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### **RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK LAUNCHED**

Minister for Racing Paul Toole has officially launched Responsible Gambling Awareness Week, calling on communities across NSW to get involved in local events that promote sensible gambling choices.

Mr Toole visited Penrith RSL Club where he spoke with local young people about the need to set limits.

“Young people are a strong focus of this year’s Responsible Gambling Awareness Week,” Mr Toole said.

“With the growth of online betting, young people now have more options to gamble. We need to ensure they’re aware of the potential risks and always set limits.”

Mr Toole said communities across NSW are running local events to mark Responsible Gambling Awareness Week, which runs from 23 to 29 October.

This includes a community forum at Campbelltown, a golf day in Albury and an afternoon tea with gambling counsellors in Wagga Wagga.

“All these events are encouraging the 65 per cent of adults who gamble to think about whether they need to make changes,” Mr Toole said.

In 2017/18, the NSW Responsible Gambling Fund will allocate more than \$18 million towards research, community awareness campaigns and support, such as counselling for people affected by problem gambling.

To find out the event nearest to you for Responsible Gambling Awareness Week, visit the Gambling Help NSW website: [gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/rgaw2017](http://gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/rgaw2017)

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