

The Australasian Casino Association – Who We Are

The Australasian Casino Association was formed in 1992 to represent the interests of the Australian casino industry. Originally known as the Australian Casino Association, its membership today consists of the thirteen casinos that operate in Australia, and five New Zealand casinos - the SKYCITY Entertainment Group (Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown), Christchurch Casino and Lasseters Wharf Casino Queenstown.

The Association represents the casino industry at a government and a community level. The Association addresses those legislative and regulatory issues which impact on the casino industry, including taxation, regulatory and tourism related issues. It provides a unified industry approach to issues concerning the casino industry, and promotes the industry as a leader in regulatory standards, compliance and host responsibility.

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association. The Executive Committee of the Association, consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Director is responsible for the governance of the Association while a Council of members meets on a quarterly basis to ensure input from all members.

The Association has established a number of working groups and taskforces that are composed of industry professionals to provide advice and input on all areas of industry operation. These include compliance and legal, human resources, and host responsibility.

The Association provides casino industry representation on a number of bodies - both at a wider industry level and at a government level, both nationally and internationally.

It has offices in Sydney and Canberra, Australia as well as representation in Auckland, New Zealand.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS



A Short History of Gaming in Australia

1970's

1973

- **Wrest Point Hotel Casino Opens**
- Minor gaming introduced in South Australia

1973-1974

- Lotto introduced in South Australia
- Minor gaming introduced in Tasmania

1974-1975

- Pools introduced in Victoria
- TAB introduced in Tasmania

1978-1979

- Instant lotteries introduced in South Australia
 - Lotto introduced in Western Australia, Northern Territory
- On-course/ off-course bookmakers, lotteries, pools and minor gaming introduced in Northern Territory

1977-1978

- Minor gaming introduced in Victoria

1976-1977

- Lotteries, loot and gaming machines introduced into the Australian Capital Territory

1975-1976

- Pools introduced in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania

1979

- **Darwin Casino, Darwin Northern Territory opens**

1980's

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- Lotto introduced in New South Wales
- Pools introduced in the Australian Capital Territory
- On-course totalisator and instant lotteries introduced in the Northern Territory

1980-1981

- **Lasseters Hotel Casino, Alice Springs Northern Territory opens 1981**
- Pools introduced in South Australia
- Lotteries reintroduced in Tasmania

1985

- **Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast Queensland opens 1985 – Qld's first casino**
- **Adelaide Casino, Adelaide South Australia opens in 1985**
- **Burswood Casino, Perth Western Australia, opens in 1985**

1984-1985

- Instant lotteries introduced in Queensland
- Pools introduced in Western Australia

1982-1983

- Instant lotteries introduced in New South Wales and Western Australia

1981-1982

- **Country Club Resort, Launceston Tasmania opens 1982**
- Lotto introduced in Queensland
- Instant lotteries introduced in Victoria, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory

1988-1989

- Minor gaming introduced in Western Australia

1990's

- Gaming machines introduced in Victoria, Northern Territory
- Minor gaming introduced in Queensland

1991-1992

- Gaming machines introduced in Queensland
- Keno introduced in New South Wales, South Australia

1995-1996

- **Reef Hotel Casino, Cairns Queensland opens in 1996**

1994-1995

- **Temporary Sydney Harbour Casino opens in 1995**
- **Conrad Treasury, Brisbane Queensland opens in 1995**
- Sports betting introduced in Queensland and Australian Capital Territory

1993-1994

- Keno introduced in Victoria

1992-1993

- **Casino Canberra, Canberra Australian Capital Territory opens in 1992**

1996-1997

- **Crown Casino, Melbourne Victoria opens in 1997**
- Gaming Machines introduced in Tasmania

1997-1998

- **Star City Casino, Sydney New South Wales opens in 1997**
- Keno introduced in Queensland

1998-1999

- Interactive gambling introduced in Northern Territory

