

# A7: GUIDE TO CHOOSING EVENT AND FUNCTION VENUES

## ACTION PLAN ITEM

Ensure club events and functions (including end of season trips, etc.), do not use venues whose primary purpose is sports betting or other gambling (e.g. casinos and horse or greyhound racecourses).

## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Creating a sports betting and gambling-free environment for members — particularly juniors — is a great opportunity to support the wellbeing of members.

People's attitudes and behaviours are learned and influenced by what they see and hear. Your club can help influence people's attitudes towards sports betting and gambling, even before they ever try it. That's why making sure your club activities don't expose members to gambling, or inadvertently link sport and gambling together, is important.

Holding club functions at venues that aren't mainly sports betting or other gambling-focused (e.g. casinos and horse or greyhound racecourses) helps send the Here For The Game message that sport and gambling don't have to go together.

## STEPS TO TAKE

1. Put an item on the agenda for a club committee meeting to discuss and endorse not holding functions at venues that are primarily sports betting or other gambling venues.
2. Make sure that anyone organising a club event or function (e.g. chair of club social committee, person organising club-endorsed end of season trip) is aware of this decision.
3. Provide everyone organising a club event or function with ideas of suitable or alternate venues. For example, council function rooms, social rooms of other sports clubs (e.g., bowls or golf club etc), restaurants with function rooms, and service clubs.