## Breaking through the silence and shame of a gambling addiction

A Peer Led Perspective – Those who have been through the same experience.

# My experience Peer lead recovery

The power of lived experience offers hope to others that recovery is achievable.

## **\$2.7 billion lost** to machines in 2019

## \$257 million

#### in March this year

## 5 times more

machines per capita than the USA

## **\$26 billion**

#### average yearly loss

## **\$15 billion** to poker machines







The gambler believes they will win today, they forget devastating losses of yesterday and dream of winning big tomorrow.

#### Therapeutic counseling

#### Meditation

Group therapy

Financial counseling



## Self exclusion from venue

Trauma therapy

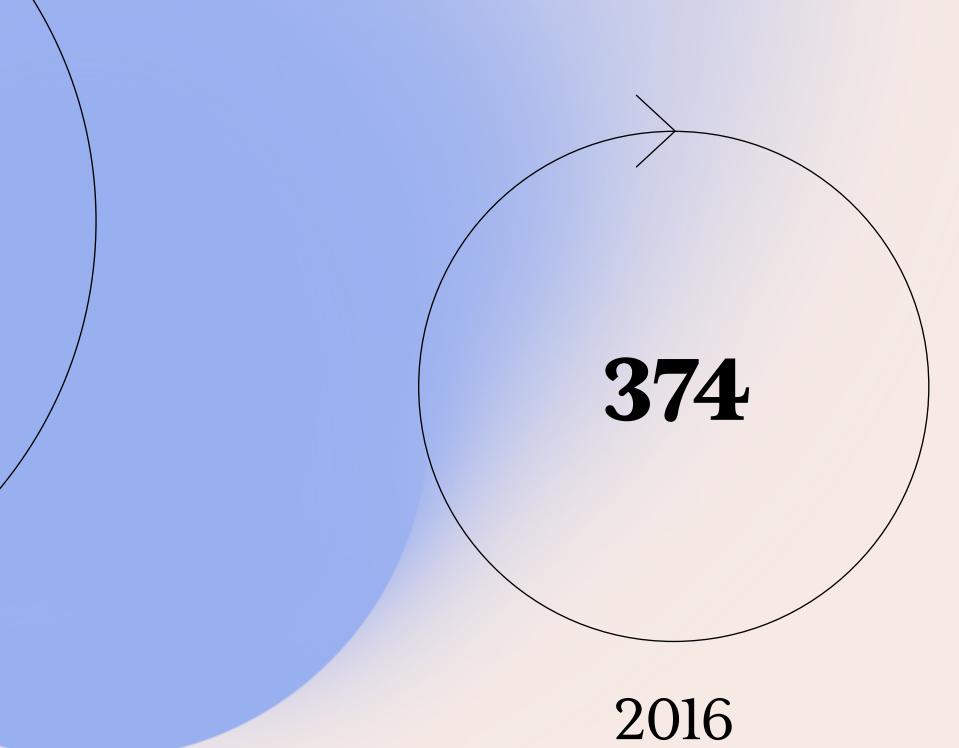
## Podcast Not a Dollar More

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Sports gambling ads running in a 24hr period on free to air TV at prime time family viewing.



Finding your tribe can be life changing.



#### **WEEK ONE**

Why we are here? Why we gamble? What is needed to gamble?

#### **WEEK TWO**

Stages of Change, rapid river of gambling, creating goals.

#### **WEEK THREE**

Communication, feelings & emotions, anger management, how the pokies work.

#### **WEEK FOUR**

Statistics, resources, choices & change.

## 8 Week program

#### **WEEK FIVE**

Budget & cash control, alternative activities, mindfulness, thought challenging, urge surfing.

#### WEEK SIX

Stigma and shame, values, consequences.

#### **WEEK SEVEN**

Strategies, reflection of self & others, self care.

#### **WEEK EIGHT**

How to cope with stress, evaluation of program and graduation.

#### I'm not alone

#### You don't want help, you want support

I'm feeling so positive

Sense of belonging

**Deep connection** 

#### Value and power of story telling

Hope for the future

We hear and see each other

## Understanding leads to recovery.