



# Media Release

## **Will WA kick start 2019 with a record \$50 million Lotto winner?**

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Western Australia could match the Lotto history books following tonight's \$50 million Powerball jackpot.

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

"WA capped off 2018 with 57 Division One Lotto winners sharing in almost \$112 million in prizes," Ms Compagnone said.

"We're hoping our first winner for 2019 wins big, and we're hoping that happens tonight."

The jackpot has climbed to a whopping \$50 million as a result of no player being able to match the game's winning Powerball and winning numbers. However during this jackpot roll almost 450,000 local players have picked up a prize in Divisions Two to Nine over the last seven weeks.

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

"Lotterywest predicts close to half a million tickets will be purchased by WA players for tonight's jackpot," she said.

"Our busiest hour will be later this afternoon when 450 tickets will pump from lottery terminals each minute.

"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 \$7 million has been raised to support the WA community – and tonight's draw is set to raise a further \$2.5 million.

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