

WHEN DOES THE FUN STOP FOR YOU?



WA focuses on recognising responsible gambling

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A week dedicated to promoting responsible gambling practices across the nation will take place next week from 17 to 23 October with Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.

In Western Australia the key theme will be 'Gamble Aware – When does the fun stop for you?' and emphasises that when it comes to gambling, balance and control is the key to making sure it remains an enjoyable pastime, not a problem.

Director of Centrecare Tony Pietropiccolo said Responsible Gambling Awareness Week is dedicated to promoting responsible gambling practices and informing the community of the support services available.

"For a large number of people, gambling is a 'once in while' experience but for some it adversely affects many areas of their life including their family and friends. With the increasing promotion and online accessibility of betting and gambling this initiative brings together a diverse group of organisations to promote a consistent message across the community," he said.

"Any individual experiencing a difficulty is encouraged to seek help to address their gambling and minimise the harm it can cause."

Support includes Centrecare's Gambling Help WA counselling service in WA, Gambling Help Online and the Gamble Aware website.

"Getting behind this initiative is just one of many ways that government and industry can work together to address important issues such as problem gambling."

Responsible Gambling Awareness Week is a collaborative partnership between the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor, Crown Perth, Lotterywest, Racing and Wagering Western Australia, Centrecare and Medibank.

Throughout the week the key theme 'Gamble Aware – When does the fun stop for you?' will promote responsible gambling practices at Crown Casino, in Lotterywest retail stores and TAB outlets.

More information on the week can be found at gambleaware.com.au

The website provides people with the opportunity to complete an anonymous questionnaire to identify if gambling has become a problem for them, or a member of their family, and where they can seek help.

Support services are also available by calling the Problem Gambling Helpline on 1800 858 858 or visiting gamblinghelponline.org.au

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