



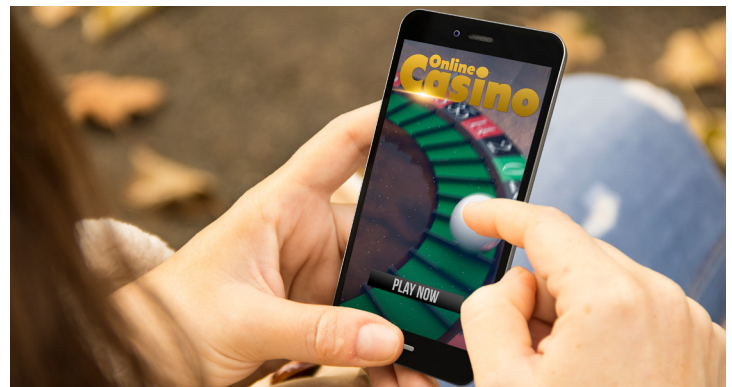
## Online gambling – make your voice heard

The government is consulting on potential solutions to the growth of online gambling in New Zealand. They have estimated that \$381 million was spent on offshore online gambling websites in the last 18 months and this activity is growing by 12% to 20% a year. Unlike domestic gambling operators, offshore online gambling operators do little to mitigate the potential harm their industry causes, do not pay any levies or taxes to the government, and nor do they contribute to the community through funding grants.

The risk of developing a gambling problem is likely to be much greater in the uncontrolled online environment than in the controlled environment of a gaming room like NZCT's. Whatever form gambling takes, it should always have robust controls and a strong harm minimisation regime around it. Young New Zealanders are especially at risk from online gambling as they spend more of their lives online and have less impulse control than adults.

Gambling in New Zealand should continue to be undertaken predominantly under a community funding model that requires harm minimisation measures equal to the obligations of class 4 gambling. If online gambling licences are granted in the future, the ideal is that they are granted only to New Zealand-based, non-profit entities who are trusted providers with a history of operating responsibly within New Zealand.

If online gambling licences are granted to commercial providers, their offering may be more attractive to gamblers and could



outcompete class 4 gaming societies' offering, which will mean decreasing funds available to the community.

If online gaming machine games are sanctioned and licensed to operate, the games would need to operate on a level playing field with the existing class 4 machines located in pubs, clubs and other venues to prevent the migration of gamblers from the physical to the online environment.

In summary, the themes of our current thinking that are outlined in our submission include:

- The existing class 4 model and control environment – we must support our venue operators' business
- Product competitiveness within the class 4 gambling sector
- A not-for-profit operating structure
- Benefits to communities
- Harm minimisation

To download the consultation document and make a submission on the government's online gambling proposals, go to: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/onlinegamblingconsultation>  
The closing date for submissions is Monday 30 September 2019.

## Extended opening hours for the Rugby World Cup – what you need to know

Parliament has passed the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Rugby World Cup 2019 Extended Trading Hours) Amendment Bill 2019. This amendment will allow licensed venues to show live Rugby World Cup 2019 Games that would otherwise be outside of their normal trading hours, subject to notification and issues around noise management.

The primary or sole purpose of the premises being open during the extended hours must be to allow customers to watch a live, televised game. This means that, if you choose to open and screen the games during extended hours, you will NOT be able to operate your gaming machines during those extended hours.

If you are planning to or still deciding on whether you will screen live RWC games at your venue, Hospitality NZ has produced a RWC 2019 Kit with templates so you know what you



need to do for any that fall outside of your normal trading hours. The kit is now available to members on their website at <https://hospitality.org.nz/resources/all/rugby-world-cup-2019-kit-and-templates>



## NZCT helps improve safety at Hutt Central School

Principal Michael Gendall and the fundraising team at Hutt Central School were ecstatic when they heard the news that NZCT had approved a grant of \$20,000 for their playground project.

The school has identified the need for a safer fall surface underneath its junior and senior playgrounds, as well as a sunshade to protect students from UV exposure.

“We were concerned about the landing area and shade over our playgrounds,” says Michael. “This grant will go a long way to supporting our fundraising so that we can keep our students as safe as possible when playing on our equipment.”

Health and safety is vital at Hutt Central. The school aims to nurture a safe environment where pupils can explore their abilities and talents. The new surfacing will go a long way to achieving this for its students and children from the community who use the playground outside of school hours.

“Without carrying out this work we would continue to have injuries on and around the playgrounds,” says Michael. “The playgrounds would also have limited use in the winter months and during wet weather. In summer we would have to limit the time the playgrounds are used due to increased time of UV exposure.”

Using CoolPlay turf for the project will mean students can use the playground in all weather. It will be laid on the ground under the playground and has layers of foam and rubber shock absorbers that enable the turf to drain water from the playground through the material. The shock absorbers will provide cushioning on landing that will not move or compact.

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“The key benefits of this project are that we will have safer falling surfaces for our students that can be used in all weather. Thank you NZCT,” says Michael.

Work will begin on the senior playground initially and then the junior playground as funds become available.

## Hospitality New Zealand Conference 2019

The 2019 Hospitality New Zealand conference and awards will be held in Napier on 15-17 October. The theme is Expanding Horizons. You can attend the conference even if you're not a member of HNZ.

Visit the conference website at

<https://conference.hospitality.org.nz/> to find out more.

### Useful links

- Hospitality New Zealand: <https://hospitality.org.nz/>
- HospitalityNet: <https://www.hospitalitynet.org>
- Top 100 Hospitality Events: <https://10times.com/top100/hospitality>
- Food and hospitality training: <https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/study-options/programmes/food-and-hospitality/>
- Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand: <https://www.gmanz.org.nz/>
- Department of Internal Affairs – gambling: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Gambling>
- Health Promotion Agency – minimising gambling harm: <https://www.hpa.org.nz/programme/minimising-gambling-harm>
- Ministry of Health – gambling: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/gambling>

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