



Doug Parkinson, MLC

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Stay Level While You Revel

Tasmanians are encouraged to enjoy the New Year's cheer and to '*Stay Level While You Revel*'.

Labor Member for Wellington Doug Parkinson said that New Year's Eve is a fantastic time to catch up with friends and family to enjoy a drink and the many celebration events Tasmania has to offer.

"But often what should be a great night can be spoiled by fights and other anti-social behaviour," Mr Parkinson said.

"So this year, the Tasmanian Government is encouraging all Tasmanians to get into the New Year celebrations but to take it easy on the alcohol.

"Nobody wants to take their family out for a celebration only to have the night ruined by others around them getting into a fight.

"And nobody really wants to wake up on the first morning of 2006 in a police cell.

Mr Parkinson said the best way to enjoy New Year's Eve is not to drink too much alcohol, and take sensible precautions such as making sure your friends don't drink too much.

"It's really important to keep an eye on our friends to ensure that they don't drink too much and turn from a partying Dr Jekyll into a brawling Mr Hyde.

Mr Parkinson also reminded Tasmanians not to drink and drive.

"If you're going somewhere where you will have a few drinks, make sure you've got a designated driver to get everyone home safe after your party," Mr Parkinson said.

"Besides the fact Tasmania Police will be out in force to breath test drivers and keep the roads as safe as possible on New Year's eve, the last thing anybody wants is to start the new year recovering from a car accident, or worse.

"To really enjoy New Year's Eve, the trick is not to drink too much, and to keep your head level while you revel.

“On behalf of the Premier Paul Lennon and the Tasmanian Government I wish everybody a happy and prosperous 2006.”

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