

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TIME AND MONEY



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on the pokie and it will
help you keep track.

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Before you play the pokies, plan how much you will spend and how long you will play.

Also, find out your chances of winning and losing.

The pokies have something to help you do this called the Player Information Display.



Press the **i** button on the machine and the Player Information Display will show you:

- the rules of play for this machine
- your chance of a win or loss
- how to track the money you spend on this machine
- how long you play on this machine

Where is the **i** button?

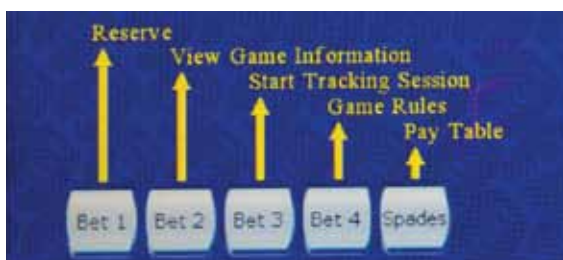


Different machines have different looking buttons and screens.

The **i** button is usually just beside, above or below the screen. Sometimes you press it **on** the screen.

What happens when you press the **i** button?

When you press the **i** button, look at the screen. The words and arrows on the screen will show you which buttons to press on the machine or screen.



The picture above is an example of what you may see, but different screens will look different.

You can look at all the information before you start playing.

Find out the rules and your chances of winning or losing.

The **Game Rules** and **Pay Table** screens will show you how this machine works.

The **Electronic Game Information** screen shows you:

- how much money you can bet each time you push the play button. This is called **minimum and maximum bet**.

Minimum Bet might be 1c

Maximum Bet might be \$5.00

- the chance this game will let you get a credit. This is called **Theoretical Return to Player of this Game**.
- how many times you push the play button before you might get a credit. This is called **Theoretical number of individual games played at minimum bet per win**.

What 'Return to Player' means.


In Victoria the law requires that each venue pay out at least 87% of the total amount wagered at that venue over a 12 month period.

This means that over time you are likely to win less money than you spend.

Keep a diary of your spending on gambling to compare your wins to what you spend over time.

Track the time and money you spend on this machine.

To start tracking:

1. put your money in
2. then press the  button
3. look at the screen. It will show you which button to press to **Start New Tracking Session**.


You can press the  button to go in and out of your game at any time.

Press **Stop Tracking** when you want the machine to stop tracking.

The machine will stop tracking by itself if you stop playing for more than 60 seconds or you run out of credits.

The information is not stored anywhere after you leave.

Check how much you have won and lost.

1. press the  button
2. look at the screen. It will show you which button to press to bring up the **Electronic Player Information for Current Session** screen.

This **Electronic Player Information for Current Session** screen will show you:

- how much money you have put in the machine. This is called **Cash In**
- how much money you have played. This is called **Credits Played**
- how much money you have won. This is called **Credits Won**
- how much money you have won minus how much money you have lost. This is called **Session Win or (Loss)**. A loss is shown in brackets.

For example:

You put \$10 in a machine and over thirty minutes you win \$10 and lose \$10. When you check your session screen it will show **Win or (Loss) \$0**. You still have your original \$10 left, which you can spend or cash out.

Now say you play on and lose another \$5. When you check your session screen again it will show a loss of \$5 like this: **Win or (Loss) (\$5)**. So now you only have \$5 of your original \$10 left which you can spend or cash out.

Check how long you have been playing.

This same **Electronic Player Information for Current Session** screen shows you:

- what time you started this game. This is called **Session Started**
- how much time you have played. This is called **Total Time Played**.

GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY. STAY IN CONTROL.

The Victorian Government and the gaming industry want you to gamble responsibly, with knowledge, balance and control.

Player Information Displays are a way to help you stay informed and stay in control.

To find out more about gambling responsibly visit:

gambleaware.vic.gov.au

To find out how gambling is regulated in Victoria visit:

vcgr.vic.gov.au

To find out more about gambling issues visit:

responsiblegambling.org.au

If playing the pokies stops being fun, it may be time to get help.

Pokies are a way to spend time that costs you money. Pokies are **not** a way for you to make money.

If playing the pokies stops being fun, there is help available.

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1800 858 858

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If you are worried about your gambling or somebody else's gambling you can get FREE, confidential help, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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services
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speech impaired
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If you have access to the internet you can also get help by emailing or chatting to someone online at:
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