

Summary of Endorsed Policy Statements-Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy 2018-2022

- In assessing any future proposals for the operation of EGMs in the municipality, Council will treat applications from clubs in the same way as applications from pubs and other venue operators.
- Council will oppose any planning and licensing application for additional EGMs and the transfer of EGMs in the municipality where there is solid evidence that the application will have negative social and economic impacts and minimal community benefit.
- Council will not allow EGMs on Council owned or managed land.
- Council will seek the necessary legislative and regulatory reforms sought by Darebin Council to reduce harm, provide greater player protection, and provide for a more even legislative playing field.
- Council policy, action and advocacy will be informed by evidence-based public health and wellbeing research and policy.
- Council will maintain independence from the gambling industry. Council will not accept financial contributions from gambling venues and will not promote community grants or initiatives offered by local poker machine venues.
- Council will not provide sporting grounds, Council venues or use of Council property to any sporting clubs, community groups, organisations or associations who directly operate or own EGMs in Darebin or elsewhere.
- Through its Leasing and Licensing Policy, Council will not permit gambling promotion or advertising in Council-owned facilities. This pertains to sports betting, online gambling and EGMs.
- Any sporting club, community group, organisation or association that operate or own EGMs will be ineligible for community grants, financial assistance or in kind support from Council.
- Any sporting club, community group, organisation or association that receives sponsorship or grants (in-kind or cash) from poker machine revenue will have Council grants, in-kind support and funding reduced by the amount and level of funding and/or inkind support received from EGM sources.
- Council will not fund community groups who meet in venues that have EGMs through any of its community funding programs.
- Council will not provide community grants, funding, sponsorship, Council facilities, publicity or promotion for community groups/organisations that promote gambling.
- Council will not permit community groups or sporting clubs to advertise or promote gambling-related activity at local venues or via online gambling agencies.
- Council will support any Darebin club that wishes to divest themselves of EGMs to develop a transition plan in order that they may continue to access Council facilities and resources and provide a community benefit to their members.
- Council will acknowledge and honour any existing arrangements between sporting clubs, community groups, organisations, associations or Council programs and EGM operators, owners and venues until a mutually suitable and tailored transition plan has been finalised or until 2022.

- Council staff will not run Council and community events, activities, programs and social outings in venues that have EGMs.
- Council will adopt a graduated Policy to guide the development of suitable transition plans.
- Council will continue to invest in community infrastructure, community programs and community networks to provide alternatives to gambling.
- Council will continue to be a state wide leader and innovator in reducing gambling harm.
- Council supports measures to prevent and/or respond to gambling harm that are evidence-based and likely to have a positive impact.