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**RESPONSIBLE
GAMBLING
AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 26 – 31, 2014**

GAMBLING IMPACTS TODAY

Public Seminar May 21st, Wollongong

Are you concerned about levels of gambling in the community? Have you been negatively impacted directly or indirectly by gambling? Do you work with those who might be affected? Would you like to find out more about Problem Gambling? Are you interested in gambling reform? Then come along to this informative day of discussion and debate (see program inside this issue).

Keynote Speakers Include:

Senator Nick Xenophon,
Assoc. Prof. Samantha
Thomas (UOW)

Dr. Annie Carroll (ANU)
Dr. Charles Livingstone
(Monash University)

Richard Brading (Wesley
Gambling Legal Service) and
many more.

Topics include:

New Frontiers for Gambling

Impacts of problem gambling –
individuals, families, communities

Consumer Voices

Gambling Reform – Where to from
here?

Launch of new Educational
Resources for Helping Professionals

Developing Action Alliances to
reduce Gambling Harm

The Ocean Room

IC Central Building

Innovation Campus

(Fairy Meadow)

University Wollongong

Wednesday May 21st

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Cost: \$60 (Includes Morning
afternoon refreshments &
lunch)

(\$30 student/concession
limited scholarships also
available)

For full registration details &
venue map visit -

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**A Responsible Gambling Awareness
Week lead in event**

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Society Activities

As we head into Responsible Gambling Awareness Week (RGAW) in May the Society is using this edition of Impact News to bring you an update of our educational activities for the next few months. We hope you will join us at our Seminar on May 21st and also join in some of the planned workshops. It's a great way to catch up on your understanding about problem gambling and learn new skills.

The Consumer Voices program has been busy planning new sessions for the remainder of the financial year. We are yet to know whether or not we will be able to gain further funds to support the program after July. So please book NOW. We are happy to visit any service organisation, health or community welfare meeting, community group or student class in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven/Sydney regions. The aim is to break down stigma by hearing first hand stories about gambling problems, and find out how and where to get assistance for your clients/patients/friends / family. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so make sure your community/service doesn't miss out. Contact the team via Kate at info@gisnsw.org.au

We are off again to yet another inquiry – this time NSW parliament on Friday 11th April. We do sometimes wonder how many inquiries does it take to

achieve reform—but as Squeaky Wheels—we won't give up!

We have been very busy with publication development along with filmmaking. Kate and the WayWard Films team are converting the 5-Step Model Counsellor/Support Worker Training DVD across from its D &A background to gambling and re-writing the training materials. Kate and Elle (graphic artist) have been working hard on some new resources: an 84 page PG Guide for Helping Professionals and a PG Guide for Financial Counsellors. These will be launched at our Seminar on May 21st in Wollongong and then made available in soft copy on our website along the Australian government's DSS website. Hard copies will be distributed to regional centre libraries and other key locations/services during RGAW. So along with our existing PG Self-Help Guide for families, we will have a pretty good series of resources for the community. We are thankful to the Dept. of Social Services for the financial support to make this happen.

The upcoming workshops on the 5-Step Method—a two day program, will be the first of a new program for helping professionals which we will roll out over the coming year. So get in early and join us in Wollongong on July 15 & 16th. (see details inside this newsletter).



Working with the UK Addiction, Drugs and the Family (ADF) research group has been a rewarding experience. It is wonderful to have some international partners on our projects. They will also benefit from the new training materials. Prof. Jim Orford (Birmingham University) and Kate have been asked to run some 5-Step training in Victoria in October for the PG counsellors there. It will be a great collaboration – one of many we hope.

The European Association of Gambling Studies Conference is on in September and we have put up a paper on our Consumer Voices Project. We hope to be represented there again by Kate in Helsinki. Feedback from our New Zealand International Conference presentation in February indicated considerable interest in this program and we hope to further our contributions to the European audience.

As the annual Awareness Week approaches we encourage you to use the information here and on our website to help your service increase community awareness about gambling risks. Please help reduce barriers to support by engaging with this important public health issue. All it takes is a willingness to do some research, start a conversation, and send the message—you can safely talk about gambling problems here!

Disclaimer: The views and opinions contained in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and (opinions of GIS NSW) Inc.

NSW Inquiry into Gambling – Public Hearings Announced

The NSW Legislative Council has established a Select Committee to inquire into Gambling in New South Wales. A copy of the terms of reference can be found on the website www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gambling. The closing date for submissions was 7 March 2014. The Committee will be holding **public hearings on April 10th & 11th at NSW Parliament**, representatives of the Gambling Impact Society (NSW) have been invited to attend as witnesses. Submissions received can be found at: <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/Parliament/committee.nsf/3ListSubmissionsopen&ParentUNID=6F6CFBD934E90E94CA257C310004B45E>

Members of the public are able to observe hearings if you are interested in attending.

GAMBLING IMPACTS TODAY—PUBLIC SEMINAR PROGRAM

This Public Seminar on May 21st at Wollongong, is aimed at: those working in the community, health and welfare sectors; those who have been negatively affected by gambling; and those with an interest to find out more about this important public health issue and how it affects your community.

8.30- 9.00- Registration

9.00-9.10 - Welcome to Country

9.10 – 9.20 – Welcome and Introductions (Kate Roberts- GIS & Dr. Clive Allcock- MC)

9.20 -9.30 – Opening Address –Consumer Voices

9.30 – 10.00 - Australian Gambling Reform- State of Play - Senator Nick Xenophon,

10.00 – 10.30- Gambling and Public Health - Dr. Charles Livingstone

10.30 - 11.00 Morning refreshments

11.00 – 11.30 New Frontiers in Gambling Marketing – Assoc. Prof. Samantha Thomas (UOW)

11.30 – 12.00- Duty of Care & Gambling - Richard Brading (Wesley Legal Service)

12.00 -12.30 – Stigma, Shame & Barriers to Help Seeking – Annie Carroll (ANU)

12.30 – 12.45 -Gambling Help Services – Greg Isles (Mission Australia)

12.45 - 1.00 - Launch of New GIS Resources (Dept. Social Services)

1.00 -1.45 - Lunch (community information stalls)

1.45 - 2.00 – Consumer Voices

2.00- 2.45 –Building Alliances for Gambling Harm Reduction – Panel Discussion

2.45 – 3.30 –Round table discussions

3.30- 4.00 – Afternoon Refreshments

4.00 –4.30 – Summary of Discussions –Group feedback

4.30-5.00 – Closing and Evaluations – Kate Roberts - GIS (NSW)

Numbers limited so book early, RSVP by 14/5/2014

Registration form can be downloaded from our website

www.gisnsw.org.au

New International Network on Addiction and Families

An invitation to join the **Addiction and the Family International Network (AFINet)** - membership is completely free.

We are building upon the work of the Addiction, Drugs and the Family (ADF) UK group and previous international collaborations to create a global membership network. We sincerely hope that given your own interest and expertise in this field, you might consider joining us?

The purpose of AFINet is to encourage research, practice and policy which brings family members affected by addiction out of the periphery and into the centre of our thinking about addiction across the globe.

The AFINet website will sit firmly at the core of the new organisation, where we hope it will serve as a virtual hub for promoting the group's key aims and facilitate lively and engaging international communication.

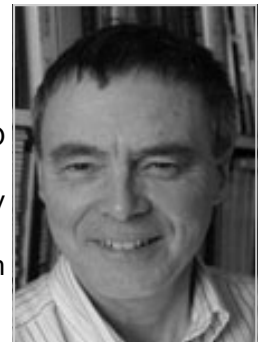
We hope that as membership expands, this section of the website and awareness of affected family members across the world will grow with your help.

I am very pleased to let you know that our new website has launched this month; all the details about the network and becoming a member (membership is completely free) can be found on the site: www.afinetwork.info.

Professor Jim Orford MA, PhD

Emeritus professor Clinical & Community Psychology

University of Birmingham



GIS Builds on Successful 5 - Step Model for working with Family Members Affected by Addiction

The GIS has been busy over this past 6 - months working in collaboration with the Addiction, Drugs and Family (ADF) UK group to develop their 5 -Step training program for helping professionals in Australia. A one day introductory workshop was piloted by Executive Officer, Kate Roberts in May last year through the Centre for Community & Welfare Training (CCWT) in Sydney and will be offered again on May 1st, 2014. The feedback was very positive and with the support of DSS funds, the GIS has gone on to develop a formal MOU with the ADF group to allow them to develop the training resources (DVD, Client Handbook and Trainees manual) for Australia.

Kate, along with WayWard films, have been developing a new training film for problem gambling based on this model, along with modifying the existing resources . The UK group have already trialled this material for gambling, indeed the only National Health Service specialist clinic in the UK (London) is using it with their clients. This well researched model was initially developed from work in the drug and alcohol field . It is based on the stress –strain-coping-support model.

The GIS is excited to be launching the training DVD at their Public Seminar in May and will be offering the introductory and advanced program as a two day workshop on 15th & 16th July in Wollongong.

The program aims to build counsellor/support worker confidence and skills in supporting families members affected by problem gambling, in their own right. It is aimed at anyone in the health./welfare sector who may be in a position to support people including: counsellors, health staff, GP's, pastoral workers etc. In fact any support worker who is likely to be in contact with family members affected by a relative's gambling addiction. The program provides an introduction to problem gambling and the 5-Step model and then moves into developing practical skills in responding and working in ways to ensure families get the support they need.

The MOU with the ADF also means the GIS will be able (subject to ongoing funding) to develop a train-the-trainer model for Australia.

For more information contact Kate at info@gisnsw.org.au

Two-Day workshop on the 5-step Method : Supporting Family Members of People with Gambling Problems

“...the behaviour of the (substance misusing or gambling relative) causes stress for the family member, that stress leads to strain (for example, physical and psychological symptoms) ... the improvements which had been noted at the 12-week stage in the levels of symptoms that family members experienced ... reduced further over the subsequent 9 months. The majority of family members also rated their situation as changed for the better after the intervention had finished, and for a substantial time after that.... These results suggest that a relatively simple and brief intervention enables family members to re-appraise their lives with respect to their substance misusing relative, to see the impact as being less of a strain, to revise their methods of coping, and to have a resulting reduction in the level of symptoms they experience.” (Velleman et al., 2011)

An exciting opportunity to attend a training workshop delivered by two experienced problem gambling counsellors **Kate Roberts** and **Barbara Bicego** (profiles at www.gisnsw.org.au) . The training will be focused on participants acquiring the skills needed for them to use this method effectively; at the end of training, participants will be able to deliver the 5-Step Method to their patients/clients.

About the 5-Step Method

The 5-Step Method is an original method of working with family members of substance users and problem gamblers, developed and evaluated in a number of health-care and NGO environments in the UK and internationally by the ADF group UK refer. <http://www.afinetwork.info/about-afinet/team> . It presents a tenable and straightforward method for working with family members that seeks to support them in their own right as people negatively affected by a loved one's substance use or problem gambling. The method is grounded in rigorous research and a clear theoretical model which underpins the intervention. The 5-Step approach is both simple and effective in filling a gap that exists for family support that does not see family members solely as supporters for their loved one with gambling problems but as people needing support for themselves in their own right. Importantly, the 5-Step method does not require people to be experts in gambling treatment or family support. This is key to its applicability in a range of health and social care settings and means that people can use this method even if they think that they don't know enough to work with gambling problems or with family members.

Objectives

- To introduce participants to the Stress-Strain-Coping-Support model of understanding the effects of a relative's problem gambling on family members
- To provide an overview of the 5-Step intervention Method
- To train practitioners to deliver the 5-Step Method
- To examine practice issues (such as dealing with domestic violence, providing 5-Step in groups, etc) and implementation within one's workplace

Methods

This will be a participatory workshop, with an overview of problem gambling (including consumer voices), information about the research background and the theoretical model, observation of video demonstrations of the use of the 5-Step method, role play work by the participants, and group discussion.

Participants

The training workshop is relevant to those with an interest in supporting family members of people with gambling problems. This may include clinicians, researchers, policy makers and program coordinators. They could be working in the public health sector, private health sector and NGOs.

Details of Workshop

Date : 15 & 16 July, 2014 (Tue & Wed)

Time : 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Venue : University of Wollongong, main campus

Fee : \$150 (byo lunch /purchase on campus)

Venue map & Registration Form available:

www.gisnsw.org.au please register by 4/7/2014

Problem Gambler Paul Fung Lost Almost a Million Dollars in Three Weeks

Source : WENLEI MA From: news.com.au March 22, 2014

PROBLEM gambling is often spoken about in hushed tones in the shadows, if at all. The stigma attached to it is so strong that there are those who still see problem gamblers as “weak” or using it as a “cop out”.

But problem gambling is like any other addiction such as alcohol or drugs with sufferers displaying characteristics including tolerance, withdrawal and difficulty controlling urges, according to the American psychology bible, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV. For Victorian Paul Fung, problem gambling is what tore his life apart.

Mr Fung had been gambling for more than two decades, betting on everything from horses to footy matches to casino games, before the catastrophic three-week period when he lost almost a million dollars. Anything he could win on, he bet on

It all started innocently enough. Mr Fung was eight when he first gambled, betting with 10 cent and 20 cent pieces to spice up Chinese card games and mahjong with family and friends. He moved on to horses by the age of 14, asking anyone who was willing to place bets for him. By the time Mr Fung was 16, he had acquired a fake ID and could stride into a TAB himself and spent every weekend studying the form guide and perfecting his ‘system’. Paul Fung was betting on horse races by the time he was 14 years old.

He didn’t think so at the time, but Mr Fung said gambling started to affect his school work. “I was in denial at the time but when I look back at my grades in the last few years of school, they definitely slipped,” he told news.com.au.

Once he turned 18, he engaged in more forms of gambling including the myriad games on offer at the casino. It was also around this time his parents started to express some concern. But they would still give him money whenever he asked for it, something that continued for many years.

“It was an adrenalin rush when you won, it was such a huge thrill,” he said. “I just wanted to gamble. It didn’t matter what it was, as long as I could put money down and get some back. But when you lose, you justify that bad feeling only lasted a short period of time. You look for the next win, which you convinced yourself will override that losing feeling.” But as time went on the lows got lower while the highs didn’t get higher.

After school, he took on a jockey apprenticeship but continued to bet on horses despite strict rules against it. He said he never used his position to influence the outcome of any races.

Over the next 10 years, gambling consumed his life. He said: “You’d forego almost everything to gamble. Eating, showering and work all came second.” Mr Fung couldn’t keep a romantic relationship going for more than a year. He started to see relationships within the same frame as gambling — the chase and the thrill and then deciding whether to ‘gamble’ any more time on that person.

The nadir came a few years ago. His brother put his mortgage under Mr Fung’s name and all of a sudden he had access to a massive amount of money. Up until that point, the most he’d lost in one spree would be \$15,000 in a wild night out at a casino.

Starting off with bets of a few hundred dollars, within three weeks his gambling spiralled out of control to bets of tens of thousands of dollars. He had lost almost a million dollars betting online, drawing from his brother’s mortgage. “I could transfer the money really easily. It was scary because I knew I was in the hamster wheel and I just kept hoping I could get back what I lost.

“For a few days I hid the loss but then my brother came back from overseas and I had to confess to my family what I had done. They were shattered. They knew I had this issue for so long but I had completely broken their trust with my dishonesty and deceit.”

His brother lost his house which had to be sold to pay back the debt. His relationship with his family, especially his brother, is still strained but Mr Fung said he is working to repair it. Six months after the million dollar incident, Mr Fung was at a close mate’s house talking about his problems when his friend’s father walked into the room.

“It was by chance that I found help. His father asked me to go along with him to a meeting he ran. I was still in a lot of denial but I thought, realistically, what did I have to lose? Nothing in my life was going right at the time.” Mr Fung said the Gamblers Anonymous meeting had an immediate effect on him and he continued with them and sought out other help from counsellors and support groups.

“At first I was frightened, anxious and scared but after talking to people I felt inspired. Because problem gambling is not something the community talks about openly, you feel alienated and isolated, like you’re the only one with this huge problem. It’s such a huge stigma. You can’t tell a gambler, they could be a CEO or a plumber. You can’t physically see the signs on a person.”

Mr Fung shared his story last night on [SBS’ Insight program](#), which looked at problem gambling and young people. Mr Fung now volunteers with a telephone support service where he talks to other gamblers in the Chinese community. “I tell them my experiences and it’s been a real help as part of my own recovery. For someone who’s lost a bit of direction, it’s a lot easier to talk to someone who understands and has been through it than a doctor or a family member.”

Asked if there are enough resources for problem gamblers, Mr Fung said the resources are there if you want them but you have to seek them. As for the proliferation of online gambling platforms, Mr Fung said: “It’s quite infuriating. I find it hard to see and listen to these things. A few years ago, there were not many of them but now it’s total saturation. To me, the word horrendous comes to mind.”

The issue of betting advertising in sports was the subject of two parliamentary inquiries last year after significant community backlash over live odds and the integration of betting personality Tom Waterhouse into Channel 9’s NRL broadcast. Mr Fung believes there should be more government legislation to protect the community from excessive advertising from betting companies.

A month after embarking on the recovery path, Mr Fung had a relapse. But since then he’s gone cold turkey. But it’s not that easy. “Of course it pops into your mind every now and then. Like with any addiction, once an addict, always an addict. It’s how you deal with the day-to-day. Addictions are caused by emotions and if you can’t deal with or cope with those emotions, then the chances of falling back into it are high.” Today, he’s been ‘clean’ for 643 days.

A [Productivity Commission report in 2009](#) estimated that there are between 90,000 and 170,000 Australian adults suffering from significant gambling problems and a further 230,000 to 350,000 people at moderate risk for problem gambling.

NZ Problem Gambling Service —AXED for ADVOCACY

As we go to press, reports are just in that the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand has had its funding axed from July, ostensibly due to its campaign against Sky City Casino. The service has been operating for the past 20 years through 12 offices across the nation. Whilst the NZ government claims the competitive tendering process outcome (which gave preference to the Salvation Army) was the result of a more cost effective tender, Greens and Labour MPs refute this. They claim it is payback for the PGFNZ’s leading role in campaigning against the recent government deal which has brought them undone. This arrangement saw extra 480 extra poker machines added to the Casino in return for a leisure centre for Auckland. GIS Executive Officer, Kate Roberts states, “It is sad day when community services are brutalised for speaking up against the gambling industry. It sets a dangerous precedent and I am sure there will be community backlash in support of this highly respected organisation”.

“From the GIS perspective, PGFNZ has been a leading light in the field of problem gambling in our region. They have fully embraced the concept of a Public Health

approach to this issue and encompass all aspects of the World Health Organisations recommendations (the Ottawa Charter). for effective health promotion They recruit staff with high calibre skills to deliver services not only in treatment but across the breadth of community education, community development and early intervention. Their services are inclusive of a variety of practices and they maintain a high standard of professionalism. I have also been impressed by their inclusiveness of not only the multi-cultural community of New Zealand but their dedication to working in equal partnership with those directly affected by problem gambling. They were founded, of course, by those who had struggled with gambling problems themselves and that consumer focus has underpinned much of their work. As a Consumer led service ourselves this is extremely disconcerting that a government should turn their back on those working so hard on our behalf, particularly for those who are less able to raise their own voice. This is a highly volatile move, denying consumers choice of services and denying consumers access to the breadth of skills and interventions required to seriously tackle this hidden public health issue. We can only hope the NZ government will come to its senses and immediately reverse this catastrophic decision”.

International Gambling Conference - A Resounding Success



The 5th International Gambling Conference, Gambling in a mobile era: Developments, Regulation and Responses, was held in Auckland, New Zealand from 19-21 February, 2014. It was a successful event with over 240 delegates attending from 14 different countries.

I attended the conference on behalf of the GIS. This conference I have always found to be a rewarding professional experience. New Zealand has a well defined Public Health approach to gambling and this is reflected in many of the themes for the conference presentations. There was a good mix of clinical, health promotion and research presentations and as always a wonderful mix of cultures.

I gave a presentation on the GIS Consumer Voices program which included a short video of presenters from our team. It was very well received and many people came to talk with me later about the project. Their comments reflected how it had encouraged them to consider how they too could include more consumer voices into their work.

For an overview of the program and presenter details visit

<http://www.internationalgamblingconference.com/Uploads/IGC%202014%20programme.pdf>

The conference presentations will be published soon and I am looking forward to revisiting the sessions I attended and catching up on the ones I missed.

The PGFNZ is one of three partners who plan and deliver this conference every two years. As their survival is currently under threat, one hopes their valuable contributions to this international forum will not be dismissed.

Kate Roberts

GIS Executive Officer

UPCOMING GIS EVENTS

Gambling Impacts Today – Public Seminar, May 21st, Wollongong Register by 14/5/2014 contact : info@gisnsw.org.au or www.gisnsw.org.au

A 5-Step Model for working with Families affected by Problem Gambling – Two day Skills based workshop for helping professionals. July 15th & 16th—Wollongong Contact : info@gisnsw.org.au or www.gisnsw.org.au

Understanding Problem Gambling: Including Consumer Perspectives 9.00—12.00 ACTCOSS, Canberra - July 3rd. A half day workshop for helping professionals. Contact: info@gisnsw.org.au or www.gisnsw.org.au

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www.gamblinghelponline.org.au

Useful Resources

Don't Leave It to Chance : A guide for families of problem gamblers—

Edward Federman, Charles Drebing & Christopher Krebs (self-help book)

Adolescent gambling— Mark Griffiths

Teenage Gambling— Carol Silverman Saunders

Losing Your Shirt - Mary Heineman (self-help book)

Behind The 8-Ball—A Guide For families Of Gamblers - Linda Berman & Mary – Ellen Siegel (self-help book)

Overcoming Compulsive Gambling: A Self–Help Guide -

Prof. Alex Blaszczynski , University Sydney

Stop Gambling—A- Self-Help Manual For Giving Up Gambling - Simon Milton

Wanna Bet—Winners And Losers In Gambling's Luck myth - Tim Costello & Royce Miller

Stop Gambling Start Living - Laraine Rasmussen.

House of Cards: Hope for gamblers and their families - Tom Raabe.

The Addictive Personality—Craig Nakken

Creating Self Esteem—Lynda Field

Practical Financial Strategies Booklet : A Self Help Guide for Problem Gamblers

by Gerri Coleman (Contact Central Coast Problem Gambling Service, 02 4344 7992).

Free Yourself—Self-help Guide <http://www.freeyourself.com.au/>

My Passionate Affair with Poker Machines (DVD) <http://www.freeyourself.com.au/>

Free Yourself (DVD) <http://www.freeyourself.com.au/>

You Figure It Out— Resource Kit (including video, Cd and training notes for Community Education with High School Students— Know The Odds, Tel: 0417107440)

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www.gamblinghelponline.org.au

www.gisnsw.org.au

www.gansw.org.au

www.gansw.org.au/GamAnon

www.smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au

www.chrysalisinsight.org.au

www.freeyourself.com.au

www.nrgs.org.au

www.stvincents.com.au

<http://youthgambling.mcgill.ca/Gambling2/index.php>

www.gamblersanonymous.org.au

www.miph.org/gambling

www.responsiblegambling.org

www.femalegamblers.info/

www.pgfnz.org.nz/

www.gamblingwatchuk.org/

www.gamblinghelponline.org.au

www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au

General Interest Websites

www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au

www.nags.org.au

www.unsw.edu.au

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www.societystudygambling.co.uk

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The Gambling Impact Society (NSW) Inc. looks forward to providing you with regular information and education on gambling and related subjects. The Society aims to increase public awareness through the newsletter, and provide a forum for support and information for those directly affected by problem gambling, community service providers and the gambling industry. We welcome your contributions to this newsletter and in joining we hope to provide you with an outlet for discussion, support & information. Your membership will contribute to the ongoing work in this field and help us achieve our goals.

Your membership fee will go to resource the publication of this newsletter and the further development of the society, which is a non-profit organisation developed and run by volunteers. Membership to 30 June each year is:

Please circle:

- Organisations \$60
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