

# Insights

Newsletter of

Chrysalis  
Insight

&

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

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**A very big thank you** to all the hard working volunteers and not-so-hard-working coffee drinkers who came along to support The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Coffee Hub At the Warrandyte Festival on the 8/ 9<sup>th</sup> April. We all had great fun and this was a great opportunity to share the message about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with the general public as well as being a successful fundraiser to assist in the administration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place!

**A very special thank you to MONTE Coffee** for providing all the coffee, tea, sugar, cups etc.. and to the **Warrandyte Community Church** for allowing us the use of their patch of land along with trestle tables, power, water etc..

We couldn't have done it without you!

## **In the Media**

As the elections loom closer the push for more transparency and flexibility in the licensing of poker machines increases. Our chairperson, Gabriela Byrne, is being pro-active by standing as a candidate for the Upper House in the Evelyn electorate. Gabriela will stand as a member of the state's newest political party, People Power, which is a bringing together of a number of independent candidates who are aiming to empower people who have become invisible in our political system including: families, disabled, mentally ill and aged. For further information on party policies please visit <http://www.peoplepower.org.au>

You can support Gabriela or find out more about her political campaign by attending the campaign launch:

**Guest speaker: Tim Costello**  
**CEO of World Vision & Patron of Chrysalis Insight Inc.**  
**Dinner at The Chapel Restaurant**  
**42-44 Castella St, Lilydale on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.**  
**Tickets \$50 - please call 9844 0652**



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## Did You Know?

### In 2003/2004

- Of the **\$4.251 billion** spent on gambling in Victoria over **53%** (in excess of \$2.2 billion) was spent on gaming machines
- The Victorian government revenue from gaming was **\$1.32 billion**
- Per capita expenditure on gaming in Victoria was **\$600**
- **24%** of the **\$9.54 billion** spent on gaming machines in Australia was spent in **Victoria**
- Victorians spent on average **3.15%** of household disposal income on gambling
- In NSW you have more chance of being **murdered** than of winning a \$5 lottery
- In the rest of Australia you have more chance of being **killed by lightning** than winning the lotto
- Sitting on one poker machine all night will **not** improve your chances of winning

\*Statistics from Aust. National University – Centre for Gambling Research - <http://gambling.anu.edu.au>

## Special Thanks

to our caring supporters  
whose donations both in cash and kind enable us to keep  
bridging the gap between people and places



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Uniting Church  
Warrandyte Community Church

### Funding & Fundraising

Our application for entry on to the Harm Prevention Charities Register is currently being processed. If this is approved we will then be able to offer tax deductibility for all donations of \$2 or more.

Please support our fundraising activities by joining us for a sausage sizzle to be held at Bunnings Vermont on 30/07/06

We require volunteers to assist on the day.

We require donations or discounts on goods eg.

Sausages, bread, onions

Please contact a committee member to register your interest or assistance

### Websites of Interest

Gamb-ling – *Information & support in 12 different languages including Hindi, Chinese, Italian & Arabic*  
<http://www.gamb-ling.com/>

Debtors Anonymous – *a financial self help group*  
<http://www.solvency.org/>

Problem Gambling Info (New Zealand) – *focus on New Zealand and international gambling research*  
<http://www.problem-gambling.info>

OnTheBrink – *for a little light hearted entertainment*  
<http://www.onthebrink.com/index.html>

Chrysalis Insight Incorporated

Governors:

Gabriela Byrne, Chairperson

Jan Rice, Vice-Chairperson

Patrons

Tim Costello

Tim Falkiner, Secretary

John Dalziel

Kerryn Harrington, Treasurer/Public Officer

[info@3rdplace.com.au](mailto:info@3rdplace.com.au)

## Volunteer Position Available

Chrysalis Insight Inc. is seeking a team player and enthusiastic volunteer to fill the position of Secretary in our organization. We are looking for somebody who has an interest in helping those affected by problem gambling, can dedicate at least 3 hours once a month to attend committee meetings and preferably dedicate a few hours each week to carry out some clerical work, make phone calls and surf the internet to gather information.

The tasks include:

- attending monthly committee meetings (usually held in Vermont on a Thurs evening but can be altered)
- taking notes at committee meetings
- type and distribute minutes of meetings
- type miscellaneous letters & correspondence
- assist with collating data for quarterly newsletter
- distribute newsletters and correspondence to members by email and post

You will need to have:

- approx 10 hours a month to dedicate
- access to a computer, printer, internet and email
- experience with MS Word, email and internet searching
- a sense of community and humour would be great too!

If you share our vision and would like to become involved in this practical way we would love to hear from you. If you are not sure you can do everything or dedicate enough time, we'd still love to hear from you. Send an email to <mailto:info@3rdplace.com.au> or phone Gabi on 0414 844387.

## Sometimes it feels like we're just hanging in there!



## Do You Know of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place?

3<sup>rd</sup> Places are **accessible**; people are engaged in **activities** there; the space is **comfortable** and has a good image; and it is a **sociable** place: one where people meet each other and talk to people when they come to visit. If you visit a place like this and you would like to share it's magic with the rest of us please email, phone or write to us. Over the coming months we will be inviting businesses that fit our criteria to become an official 3<sup>rd</sup> place and get the ball rolling. If you don't know of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and you wish to find one please visit our new website at [www.3rdplace.com.au](http://www.3rdplace.com.au) or phone us on 9844 0652

**Submission to the Review of the Electronic Gaming Machine, Club Keno and Wagering Licenses and Funding Arrangements for the Racing Industry Post – 2012**

Chrysalis Insight Inc has prepared a submission to the Review of the Electronic Gaming Machine, Club Keno and Wagering Licenses and Funding Arrangements for the Racing Industry Post – 2012 in which we urge the government to develop strategies that protect the gambling consumer against a proven hazardous product, focusing on the precautionary principle rather than only addressing treatment once people are hurt.

We realize that removing all poker machine gaming would be a futile attempt and therefore, we focus on a practicable approach to changing the current system of licensing in an effort to reduce the number of people affected by gambling addictions. We recommend:

- ? Separation of the major gambling revenue generators (ticket based betting, racing & sports betting, machine and location based destination gambling, local clubs gambling) to ensure probity and regional service equity.
- ? Increase the access to quality non-gambling community services for recreational activities and hospitality.
- ? Ensure that gambling revenues benefit the communities where they are generated.
- ? The set-up and control of regional destination gambling centers with an independent chair and board of governance working in partnership with local government, organisations, communities and individuals to promote recreational alternatives to poker machine gambling.
- ? The total removal of EGM’s from local Pubs, limiting accessibility
- ? Introduce technologies such as smartcards etc., to enable players to exercise more choice
- ? Remove ATM’s from ALL venues and allow deposits and payouts only through a credit control system (smartcard, etc).

There are a number of other recommendations. The full submission can be viewed at <http://www.3rdplace.com.au/submission.pdf>

**Feeling Lonely or Bored? Why not take a wander around a market or swap meet?**

“Third Places’, or ‘great good places’ are the many public places where people can gather, put aside the concerns of home and work (their first and second places), and hang out simply for the pleasures of good company and lively conversation. They are the heart of the community’s social vitality and the grassroots of the democracy.” (Ray Oldenburg, The Great Good Place, 1999)

3<sup>rd</sup> places can be cafés, hotels, neighbourhood houses, in fact any venue where people congregate. Many of these places already exist but often we don’t realize they are there or don’t know how to become involved.

There are many types of markets with different items for sale, different atmospheres, and different people. We are all individuals and the variety and unique character of Melbourne’s markets cater for everyone. We might think of markets as only bric-a-brac stalls or fruit and vegetables but there really is more out there. You just need to take a deep breath and get out there to see it for yourself.

**Food & Produce Markets**

**Arts, Crafts, Computers & Entertainment**

Prahran Market:	Great delicatessens	St Kilda Esplanade – 10am-5pm Sundays
Preston Market:	A Mediterranean influence	Federation Square Book Market - Saturdays
Dandenong Market:	Great atmosphere	Big Red Book Fair – Trades Hall 17/18 <sup>th</sup> Jun
Queen Victoria:	Fantastic produce	Gembrook Market – Promotes sustainable living 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – Main St, Gembrook
St Andrews Market:	Organic produce	Technology Markets – All things computers 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – Box Hill Town Hall
Yarra Valley Farmers Market:	Local produce	Pakenham Swap Meet – Classic vehicles 18/6/06 – Pakenham Race Course

For more information on markets, festivals or swap meets near you contact your local council or visit <http://www.whitehat.com.au>

## A Letter From the Chairperson – Gabriela Byrne

Dear friends and supporters of Chrysalis Insight Inc,

It is almost 2006 and I can't believe that the year has almost made it halfway. After many visitors from Germany have safely returned home after visiting our family and our beautiful country to celebrate one of my minor milestone birthdays I have tried to focus on the Chrysalis Inc goals for the year 2006. Our committee has been busy trying to capture some momentum in regards to increase in membership numbers and also working very hard to define exactly what makes a "3<sup>rd</sup> place" a 3<sup>rd</sup> place" and where are the ones that are already exist. We have received a donation from Australian Ethical Investments & Superannuation which has enabled the development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place website to commence and the site should be completed within the next couple of weeks. We are attaching my speaking engagements for the rest of the year (which will no doubt increase over the next couple of month) and we invite you to come along if you haven't heard my story before. Just give me a call so that I can make a booking for you.

I have joined a new party [www.peoplepower.org.au](http://www.peoplepower.org.au) and will stand as their #1 candidate in the Eastern Victorian Region. The main focus of the party is to empower ordinary people to stand up and be heard regarding issues like, mental health & carers, disability, aged care, planning and Poker Machines. As their Gaming Spokesperson we are campaigning for:

1. Reduction of Poker machine numbers in Victoria
2. Dramatic increase in consumer protection measures
3. Support and funding for recreational alternatives (3<sup>rd</sup> places)

The region that I am representing is very big and includes the following districts: Bass, Evelyn, Gembrook, Gippsland East, Gippsland South, Hastings, Monbulk, Mornington, Morwell, Narracan and Nepean. I am working on a campaign plan and if any of you are interested in being involved and has some time to join my team and support me that would be greatly appreciated.

I am hosting a fundraising dinner for my political campaign on Saturday the 8 July at **The Chapel Restaurant**. It will be like the good old times, Wayne (our famous chef) in the Kitchen; Jan Rice, Jennifer Byrne, David Clingin and other volunteer staff on the floor, live entertainment and Kerry, Terri, Annemiec etc. on dishes. It will be so good to be back where it all began, meet new people, have fun and enjoy the evening with good food, drinks and our beautiful open fire. Cost will be \$50 for 3-course meal, tea, coffee & entertainment. If you are interested please book soon because places are limited. Full payment is required by the 1 July 2006.

That's all from me for today. I hope that all of you are well and looking forward to catching up with you soon.

Gabriela (Gabi) Byrne  
Chair of Chrysalis Insight Inc

### Addiction Counselling & Assistance Services

Free Yourself Program <i>-Problem Gambling Self-Help Assistance</i>	<a href="http://www.freeyourself.com.au">www.freeyourself.com.au</a>	Ph: 0414 844 387
Gamblers Help Victoria <i>-Problem Gambling Counselling</i>	<a href="http://www.problemgambling.vic.gov.au/">www.problemgambling.vic.gov.au/</a>	Ph: 1800 156 789
Eastern Access Community Health <i>- Community Health Services &amp; Counselling</i>	<a href="http://www.each.com.au">www.each.com.au</a>	Ph: 03 9871 1800
Gamblers Anonymous <i>-Group Meetings</i>	<a href="http://www.gamblersanonymous.org.au">www.gamblersanonymous.org.au</a>	Ph: 03 9696 6108
G-Line (NSW) <i>-Telephone Counselling</i>	<a href="http://www.reachout.com.au">www.reachout.com.au</a>	Ph: 1800 633 635
Wesley Creditline <i>- Financial Counselling</i>	<a href="http://www.wesleycreditline.org">www.wesleycreditline.org</a>	Ph: 1800 808 488

## Tips for making a great 3<sup>rd</sup> Place?

Activities are the basic building blocks of a place. Having something to do gives people a reason to come to a place - and return. When there is nothing to do, a space will be empty and that generally means that something is wrong. A space that is used by both singles and people in groups is better than one that is just used by people alone because it means that there are places for people to sit with friends, there is more socializing, and it is more fun. Try and have at least one 'community table' with some games or reading materials nearby in your 'space'.

### Why should I become a member of Chrysalis Insight/The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place?

Membership is open to all members of the public and there are a number of reasons why you might want to join such as:

- ☞ Show us that you support our work
- ☞ Receive news and progress reports on our work
- ☞ Receive invitations to special 3<sup>rd</sup> Place events
- ☞ Receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place calendar of venues and events
- ☞ Receive special offers and discounts at 3<sup>rd</sup> Place venues
- ☞ Encourage businesses to get involved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place concept by demonstrating your interest in the project.
- ☞ Join our team of volunteers

Or

You may just like to make a financial contribution with your \$20 annual membership fee

### Website Sponsorship Packages

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place website is under construction.

The site will provide:

- Online discussion forums
- Problem gambling resources
- Member stories and experiences
- Contact details for support organizations
- Links to counselling organizations
- Links to Internet based 3<sup>rd</sup> Places
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Venues & Event Calendar
- Online surveys to gather data for social research

Sponsorship packages can include company logo, up to 300 words advertising, and links to your website/s and are fully tax deductible

If you are interested in sponsoring

[www.3rdplace.com.au](http://www.3rdplace.com.au)

please phone Kerryn on 0427 522 540  
or email [kerryn@3rdplace.com.au](mailto:kerryn@3rdplace.com.au)

Chrysalis Insight Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to rebuilding and connecting community to lessen the destructive effects of problem gambling.

Our aim is to build a network of people-friendly 3rd places by providing existing venues with the staff training, resources, event events and support to market them to the community as welcoming, safe and engaging environments.

3<sup>rd</sup> Places will: encourage social interaction,  
support communication between people  
be inclusive, tolerant and safe

### **We cannot build our vision alone and need your help.**

You can support the work of Chrysalis Insight Inc. by:

- Becoming a member of Chrysalis Insight Inc (\$20 membership fee applies)
- Volunteering your time and skills
- Donating goods or services
- Making a donation by cash or cheque
- Nominating your business venue to become a 3<sup>rd</sup> place venue

For further information please contact:

Gabriela Byrne  
9844 0652

or

Kerryn Harrington  
0427 522 540

or email [info@3rdplace.com.au](mailto:info@3rdplace.com.au)

## Membership Application

Chrysalis Insight welcomes new members. A membership fee of \$20 per individual applies.

When you join Chrysalis Insight you are assured that your membership fee will go towards improving the quality of recreational alternatives to poker machine gambling.

All members receive regular newsletters and will be invited to our Annual General Meeting where you may bring your ideas to the table and vote for the election of committee members.

We appreciate the support of our members in:

- Attending venues which are members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place network
- Raising awareness of existing recreational alternatives to poker machine gaming
- Encouraging others to participate in this initiative

I, .....  
(Full name of applicant)

of .....  
(Address)

.....  
(Telephone) (Email)

apply for Membership of **Chrysalis Insight Incorporated.**

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association for the time being in force (nb: these are the standard rules of incorporation).

.....  
(Date)

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(Signature of applicant)

Membership is open to all members of the public, subject to committee approval. Please enclose your membership fee of \$20 (per individual) cheque or money order payable to Chrysalis Insight Incorporated. A receipt will be issued upon clearance.

All members will be sent regular newsletters, general correspondence and special offers from 3<sup>rd</sup> place network members unless you tick the boxes below.

Please circle your preferred delivery method                      Email                      Post

- I do not wish to receive Chrysalis Insight newsletters
- I do not wish to receive correspondence and special offers from 3<sup>rd</sup> place network members