

WHEN DOES THE FUN STOP FOR YOU?



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WA supports responsible gambling

A week dedicated to promoting responsible gambling practices in Western Australia will take place from 23 to 29 May with Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.

The key theme of the week is '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 aims to raise awareness of the importance of responsible gambling practices at both a personal and community level, and encourages individuals experiencing difficulties to seek help to minimise gambling related harm.

“For a large number of people gambling, it’s an enjoyable experience but for some it adversely affects many areas of their life, including their family and friends,” he said.

“Responsible Gambling Awareness Week will help to provide the local community with information about support services they can access such as Centrecare’s gambling help counselling services in Western Australia, the Gambling Awareness Helpline and the Gamble Aware website.

“Supporting 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 Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia, TAB, Burswood, Lotterywest and Centrecare.

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

More information on the week can be found at www.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 Gambling Awareness Helpline on 1800 858 858.

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