

GAMBLING HARM AWARENESS WEEK

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

Online Gaming and Gambling - Forum

“Games are much more interesting and important than completing school assignments.”

09:30 am – 4:00pm

**Next Gen
War Memorial Drive Adelaide SA 5000**

FREE to Attend

RSVP early to get your seat by Friday 18th October to

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PsychMed is excited to collaborate with the local SA communities and gambling/gaming experts to raise awareness of the harms associated with online gambling and gaming and ways to reduce the harms.

To do this, we have consulted local members of our community, including both professionals and individuals concerned with their gaming/gambling habits, who have provided questions that they would like answered about online gaming and gambling.

We are covering issues on how to identify, engage and assist people with gambling and online gaming issues. We will take these questions to our gaming and gambling expert panel who will discuss these questions and provide tips and answers.

These answers will then be distributed via podcasts and social media posts back to the community.

Expert researchers in this field will provide the following presentations

09:30 – 10:00 am Welcome and Introduction - Dr Quentin Black

10:00 – 10:45 am Dr Quentin Black and PsychMed team

Gaming Case Studies “Evidence Based Treatment of Online Addictions”

The PsychMed team will present some short case studies regarding the treatment of Online Gaming

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 pm Dr Alex M T Russell

“Online gambling in Australia: How new products are changing gambling, and who is at risk”

Online gambling provides the opportunity to bet anywhere, anytime. Compared to some other jurisdictions, Australia has more limitations on what can and cannot be provided to Australian consumers in terms of online gambling, with sports and race betting being the main forms available. Notably, some forms of sports and race betting, such as in-play (live) betting, cannot currently be offered online. Despite these restrictions, online gambling is increasing, and can even be accessed via mobile phones. A corresponding increase in sports and race betting has also been observed – the only forms of gambling to increase in recent years. This talk will discuss recent reviews and changes in online gambling, the role of advertising for wagering products, social influences and who is most at risk of developing problems from these products, based on the latest research from the CQUniversity Experimental Gambling Research Laboratory.

12:00 – 12:45 pm Nancy Greer (PhD continuing)

Presentation summary:

Nancy’s presentation will focus on the current knowledge of converging video gaming and gambling products (i.e., esports betting, skin gambling, and loot-boxes), and the concerns surrounding the involvement of Australian youth in these gambling activities

12:45 – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 pm Professor Paul Delfabbro

“Understand the nature and impact of digital convergence”

His presentation will discuss the changing face of gaming and gambling and how new forms of gambling and gambling-like activity and operations are emerging to take the place of many traditional forms of land-based gambling.

2:00 – 2:30 pm Gaming – Survey results

Key issues identified by gamers parents and teachers / focus groups

2:30pm – 3.30pm Panel Interview

Professor Paul Delfabbro, Dr Alex M T Russell, Dr Jane Oakes, Dr Quentin Black, & Nancy Greer: The panel will answer questions, cover issues and provide practical tips on how to identify, engage and assist people with gaming and online gaming issues.

3:30 – 4:00 pm Evaluation, Feedback & Close

Biography

Dr Alex M T Russell

Alex has been working in gambling research since 2011, first as the Chief Statistician at the Centre for Gambling Education and Research at Southern Cross University, and currently as a Senior Postdoctoral Fellow in the Experimental Gambling Research Laboratory at CQUniversity. He has published more than 80 peer-reviewed journals, book chapters and commissioned reports, with a focus on online gambling, sports betting, risk factors, wagering advertising and other influences on behaviour, as well as various other gambling-related topics. He regularly presents on these topics, including at national and international conferences and other invited talks.

Nancy Greer

Nancy Greer is PhD candidate and researcher at CQUniversity's Experimental Gambling Research Laboratory. Nancy's PhD examines newer gambling products which converge with video gaming, primarily esports betting and skin gambling. Nancy was awarded with a 2018 Early Career Research grant by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation (VRGF) for a research project aiming to investigate whether esports and skin betting are pathways to greater gambling involvement and gambling-related harm. In her time at CQUniversity, Nancy has contributing more broadly to projects on gambling-related harm, the social cost of gambling, innovative gambling products, gambling advertising and inducements, and gambling and domestic violence.

Professor Paul Delfabbro

Professor Paul Delfabbro lectures in the areas of learning theory as well as methodology and statistics at the University of Adelaide. His principal research interests are in the area of behavioural addictions (gambling and technology) as well as child protection and out-of-home care.

Dr Quentin Black

Dr Black is a medical practitioner, clinical psychologist, educator and PsychMed program director. He has worked for many years in suicidality, trauma and addiction as a counsellor, psychologist, educator, and medical practitioner. He has been involved in training and development for psychologists, medical practitioners, nurses, social workers, and teachers for over 20 years. He has run 3 clinics with a specialised focus on problem gambling in mental health (Clinical Lead), Corrections (Consultant lecture, Educator and Clinical lead), and UniSA (Problem Gambling Clinical Director). He is the program director for the South Australian Intensive Gambling Help Service.

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