



RESEARCH YOUTH GAMBLING

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative

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GEGAC - Who Are We



Origins

- ❖ A strong and insightful group of Aboriginal Women saw the need for Aboriginal Health Services in the region
- ❖ They formed a working party and promoted the need at Local, State and Federal Levels
- ❖ 1972 – successful submission to establish an Aboriginal Medical Service

Today GEGAC provides a range of Medical, Dental, Community Health, Welfare and Social and Emotional Wellbeing services for the Aboriginal Community

GEGAC – Where Are We



Locations in Bairnsdale – East Gippsland and Morwell in Latrobe Valley

Our Research



The aim of the project is to identify experiences and impacts of gambling - their own and that of family members and others around them - for Aboriginal young people in Gippsland

We will be working with Researchers from LaTrobe University

- ❖ Dr. Sarah MacLean
- ❖ Kathleen Maltzahn

Will commence in January 2017

- ❖ Staff training and workshops
- ❖ Youth Interviews

Our Research



- ❖ Most research relating to gambling that has previously been done in Aboriginal Communities has been outside of Victoria – will give local knowledge
- ❖ Will compliment learnings from research being undertaken in Mildura
- ❖ Staff upskilling – research being facilitated with and by Community

Why is it important?



Do our young people see gambling as a Problem in our Community

What are the positive and negative impacts of gambling in our Community

Local Research
Staff will learn skills in research interviewing

Different types of gambling that are practiced within the community

Influence how we provide help and information in the community

A Personal Journey



Why is this research important to me and my Community?





Thank you
Questions