

## NSW poker machine losses continue to rise

Poker machine losses have soared to more than \$6.5 billion in NSW despite a reduction in total poker machine numbers in the state.

Losses on poker machines in clubs and pubs in NSW reached \$6.5 billion in the past financial year, equal to \$17.9 million lost everyday.

These huge losses are despite a three per cent reduction in poker machines in the state, and is a \$163 million increase on the previous financial year's losses.

The average poker machine in a NSW club now takes \$57,677 each year, while average pub poker machines record losses by patrons of \$113,561.

Alliance for Gambling Reform spokesman, Reverend Tim Costello, said poker machines lead to the loss of much more than money in the NSW community.

"Those who gamble are not the only ones harmed. Research shows that impacts include financial and relationship stress, distraction from work and study, physical and mental ill-health, and sadly, sometimes family violence. In extreme cases, poker machines contribute to the loss of lives due to suicide," Rev Costello said. "Then there is the loss of homes, families, relationships, jobs, cars and much more due to gambling harm.

"Pokies venues are designed to fleece people regardless of socio-economic background or geography, and especially target people who may be feeling isolated or lonely. That's predatory behaviour."

Rev Costello said it was time the NSW Government responded to gambling harm as a public health issue akin to smoking.

"Smoking in bars was once pervasive in NSW, not unlike the scourge that is poker machines," he said. "You couldn't go out without coming home stinking of cigarette smoke. Now we can go out and enjoy ourselves without the effects of passive smoking.

"Recent speeches by MPs in Parliament around renaming the awareness week and banning inducements for online gambling shows that the government understands all too well the harm that gambling causes.

"We call on the NSW Government to step up and ban gambling-related loyalty programs in clubs and pubs across NSW because they encourage harmful behaviour. There's no first mover advantage when there's a pokie den on every corner. It's time to change the model in NSW from propping up the industry to treating gambling as the public health issue it is."

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## Background data tables

Since the first half of 2017, total EGM numbers have fallen by 1.5%, while total profits have risen 5.46% - each poker machine in NSW is now earning more than 2 years ago, totally wiping out any benefit that might have been achieved by a drop in numbers.

The average poker machine “earnt” (=took losses of)

Half year	Club poker machine	Hotel poker machine
first 6 months of 2017	\$27,672.22	\$47,471.13
first 6 months of 2018	\$28,063.04	\$51,578.01
first 6 months of 2019	\$28,261.44	\$54,911.26

In FY2018 total losses were \$6.373billion.

In FY2019 total losses were \$6.536billion, an increase of \$163million, or 2.56%

The weekly losses are now \$125,799,876

Daily losses are \$17,908,070

### Based on the government’s 2018/2019 budget documents:

Program	2018/2019 spending	Days of poker machine losses to pay for program
<b>Mental health Infrastructure Program</b>	average yearly spending of \$175m	10 days
Capital expenditure on <b>TAFE</b>	\$179.5m	10 days
Plan to install <b>air conditioning in schools</b>	\$100m per year	5.6 days
New spending on <b>increased admitted and community based mental health services</b>	\$82.5m	4.6 days
New spending to extend the <b>Start Strong</b> program for three-year olds	average yearly cost of \$49.45m	2.8 days
<b>Fee-free apprentice program</b>	yearly cost of \$47.5m	2.6 days
Additional <b>200 paramedics and 13 call centre staff</b>	\$23.7m	1.5 days
New <b>cardiovascular disease research</b>	\$15m	<1 day
<b>100 new midwives</b> across the state	\$9.3m	0.5 days

## Rankings

LGA	Rank by club profit ½ 2019	LGA	Rank by pub profit ½ 2019	LGA	Rank by club profit ½ 2018	LGA	Rank by pub profit ½ 2018
Fairfield	1	Sydney	1	Fairfield	1	Sydney	1
Canterbury-Bankstown	2	Canterbury-Bankstown	2	Canterbury-Bankstown	2	Canterbury-Bankstown	2
Cumberland	3	Cumberland	3	Cumberland	3	Fairfield	3
Central Coast	4	Fairfield	4	Central Coast	4	Cumberland	4
Blacktown	5	Blacktown	5	Blacktown	5	Blacktown	5
Penrith	6	Parramatta	6	Penrith	6	Parramatta	6
Wollongong	7	Georges River	7	Wollongong	7	Inner West	7
Georges River	8	Inner West	8	Georges River	8	Georges River	8
Campbelltown	9	Bayside	9	Campbelltown	9	Bayside	9
Newcastle	10	Burwood/Strathfield	10	Northern Beaches	10	Liverpool	10

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LGA	Rank by Club EGMs mid 2019	LGA	Rank by Pub EGMs mid 2019	LGA	Rank by Club EGMs mid 2018	LGA	Rank by Pub EGMs mid 2018
Canterbury-Bankstown	1	Sydney	1	Canterbury-Bankstown	1	Sydney	1
Central Coast	2	Inner West	2	Central Coast	2	Inner West	2
Fairfield	3	Newcastle	3	Fairfield	3	Newcastle	3
Wollongong	4	Canterbury-Bankstown	4	Wollongong	4	Canterbury-Bankstown	4
Cumberland	5	Blacktown	5	Cumberland	5	Blacktown	5
Penrith	6	Central Coast	6	Newcastle	6	Central Coast	6
Blacktown	7	Parramatta	7	Blacktown	7	Wollongong	7
Newcastle	8	Wollongong	8	Penrith	8	Parramatta	8
Lake Macquarie	9	Cumberland	9	Lake Macquarie	9	Cumberland	9
Sutherland	10	Fairfield	10	Sutherland	10	Fairfield	10

<b>Clubs by gaming machine net profit 1/2 2019</b>				
Club	Suburb	LGA	EGMs	Rank
Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Limited (Trading as Mounties)	MOUNT PRITCHARD	Fairfield City Council	615	1
Bankstown Sports Club	BANKSTOWN	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	745	2
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club	LIDCOMBE	Cumberland Council	450	3
Canterbury League Club Ltd	BELMORE	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	711	4
Cabra-Vale Ex-Active Servicemen's Club Ltd	CANLEY VALE	Fairfield City Council	450	5
Rooty Hill RSL Club Limited	ROOTY HILL	Blacktown City Council	726	6
Wentworthville Leagues Club Limited	WENTWORTHVILLE	Cumberland Council	545	7
Revesby Workers' Club Ltd	REVESBY	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	525	8
Parramatta Leagues Club	PARRAMATTA	City of Parramatta Council	520	9
Liverpool Catholic Club	LIVERPOOL	Liverpool City Council	435	10

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Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club	LIDCOMBE	Cumberland Council	450	1
Cabra-Vale Ex-Active Servicemen's Club Ltd	CANLEY VALE	Fairfield City Council	450	2
Campsie RSL Sub-branch Club Limited	CAMPSIE	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	234	3
Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Limited (Trading as Mounties)	MOUNT PRITCHARD	Fairfield City Council	615	4
Triglav Mounties Group	ST JOHNS PARK	Fairfield City Council	54	5
Merrylands RSL Club Ltd	MERRYLANDS	Cumberland Council	300	6
Bankstown Sports Club	BANKSTOWN	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	745	7
City Of Fairfield RSL Memorial Club Limited	FAIRFIELD	Fairfield City Council	332	8
Burwood RSL Club	BURWOOD	Burwood Council	294	9
Liverpool Catholic Club	LIVERPOOL	Liverpool City Council	435	10

<b>Pubs by gaming machine net profit 1/2 2019</b>				
Pub	Suburb	LGA	EGMs	Rank
Markets Hotel	FLEMINGTON	Strathfield Municipal Council	30	1
Cross Roads Hotel	CASULA	Liverpool City Council	30	2
El Cortez Hotel	CANLEY HEIGHTS	Fairfield City Council	30	3
Meridian Hotel, Hurstville	HURSTVILLE	Georges River Council	30	4
Railway Hotel	LIDCOMBE	Cumberland Council	30	5
The Crown Hotel, Revesby	REVESBY	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	30	6
Berala Hotel	BERALA	Cumberland Council	30	7
Burwood Hotel	BURWOOD	Burwood Council	30	8
Pritchards Hotel	MOUNT PRITCHARD	Fairfield City Council	30	9
Twin Willows Hotel	BASS HILL	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	30	10

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