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Culture and live music to be reignited in regional Australia

The Morrison Government is reactivating live music across Australia with \$2.5 million in grants to be shared by more than 100 venues across the country, in round two of the \$20 million Live Music Australia Program.

The program is designed to bring more live music to communities by funding small-to-medium venues in every state and territory—from pubs in the remote outback, to clubs and theatres in major capital cities.

The Government has also announced its latest support measure for regional arts, with a \$3 million grants program to assist arts and cultural organisations in regional areas recover from the impacts of COVID-19, under the Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.

The program will be administered by the Australian Museums and Galleries Association during 2021-22, and will support community arts and cultural organisations—such as museums, galleries, and historical societies—rebuild after the pandemic, with grants of up to \$3,000.

Speaking today at the Henry Kendall Historical Museum in West Gosford, Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the grant programs would support the immediate needs of the arts sector.

“We are pleased to provide 83 grants under round two of the Live Music Australia Program to support more than 100 venues across the country, which will assist them with re-opening, building and rebuilding their capacity for programming activity,” Minister Fletcher said.

“Grants under the CHART program for community arts and cultural organisations will help successful applicants continue to offer appealing cultural tourism experiences in regional communities.”

Federal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks MP, said the funding would provide a lifeline for live music and cultural venues in regional communities across the country.

“These often small institutions are a central part of regional economies and cultural tourism, and exist to maintain, protect and display Australia’s heritage and the stories that accompany it,” Mrs Wicks said.

“These grants will attract more tourists to regional areas like the Central Coast, increase performance, exhibition and partnership opportunities for Australia artists, and get us all back into the local venues we love.”

\$2.5 million was awarded under round one of the Live Music Australia program in December 2020 to 103 venues across the country, with 88 grants supporting the immediate recovery of the live music sector. Applications for round three of the program will open later this year, with funding to support venues in 2022 as they resume regular programming of original live Australian music.

Applications for the CHART program will open later this year.

For more information on both programs, visit: www.arts.gov.au.

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The successful projects for round two of the Live Music Australia program are listed below:

Organisation name	Activity description	Funding
Australian Capital Territory		
Canberra Highland Society & Burns Club Ltd	Support for increased programming of original music to grow Canberra's Burns Club into a premier live venue.	\$27,000
Music ACT	A strategic project from MusicACT supporting and promoting seven independent music venues in Canberra.	\$47,960
The Trustee for The Old Canberra Inn Trust	The installation of a new PA to support improved audio quality for The Old Canberra Inn's diverse free live music program.	\$34,521
New South Wales		
505 Investments Pty Ltd	Presentation of original music by contemporary Australian artists in Sydney's only small capacity concert-style venue and infrastructure upgrades to enable amplified music and program expansion.	\$37,450
Arc @ UNSW Limited	Purchase and installation of an audio equipment to integrate with the existing PA and enhance the venue's production capability.	\$13,200
Big Beat (Australia) Pty Limited	Mercury Nights Live is bringing the band back together every Saturday night at Tokio Hotel, Darling Harbour with free entry live music.	\$50,000
Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club Co operative Ltd.	Upgrade of outdoor stage and hosting of a diverse range of musical acts at Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club.	\$23,925
Four Winds Concerts Inc	An upgrade to performance lighting in the Four Winds Windsong Pavilion to cater for contemporary Australian artists.	\$24,764
Golden Age Cinema & Bar Pty Ltd	Golden Age Cinema presents 'Live on the Golden Stage': a weekly live music showcase supporting a diverse selection of musicians in a unique intimate setting.	\$20,000
Hamilton Station Hotel Pty Ltd	Back Band Room PA and Lighting Upgrades at the Hamilton Station Hotel, Newcastle.	\$25,000
Hardy's Bay R S L & Citizen's Club Ltd	Hardy's Bay Community Club presents up to 18 original artists in a natural bush setting.	\$16,426
Lake Macquarie City Council	Live Music Lake Mac - a series of intimate live music events at 3 venues in Lake Macquarie between October 2021 - March 2022.	\$37,000
Love Culburra Beach Festival Inc	The Burradise Sound Garden in Culburra Beach will increase live music with a yearly program in this regional venue.	\$26,000
MW Sydney Pty Ltd	Support for artists guarantees to increase live music programming and relaunch Max Watts as an integral, touring circuit venue.	\$50,000
Nelson 1963 Pty Ltd	Lazybones Lounge Restaurant & Bar in Marrickville purchases equipment for Australian artists to play	\$18,629

	original music.	
Picnic Stuff Pty Ltd	Weekly events across the iconic Opera Bar and Newtown's Tokyo Sing Song, showcasing local musicians and electronic producers.	\$60,000
Red Floor Productions Pty Limited	Performance fees, staging equipment and promotion for ongoing regional concert program.	\$25,500
Redfern Surf Club Pty Ltd	Permanent PA setup, lighting and acoustic absorption to support a monthly gig showcasing live original Australian music.	\$31,960
Robert Carl Torelli	Infrastructure upgrade of The Music Station, Macksville improving capacity, accessibility and safety to support Platform 21, a monthly program of live original music.	\$33,560
S.J Loxton & S.L Rigby	To upgrade essential lighting and sound equipment to improve the experience for artists and patrons and maintain the Theatre as a viable live music venue.	\$25,000
Studios 301 Pty Ltd	A series of original live performances at Studio 301, Sydney.	\$30,120
The Trustee for the McAvoy Faulks Family Trust	Tallagandra Hill Winery supporting live music with enhanced production and lighting.	\$27,400
The Factory Theatre Pty Ltd	Contemporary Australian Jazz and Blues musicians given new stage for showcasing original work and connecting with new audiences and creating stronger touring circuits.	\$40,000
The Murwillumbah Citadel Pty Ltd	The Citadel installs sound, lighting, keyboard and projection equipment to support live music.	\$27,058
The Red Rattler Theatre Incorporated	ReEnergized Red Rattler program - development of a deep all Australian live music program with great promotion strategies.	\$45,000
The Trustee for Oxford Underground Unit Trust	Oxford Art Factory presents "The Antidote Series" - A number of events brought together to present diverse and inclusive Australian music.	\$35,000
Tiny Little Universe Productions Pty Ltd	Refurbishment of The Great Club live music venue to assist in hosting high quality performances of Australian artists.	\$32,273
Twyford Hall Inc	The newly completed Theatre Twyford presents a curated program of original Australian music, including indigenous and young local performers from the southeast region.	\$30,000
Wauchope Community Arts Council Inc	Wauchope Arts will host a series of live events showcasing original music from Australian touring artists and talented local musicians.	\$13,990
Northern Territory		
Dom's Bar and Lounge Pty Ltd	Upgrades to stage, sound and sound attenuation at Dom's Bar and Lounge, Darwin as the venue expands to accommodate live music sustainability in the suburbs.	\$10,154
R.A.O.B. Club (Darwin) Inc.	PA system installation at Buff Club, Darwin to enhance live music performance.	\$18,000
Queensland		
Elixir Tapas Bar Pty Ltd	Elixir Bar venue improvements and programming support dedicated to expanding diverse Australian talent genres.	\$38,300
HFG Hotels Pty Ltd	Development of the Seabreeze Hotel as an independent, original band venue supporting local artists and national touring acts.	\$41,154
HSW Events Unit Trust	Activating an improved performance space at Felons Barrel Hall via technical upgrades.	\$22,740
Jcast Investments Pty Ltd	The Pirate Den, Mission Beach will help the Australian live music industry recover through improved venue facilities, capacity performances and programming support.	\$34,514

NT Pubco Pty Ltd	Installation of a noise reduction system to Full Moon Hotel in Sandgate, Queensland to enable the venue to host more live music and larger acts.	\$25,000
Out the Back Australia Pty Ltd	Club Boutique in Cunnamulla provides a mid-year music season catering for peak visitation to Outback Queensland.	\$33,650
Ratpack & Co Pty Ltd	Tomcat Bar to offer free original Australian live music to the greater Brisbane community.	\$36,250
Seidoo Pty Ltd	Installation of PA system, purpose built stage, lighting upgrade, and promotion at Oodies Cafe, Bundaberg.	\$20,358
Tewantin Noosa RSL & Citizens Memorial Club Inc	Support for weekly live music performances by local and touring Australian artists featured "Live & Original" at Tewantin Noosa RSL.	\$18,000
The North Gregory Hotel Pty Ltd	"Bringing the Bush Back to Life" will bring original Australian artists to Winton, QLD.	\$21,250
The Tablelands Music Lovers Community Group Inc.	Purchase of a sound/lighting system to support live music events in public venues across Far North Queensland.	\$24,913
South Australia		
Fat Controller Club Pty Ltd	Emergency exit doors upgrade to increase access and capacity and a stage extension to support larger touring circuits and grassroots performers from SA.	\$29,592
Grace Emily Holdings Pty Ltd	Programming of original live music at the Grace Emily Hotel, Adelaide from July to December 2021.	\$23,400
KM Hotels Pty Ltd Trading As Federal Hotel Port Pirie	Stage and PA upgrade for the Federal in Port Pirie.	\$9,800
J Jagt & J.m Jagt	Helping Three Brothers Arms, Macclesfield to present live music more often throughout 2021.	\$25,000
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	Purchase and installation of permanent in-house sound and lighting system for Trinity Sessions in Adelaide.	\$15,000
Weslo Holdings Pty Ltd	Thebarton Theatre in Adelaide will host a series of events with Australian bands performing original music - unplugged.	\$35,000
Tasmania		
David Jack Brereton	Installation of new toilet block at Longley International Hotel to enable more frequent and accessible larger events.	\$15,000
DMD Unit Trust	Equipment and up-skilling staff to elevate original and inclusive live music in a popular suburban hub, nurturing local talent and building audiences.	\$33,810
Royal Oak Hotel Pty Ltd	Sound system/lighting upgrade and installation for the Heritage Bar area of the Royal Oak, Launceston to facilitate a series of original acts in the Heritage Bar.	\$54,872
Victoria		
Archies Creek Public Hall Trust	The transformation of the Archies Creek Community Hall into a unique and intimate professional live music venue in Regional Victoria.	\$33,825
Baltazarh Pty Ltd	Live music programming and upskilling staff on a new PA system for superior sound quality.	\$40,500
Barwon Club Investments Pty Ltd	Support for soundproofing to re-establish a regular live music program at the Barwon Club Hotel, Geelong showcasing quality original Australian artists.	\$50,000
Brickfielders Pty Ltd	Support a series of original Australian artists with backline and front-of-house audio upgrade to improve audience experience and capacity.	\$34,157
Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre	Installation of a professional standard mixer which will enable Burringja to showcase national touring artists.	\$9,721

Footscray Community Arts Centre Limited	Footscray Community Arts Centre expands music programming and provides skills development for diverse/marginalised musicians.	\$40,000
Furry Meatball Pty Ltd T/A The Carlton Hotel Unit Trust	Fund the re-establishment of live music performances in the venue to increase the capacity and capability to present more shows post COVID restrictions.	\$38,000
Hop Temple Pty Ltd	Purchase of audio equipment, staging and targeted marketing campaign at Hop Temple, Ballarat.	\$25,200
Hotel Mansions Pty Ltd as Trustee for Hotel Mansions Unit Trust	Install a PA System at The Hotel Warrnambool to showcase live original music while operating within COVID19 pandemic restrictions.	\$22,889
Manneron Pty Ltd as trustee for Bennetts Lane Trust trading as the Jazzlab	A special series of live music performances in the specialist jazz and improvisational music genres, showcasing the best in Australian artists in a live venue.	\$47,603
No Retreat Pty Ltd	The Retreat Hotel will curate a special series of shows celebrating its history as a live music mecca and incubator of future headline artists.	\$31,860
Northcote Commercial Pty Ltd	Infrastructure and equipment upgrades at Northcote Social Club to create a more accessible space with better sound and lighting.	\$23,403
Odessa at Leavers Pty Ltd	Structural changes to improve the performance space at Odessa and host a series of quality, original, performances.	\$26,000
One-Six-One Pty Ltd	OneSixOne expands its music base and nights of operation as a live music venue.	\$43,100
Princess Theatre Pty Ltd atf PT Discretionary Trust	Artist fees to support a program of local & emerging acts to play reduced capacity shows at Forum Melbourne.	\$50,000
Swancom Pty Ltd	Infrastructure and equipment upgrades at the Corner Hotel to diversify our offering and create more job opportunities for artists and support personnel.	\$24,454
The Coburg Three Pty Ltd	The Gasometer Hotel re-invigorates the second bandroom with an audio upgrade and an exciting, curated launch program of diverse local artists and their audiences.	\$44,050
The Haviland Group Pty Ltd ATF The Haviland Trust	Support for original live music programming at The Moldy Fig and lighting installation.	\$32,532
The Post Office Hotel	The Post Office Hotel will host a series of live shows to support artists in Melbourne's Inner North.	\$15,000

The Trustee for A J S Unit Trust	Reinvigorate Bar Open's diverse original live music program and continue to invest in musicians, audiences, live music and the sustainability of venue.	\$36,400
The Trustee for Markray Investments Unit Trust	The Hotel Shamrock, Bendigo to install suitable new sound equipment for original Australian live music performances at the venue's balcony and basement bar.	\$8,230
The Trustee for MDC Unit Trust	Installation of audio backline and staff training in sound and lighting to create an upgraded venue better equipped and more competitive to offer high quality, live music.	\$36,780
The Trustee for Revolver Lounge Unit Trust	Vital soundproofing works, equipment upgrades, additional live music programming and marketing at Revolver Upstairs to improve its capacity to host original Australian live music.	\$55,000
The Trustee for the XL Trust	Accessibility works and music programming at the Exchange Hotel, Horsham featuring a series of local original artists.	\$50,300
Transit Pty Ltd	Re-establishing the Live Music Program at Transport Hotel to bring back Victoria's best, independent, original artists back to stage in the CBD, free to the public.	\$39,380
Western Australia		
Bar Bes (WA) Pty Ltd	Install sound attenuating structures at Barbes, Perth in order to address noise complaints from neighbouring residents in the CBD.	\$14,155
Clancy's Fish Pub Dunsborough	Enable Clancy's Fish Pub in Dunsborough to purchase PA speakers to create an in house production system.	\$13,942
Good Things in Life Pty Ltd	Upgrades to digital mixing console and stage box to improve quality and consistency of sound production.	\$10,198
Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd	Assist the remote Onslow Beach Resort to host series of performances from original artists.	\$9,900
Multicultural Futures Inc	World Music Café in Fremantle concert series to support inclusion of new world musicians into the local industry.	\$30,000
Ozindo Group Pty Ltd	Renovate and refit the sound and lighting to accommodate more state-wide and national touring acts and upgrade disabled access points and bathrooms.	\$24,111
Starblade Corporation Pty Ltd	Venue improvements at the Duke of George to attract more original artists to a quality performance venue in East Fremantle.	\$46,951