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VENUES OPEN LATER FOR NRL GRAND FINAL

Hotels and clubs across NSW will be able to stay open for longer for the NRL Grand Final this Sunday, 30 September.

Minister for Racing Paul Toole said grand final weekend was one of the biggest sporting events on the calendar.

“It’s Sydney vs Melbourne this weekend for the NRL’s top prize – so we expect thousands of Roosters supporters and footy fans to cheer their team on against the Storm,” Mr Toole said.

“It’s a huge day for our venues and a boost to our state’s economy, so we’re extending standard opening hours this Sunday for licensed premises from 10pm to midnight.

“So for those who can’t make it to the game, they will be able to head down to their local hotel or club to watch all the action on the big screen with friends and family.”

The extended trading hours apply only to drinks sold on premises, not takeaway alcohol sales. Venues already approved to trade beyond extended hours are not affected by these special arrangements.

Hotels and clubs must still comply with any individual trading restrictions or other special conditions that apply to their licences under the Liquor Act or imposed by local councils under planning laws.

This year the NSW Government has extended venue trading hours for special events including Vivid Sydney, Mardi Gras, the FIFA World Cup and NRL State of Origin.

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