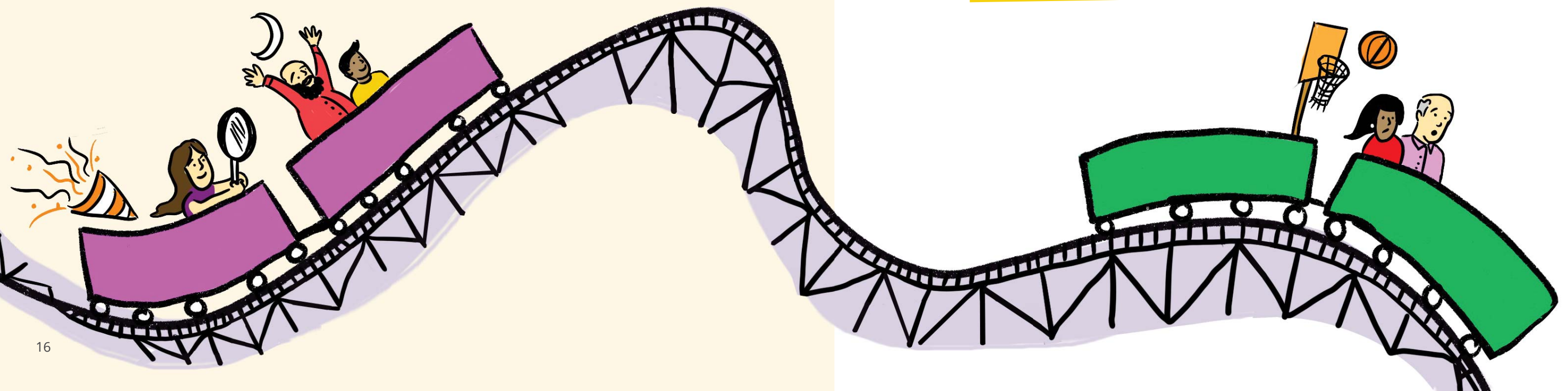
In October, Leadership Councils across the country ran public events to raise awareness of gambling harm, and its impact on local communities. From Hume to Kingston, Moreland to Brimbank, events of all shapes and sizes were run in spite of the ongoing pandemic.

CATCHING UP WITH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS AT ALGA

We were delighted to finally catch up in person with many of the Leadership Council teams at the 2021 Australia Local Government Association AGM in Canberra – a rare, and welcome, opportunity given the ongoing disruptions to daily life with the pandemic.



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THANK YOU



TO ALL OUR LEADERSHIP COUNCILS, PARTNERS AND SPONSORS WHO MAKE WHAT WE DO POSSIBLE.

Supporting organisations:

- African-Australian Multicultural Employment and Youth Services
- Anglican Church Southern Queensland
- Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC)
- Australian Drug Foundation
- Ballarat Inter-agency Taskforce on Gambling
- Baptist Union of Victoria
- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Bendigo Community Health Services
- Blow up the Pokies
- Common Grace
- Communities against Pokies
- Eritrean Jeberty Community in Australia
- Financial Counselling Australia
- Gambling Impact Society NSW
- GetUp!
- Jesuit Social Services
- Leadwest
- Leichhardt Municipal Council
- Macedonian Community Welfare Association
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
- New South Wales Council of Social Services (NCOSS)
- Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
- Nillumbik Shire Council
- North East Primary Care Partnership
- North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (PHN)
- Public Health Association of Australia
- Pokies Anonymous
- Save Our SBS Inc
- Seed
- South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS)
- Team Africa Inc
- The Australian Pensioners Voice
- The Salvation Army Australia
- Uniting Church in Australia, NSW & ACT Synod
- Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod
- Uniting Church in Australia, Victoria & Tas Synod
- Uniting Communities, South Australia
- UnitingCare Mental Health
- Victorian Arabic Social Services
- Victorian Council of Social Service (VCSS)
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)
- Whittlesea Interagency Taskforce on Gambling
- Women's Health in the North



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