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Reigniting live music for Australian communities

The reactivation of live music across Australia is one step closer, with \$2.5 million in grants to be shared by 99 venues under round three of the Morrison Government's \$20 million Live Music Australia program.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the program will bring more original live Australian music to communities across the country – from pubs in the remote outback, to clubs in major capital cities.

“This funding will help the live music sector to re-emerge as Australians continue to get vaccinated and COVID-19 restrictions ease, allowing venues to begin to reopen and rebuild,” Minister Fletcher said.

“It is important that our live music sector will be primed to host performances and gigs when permitted to do so, and by supporting these local venues now, we are increasing opportunities to see Australian artists get back on stage.”

73 grants under this round of the program are for activities that will take place from November this year, providing 99 venues with a boost as we re-emerge from the pandemic.

President of Warner Music Australasia and Member of the Creative Economy Taskforce, Dan Rosen, said the funding will help support the reopening of the live music industry, which has been profoundly disrupted by COVID-19 restrictions.

“Artists and music fans around the country are looking forward to the full return of Australia's vibrant live music sector. This sector makes a significant contribution to the Australian economy and in particular boosts our hospitality and tourism sectors, as well as employing many skilled workers,” Mr Rosen said.

“Live music venues and experiences activate thousands of venues across our cities, towns and regions, creating a dynamic sense of place and generating benefits for surrounding businesses.”

Applications for round four of the program will open later this year, with funding to support venues from mid-2022 as they continue to re-establish regular programming of original live Australian music.

This funding brings the Government's investment to more than \$8 million since the start of the program, supporting more than 300 live music venues and the recovery and sustainability of the live music sector.

The Morrison Government is investing more than \$1 billion into the arts and creative sector in 2021-22.

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

Organisation name	Activity Description	Funding
Australian Capital Territory		
Conway Brothers Pty Ltd	Installation of AV system and sound attenuation for Gang Gang Cafe and Bar to increase its capacity to facilitate original Australian live music.	\$23,822
Transit Bar Pty Ltd	Vital upgrades of sound and lighting equipment, installation of sound attenuating structures to facilitate venue scalability and training to upskill staff to increase capacity of venue.	\$45,505
UCX Ltd	A new audio package for the University of Canberra's Refectory and Hub.	\$36,600
New South Wales		
Bucket Brewery Pty Ltd	Support for expansion of Bucket Brewery live music program to showcase diverse local performers, including construction of outdoor stage and venue staff training.	\$46,399
Chippolord Pty Ltd	Upgrade of Lord Gladstone Hotel live music spaces including installation of new PA and purchase of live music equipment and sound proofing of venue.	\$43,167
DK Hotels (Weston) Operations Pty Ltd	Support for equipment upgrades and increased programming of original music at the Criterion Hotel Weston to help grow a local, sustainable live music culture.	\$26,340
Gamone Pty. Limited and Wickam Investments Pty Ltd	Fresh Local Produce is a marketing, promotion and performance initiative built around connecting talented local artists playing accessible music with a localised commercial audience.	\$33,920
Global Circus Pty Ltd	Expanding our programming to create a bi-weekly showcase that will sustain, support and strengthen original live music in Sydney, and transitioning from analogue to digital.	\$32,760
Hardy's Bay R S L & Citizen's Club Ltd	Upgrade of lighting, PA and outdoor stage to support live music.	\$15,296
J R East and L East	A series of up to six concerts and a technical training programme with the goal to establish a new audience for live Australian music in Oberon.	\$28,005
Kelly & Co Hotels Pty Ltd	PA improvements and increased programming at Kelly's Irish Pub to help establish an Australian music showcase unique to the Mudgee region.	\$34,009
La La Las Venue Pty Ltd	Installation of PA at La La La's to expand and present a wider range of local and touring acts.	\$69,530
Minando Pty Ltd	Purchase of a PA system to facilitate opportunities for artists at 10 venues in regional NSW.	\$7,665
Morgan William Lewis	Installation of PA and lighting system; increased opportunities and financial support for artists; improved access for people with disability; venue interior that meets COVID regulations.	\$21,480
Nelson 1963 Pty Ltd	Purchase and installation of a new sound desk to complement both venue stages and increase the number of original live music performances.	\$23,178
PDA Hotel Unit Trust	Assisting Shoal Bay Country Club in supporting local live musicians and the live music industry in regional areas.	\$32,000
Playbill Venues Pty Ltd	New communications infrastructure at The Hordern Pavilion to increase public safety during live music performances.	\$22,701
Ranch Enterprises Pty Ltd ATF El Rancho Unit Trust	Installation of new PA system, sound curtain and stage improvements which will improve the overall bands and audience experience at Dicey Rileys in Wollongong.	\$37,800
Rebel and Rogue Music Pty Ltd	Refurbishment of The Vanguard live music venue including an upgrade of the lighting-rig and associated staging equipment for musical performances.	\$23,806
Shoalhaven Heads Bowling and	Installation of PA and lighting system at the Shoalhaven Heads Bowling & Recreation Club to reignite the live music industry on the	\$46,956

Recreation Club Ltd	South Coast.	
Since I Left You Pty Ltd	A Summer-long program of free and ticketed live music events, in a unique heritage-listed courtyard in the heart of the Sydney CBD.	\$37,000
Sydney Improvised Music Association Incorporated	Sydney Improvised Music Association's "Jazz: Now Summer 2022" program, featuring 80 musicians in 16 gigs across three Sydney venues.	\$16,380
Teeatar Pty Ltd	The sustainable development of original live Australian music concerts for high calibre country artists and emerging local legends at Avoca Beach Theatre.	\$33,218
The Milton Hotel Pty Ltd	Installation of PA system and lighting at The Milton Hotel to host regular live music acts featuring local and touring talent on the South Coast.	\$45,000
The Tourist Hotel Narrabri Pty Ltd	The Tourist Hotel Narrabri takes mobile live music to the region by purchasing a transportable stage to light up the west.	\$50,000
Upper Lansdowne Memorial Hall Committee Incorporated	Upgrade and modernisation of the Upper Lansdowne's stage lighting.	\$10,165
Northern Territory		
Darwin Railway Sports & Social Club Inc	Darwin Railway Club's installation of windows and seals on doors to mitigate sound levels from the venue and the provision of support for bands for live performances.	\$67,086
S Guzel & C Pirau	Funding local, regional and interstate artists for our Sunday Sessions and create job opportunities for other industry professionals including sound engineer and lighting technician.	\$15,032
Queensland		
Captain Creek Community Sport and Recreation Club	The Captain Creek Community Club will install PA system, engage artists to perform at the venue in order to foster the growth of live performances of original music at their club in outer regional Queensland.	\$31,000
Eagle Lane Pty Ltd	Upgrades to PA and sound system at Brooklyn Standard in CBD Brisbane to enable the venue to host more original artists.	\$35,000
Flinders Shire Council	Audio and lighting upgrades to integrate with Digger's Entertainment Centre existing systems to enhance the venue's production capability and to provide training for staff and volunteers to operate the systems.	\$19,650
Freedom Shores Pty Ltd	Production equipment upgrades & PA purchase to establish Northerlies in Woodmark as an original live music venue, whilst providing performance opportunities through a monthly music series.	\$47,594
HOTA, Home of the Arts	Installation of permanent staging on HOTA's lawn bar to host the weekly Live Music Fridays program on the lawn, showcasing original live musicians over 12 months.	\$25,000
Jumping Goats Bar Pty Ltd	Additional funds for artist performance costs for the Jumping Goats Bar in Margate to expand original live music program to include duos and bands while continuing free entry for audiences.	\$42,000
Kulcha'd Pty Ltd	Kulcha'd Bar will upgrade its musical equipment and bring more original Australian live music to the West End.	\$60,200
Macadamia Rose Pty Ltd	The Federal Hotel Childers will build an outdoor stage in their Beer Garden to host more live performances of original Australian music in inner regional Queensland.	\$22,246
Marble Foxhole Pty Ltd	Upgrade of Bar Wunder's sound and lighting systems to cater for increased audiences and to provide improved sound facilities for live performances.	\$31,919
Philip Ronald Turvey	The project will consist of building and supply, sound attenuation, PA, backline and lighting supply and a 12 week season of local original acoustic music in the Special Entertainment Precinct of Nambour.	\$53,368
Ratpack & Co Pty Ltd	Sound equipment upgrade for Tomcat Bar to provide a more professional experience for audiences and attract established bands to perform at the venue.	\$25,000

Tamborine Hotel Investments Pty Ltd	The Bearded Dragon's Bandemic program expands to the venue's outdoor arena for the summer months, providing further opportunities for bands, local crew and audiences alike in Tamborine.	\$49,201
The Brightside Brisbane Pty Ltd	Installation of an outdoor stage and delivery of new monthly program of live original music events - Outdoor Sunday Sessions - at The Brightside Brisbane in Fortitude Valley.	\$50,000
South Australia		
Ancient World 5000 Pty Ltd	Purchase of essential sound and lighting infrastructure at the Ancient World 5000 venue to deliver high-quality live music experiences and funding to cover programming costs.	\$40,000
City of Charles Sturt	New seasonal cabaret series called Story & Song brings the best of Australian cabaret and live music spanning children's, cabaret, jazz, rock, and original music.	\$54,000
Light Cultural Foundation Limited	Increased funding support to engage original Australian artists wanting to explore the use of high end technology to present music to new audiences.	\$50,000
Prest Partners Pty Ltd	A full summer program of live music performances across 2 venues in the coastal paradise of Robe, on the beautiful Limestone Coast, South Australia.	\$17,500
S & SJ Delaney	Support emerging, female and Indigenous original artists through increased programming, promotion, performance fees, upgrading outdoor stage and sound equipment to improve artist and audience experience.	\$20,379
S Bradford & The Porch Sessions Pty Ltd	To improve aspects of Summertown Studio's facilities to enable an all-access live music venue, improving disability access, and assistance with artist fees.	\$43,500
Tasmania		
Queenstown Tasmania Heritage Tours Pty Ltd	Installation of stage lighting and an up-to-date audio console at The Paragon Theatre to host established and emerging original Australian artists in a professional environment.	\$25,000
Salamanca Arts Centre	Salamanca Arts Centre launches the Founders Room Live Music Program; a diverse and inclusive live music venue which is dedicated to Australian, original music.	\$35,000
St. Helens RSL Ex-servicemen's And Citizens Club Incorporated	Installation of a PA system at the St Helens RSL Ex Service and Citizens Club creating a more accessible venue to a variety of artists.	\$30,000
Warren James Mason	Tin Camp Studios, a First Nations led mobile music space, ready to host live music and workshops in regional and remote communities across Australia.	\$22,283
Victoria		
Acplp Pty Ltd	Upgrade and installation of a new PA system across multi levels of the venue in order to best present and deliver weekly programming of original live music.	\$20,000
Ararat Live Incorporated	Ararat Live Incorporated will continue to provide quality original Australian live music to local audiences in local venues.	\$13,785
Arts Mildura Inc	Installation of a sound system combined with a fortnightly music program to encourage future touring to the Mallee region by original Australian artists.	\$53,590
Brunswick Ballroom Pty Ltd	Brunswick Ballroom is supporting original live Australian music through an overhaul of its sound, lighting and production values.	\$24,435
Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre Inc	Filling Burringinj's spaces with live music - supporting local, regional and national acts to bring their original music to the Dandenong Ranges.	\$46,120
Holy Grail (VIC) Pty Ltd	Installation of stage and upgrade to PA and lighting to support live music program at Holy Grail, Windsor.	\$40,000
I & C Ladgrove	Installation of outdoor stage and equipment upgrades to host a series of summer music events at The Vine Hotel, Wangaratta.	\$36,000

Moonee Valley City Council	Moonee Valley City Council presents 'Live and Local', a program of small-scale live music performances across Moonee Valley.	\$42,750
Ohbother Pty Ltd	The Pig and Whistle will host a series of original live Australian music gigs and workshops in the venue's new Shed Theatre.	\$53,569
R.H. Gooding & J.C. Miles	Financial support for the engagement of original live Australian music artists and promotional costs at RJM's Wine Bar.	\$7,800
Ragtime Tavern Pty Ltd	Ragtime supports the performance and promotion of original Australian music through the addition of new audio-visual equipment.	\$20,454
Sandy Point Community Group Incorporated	The Summer Series will present a series of original live music events from December 2021 - March 2022, supporting both local and national music artists.	\$28,367
Stay Gold Melbourne Pty Ltd	Social Sundays is a new monthly series of targeted live original music events aimed at broadening and diversifying the venue's audience base, whilst recovering from the impacts of COVID.	\$53,000
The Trustee for Pineapple Unit Trust	Laundry Bar will stage a unique six week regeneration of local hip-hop, dancehall and reggae, with a program of shows curated in collaboration with local labels, cultures and communities.	\$40,000
Urbnsurf Melbourne Pty Ltd	Urbnsurf, Australia's first surf park, builds capacity to host large live music events and hosts a twilight series of original acoustic music.	\$35,200
Westernport Yacht Club Incorporated	Venue modifications, equipment upgrades and support for the establishment and promotion of a sustainable COVID-normal live original music program at Westernport Yacht Club.	\$27,628
YWHDB Pty Ltd	Sound Attenuation, PA & Stage Upgrade to support the ongoing Somewhere Bar Live Music Series featuring original Australian music artists.	\$37,000
Western Australia		
Blue Arts Fly Inc.	Purchase of audio-visual and staging equipment to host a series of events featuring local original artists across various venues in the Perth Hills region.	\$20,761
Goolarri Media Enterprises Pty Ltd	Venue upgrades and a First Nations Australian musical concert series in remote Australia at the Gimme Club, Broome.	\$60,462
Happy Heart Pty Ltd	Contribute towards upgrading the sound system to enable the venue to present a massive variety of live music.	\$25,000
The Ellington Jazz Club Pty Ltd	Upgrade of the existing PA system and backline at The Ellington for the benefit of local and national original artists and the listening audience alike.	\$41,000
The Quinny Tavern Pty Ltd ATF The Quinny Trust	Installation of an indoor/outdoor audio-visual system to provide improved production requirements for local original artists at the Quindanning Hotel in Western Australia's Wheatbelt area.	\$24,996