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Breaking the bank: WA players could break the record with \$55 million Powerball jackpot tonight.

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Western Australia could be re-writing the Lotto history books following tonight's \$55 million Powerball jackpot – the fourth largest to ever be offered in Australia.

The largest Lotto prize to be won previously in the State was \$50 million in 2015 and Lotterywest spokesperson Pina Compagnone said local players are keen to be the one who breaks that record.

"Last year WA capped off 2017 with 70 Division 1 Lotto winners sharing in over \$130 million in prizes," Ms Compagnone said.

"We're hoping our first winner for 2018 wins big – here's hoping that happens tonight."

Although no player has managed to take out the latest Division 1 Powerball jackpot prize just yet, almost a quarter of a million local players have picked up a prize in Divisions 2 to 8 over the last seven weeks.

The jackpot has climbed to a whopping \$55 million as a result of no player being able to match the game's winning Powerball and winning numbers.

Ms Compagnone said it was expected to be a busy day across WA today as jackpot fever gripped the State.

"Lotterywest predicts that over 650,000 tickets will be purchased by WA players for tonight's jackpot," she said.

"Our busiest hour will be later this afternoon when an incredible 766 tickets will pump from lottery terminals each minute," she added.

"Our advice – get your tickets early!"

Tickets are available until 6pm today from Lotterywest in-store, online or via the app.

Players are encouraged to play responsibly and spend only what they can afford. The cost of a ticket can be shared by joining with family, friends or work colleagues to form a syndicate.

When you play Lotterywest games, the money stays in WA. Over the Powerball jackpot roll, almost \$4 million has been raised to support the WA community – and tonight's draw is set to raise a further \$2 million.



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