



Derby Day Racegoers Reminded to Take Responsibility

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Minister for Police Michael Daley today asked those attending the 2009 Derby Day Race Carnival to drink responsibly and plan how they will get home safely.

Mr Daley said the annual Derby Day Races at the Dubbo Turf Club was a great community event that shouldn't be marred by anti-social behaviour.

"In recent years, a number of incidents have marred what should be a great community event – including sexual assaults, assault of Police, assaults and malicious damage," he said.

"That's why the NSW Police Force has worked with Dubbo City Turf Club to set out a new format for the day, including the removal of corporate tents, two entrances manned by Police and security personnel and additional transport to help patrons leave the ground.

"In addition to this, only mid-strength beer will be served and Police will be patrolling the grounds.

"Between 5000 and 6000 people are expected to attend the Derby Day Race Carnival, and I urge all of those people to take responsibility for their drinking.

"The NSW Police recently launched their Safe Summer Drinking Campaign – "It's About You" – to encourage people to take personal responsibility for their alcohol consumption.

"I hope that those attending this Saturday's Carnival take that message on board.

"Dubbo Police have been targeting underage drinking, intoxication, anti-social behaviour and offensive conduct, and the Derby Day Races will be no exception.

"So if you have too much to drink and break the law, you can expect to be caught by Dubbo Police.

"Remember – how much you drink, what you drink, and how you behave when you drink is your responsibility," Mr Daley said.