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### **Support flows for live music across Australia**

More than 100 venues across Australia will benefit from round one of the Live Music Australia program that is designed to assist in the national recovery of the live music sector from the impacts of COVID-19.

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP today announced the successful recipients of 88 grants, totalling more than \$2.5 million, to support the immediate needs of the Australian live music industry.

The program is funding venues in every state and territory, from pubs in the remote outback, to clubs and theatres in major capital cities.

In congratulating the successful applicants, Minister Fletcher said the grants would help small to medium venues bring more home-grown live music to Australian communities.

“These grants will fund upgrades to venues and equipment, help develop a venue’s capacity to present live music professionally, and support restarting performances post COVID-19 restrictions,” Minister Fletcher said.

“This funding will support the development, growth and innovation of Australian contemporary live music by increasing performance opportunities to showcase the diverse talent of Australian artists.”

In August, the Government announced the opening of the Live Music Australia program, which will deliver funding of \$5 million annually over four years. The funding will:

- Enable businesses to build/rebuild their capacity for programming activity, as restrictions are lifted and venues reopen;
- Increase performance opportunities for original contemporary music by Australia artists; and
- Support partnerships, collaboration and networks across the Australian live music industry.

Round two of the program is now open for applications. Round two will again provide support to small to medium venues, as they begin to reopen and resume the regular performance of original Australian live music. Applications for round two will close on 18 February 2021.

The Australian Government invests around \$750 million in the arts and cultural sector each year through a diverse range of programs. This program is part of the \$30.9 million Australian Music Industry Package announced in March 2019.

For the list of round one recipients and information on how to apply for round two, visit:  
[www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au) or [www.arts.gov.au](http://www.arts.gov.au)

The successful projects for round one of the Live Music Australia program are:

<b>Organisation name</b>	<b>Activity description</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>		
Capital Brewing Co Pty Ltd	Transformation of the Capital Brewery into a full-time live music venue with a program of original, live gigs from the finest musicians from the Canberra region and across Australia.	\$34,910
NTF Industries	Infrastructure upgrade at Sideway, Canberra, increasing live music performances.	\$23,049
<b>New South Wales</b>		
Albury Hotel Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades for live music events at Kinross Woolshed, Albury.	\$20,744
Beach Hotel Byron Bay Pty Ltd	Upgrades to live music equipment, to extend performance zones in the venue, to increase performance of Australian original live music.	\$25,000
Bent on Food	Installation of a professional entertainment space at Bent on Food to enable more live music and improve regional touring circuits.	\$24,802
Blue Mountains City Council trading as Blue Mountains Theatre	Installation of audio speakers for quality sound production and relaunch of the venue, and presentation of Wanderlust Concert Series 2021.	\$37,869
Boogie Woogie Beach House & Flow Bar	Improved infrastructure to deliver higher quality music performances.	\$24,200
Bowcliff Pty Ltd trading as Bridge Hotel	Support for new equipment at The Bridge Hotel, Rozelle.	\$25,000
Byron Youth Service Inc	Supporting the refurbishment of the Green Room at Byron Youth Activity Centre to enable it to continue as a sustainable and iconic youth music performance venue.	\$22,700
Century Venues The Concourse Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades to support the establishment of The Concourse as a contemporary live music venue in Northern Sydney.	\$39,910
City Recital Hall Limited	Equipment upgrade for City Recital Hall, Sydney to support amplified music programming.	\$25,000
Crowbar NSW Pty Ltd	2021 artist programming for Crowbar Sydney to aid the return of regular live music activity.	\$26,000
Cultural Arts Collective	Support for the Cultural Arts Collective's showcase of diverse multicultural artists and music genres, in a family friendly venue in Inner West Sydney.	\$53,900
Dubbo Hotel Pty Ltd trading as Garden Hotel Dubbo	Support for the Garden Hotel's power upgrade to develop a sustainable live music venue base and increase performance opportunities in regional Australia.	\$25,000
Global Circus Pty Ltd trading as Camelot Lounge	Speaker upgrades for the Camelot Lounge and Django at Camelot, to improve the experience for musicians and patrons alike.	\$24,804

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Hdr Hospitality Pty Ltd trading as The Victoria Hotel	Support for Little Albert's at The Victoria Hotel in Bathurst to upgrade its venue and train staff in sound mixing.	\$25,000
K R Bajracharya & K Gurung	Venue upgrades and support for a live music program at Smokey Horse, Braidwood, showcasing emerging and established performers.	\$26,016
Marrickville Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd	Marrickville Bowling Club showcasing a program of live music.	\$18,600
Mary's Group Australia Pty Ltd	Support for a weekly concert series at The Lansdowne Hotel, featuring live performances by local and touring Australian artists.	\$46,575
Metro Theatre Sydney Pty Ltd	Re-opening its doors with the 'Revive The Metro 2021' Program, and purchase of a new PA.	\$65,000
Rowney Nominees Pty Ltd trading as Broadway Hotel Parkes	Support for the purchase of stage, audio and light equipment to deliver performances by local musicians in Parkes.	\$11,660
Since I Left You Pty Ltd	Equipment and programming support for live music events at SILY in the Sydney CBD.	\$20,000
The Gaelic Club Ltd	Enhance the Gaelic Club live folk music venue in central Sydney, through upgraded sound system, stage and lighting.	\$14,000
The Trustee for The Douglas Trust trading as the Longyard Hotel	Support for live music programming as part of the Longyard Hotel's Summer Music Sessions in Tamworth, NSW.	\$28,000
Town Hall Hotel Newtown	Improved lighting and installation of a mobility ramp to enhance live music performances at the Townie in Newtown.	\$20,111
Tumut River Brewing Pty Ltd	Support for new PA, sound attenuation and training to grow Tumut River Brewing Company's live music presence.	\$12,716
Upper Lansdowne Memorial Hall	Support for purchase of PA and lighting at the Upper Lansdowne Hall, NSW Mid-Coast region, to enable outdoor concerts and an expanded live music program.	\$11,610
Wagga Wagga City Council	Purchase of sound and lighting equipment to increase outdoor music performances in the Wagga Cultural Precinct.	\$17,954
<b>Northern Territory</b>		
Blacken Pty Ltd	Live music program expansion to sustain, support and strengthen the Central Australian music scene.	\$34,900
Happy Yess Community Arts Incorporated	12 month tech mentor program to provide paid on the job experience to local tech graduates. Delivered by Happy Yess, Darwin, Northern Territory.	\$27,516
The Trustee for The Wilkinson Family Trust trading as the Epilogue Lounge	Support for the Epilogue Lounge "Live On The Rooftop" series presenting live music in Alice Springs.	\$36,000
<b>Queensland</b>		

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Brisbane Powerhouse	Support for music programming in the iconic Brisbane Powerhouse building.	\$37,500
Cairns Regional Council Tanks Arts Centre	Programming assistance to reactivate the live original Australian music program at the Tanks Art Centre, Cairns.	\$50,000
Cooroy RSL & Citizens Club Inc	Purchase of a portable stage for Cooroy RSL to support weekly live music showcasing local original musicians.	\$16,818
Easy Speakers Pty Ltd	Increase in performance space and onstage rigging for the Black Bear Lodge in Fortitude Valley.	\$11,838
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Program to deliver live musical experiences across Fraser Coast including smaller communities.	\$33,570
Imperial Hotel Eumundi	Support for a live music series at the Imperial Hotel in Eumundi, Queensland.	\$30,000
PPJ (QLD) Pty Ltd	The Goat Cafe and Bar audio production upgrade and installation, plus music program to develop Rockhampton in the east coast touring circuit.	\$56,000
Scenic Rim Brewery Pty Ltd	Renovation of existing deck at Scenic Rim Brewery, Mt. Alford creating disabled access to an all-weather live music stage.	\$6,945
Sol Bar Live Pty Ltd	New production equipment and venue upgrade to enhance performer and attendee experience at Solbar, Coolool, on the Sunshine Coast.	\$22,285
Surat & District Development Association Inc	Programming support for regular live performances by Australian artists in Surat, outback Queensland.	\$5,800
Tamborine Hotel Investments Pty Ltd trading as the Bearded Dragon Hotel	Support for PA upgrade and young artist programming at the Bearded Dragon, Tamborine.	\$46,285
The Met Hotel	Purchase of equipment to increase the sound quality of live music performances and cater for more established artists at The Met Hotel, Toowoomba.	\$24,918
The Tivoli Theatre	Support for programming costs for The Tivoli's Open Season - Fall Program.	\$50,000
The Trustee for Knight Pub Trust trading as Julia Creek Hotel	Upgrade of outdoor entertainment area to present live music acts in the outback.	\$25,000
Two Smoking Barrels Pty Ltd	Funding to enable the Woolly Mammoth in Brisbane to deliver diverse live music programming and venue improvements post COVID-19.	\$57,101
<b>South Australia</b>		
City of Playford - Northern Sound System	Northern Sound System showcases live music program in Elizabeth, South Australia.	\$34,000
Jive	Supporting a recovery and return to live music at Jive in Adelaide.	\$30,000
Lion Arts Factory	Lion Arts Factory to present high calibre program of domestic talent to bring live music to Adelaide post-COVID.	\$39,000

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Rhino Room Pty Ltd	Funding to enable the Rhino Room to showcase 26 shows in the post-COVID era.	\$19,000
Sevenhill Hotel	Support for live music performances at the historic Sevenhill Hotel in the Clare Valley.	\$3,000
The Barn at Wombat Flat	Funding the Barn at Wombat Flat to support venue upgrade and programming of live music performances in regional South Australia.	\$27,897
Wheatsheaf Pty Ltd	Assistance to reinstate and strengthen original Australian live music programming at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Adelaide.	\$37,400
<b>Tasmania</b>		
Hobart Brewing Company	Support for Red Shed Live, series of concerts showcasing local, original and regional bands of diverse genres in Hobart.	\$16,800
Parkham Community Inc	Purchase of sound and lighting equipment for local musicians using Parkham Hall and upgrade of venue's electrical system.	\$13,528
Rektango	Funding to support equipment upgrades at Rektango, Hobart to improve presentation of live music performances.	\$12,500
The Chook & The Gorilla's Magical Booze Barn Adventures Pty Ltd	Support for The Brisbane Hotel in Hobart to provide higher quality live music performances.	\$22,000
The Grand Poobah Bar	Funding for equipment to support musical performances of artists from across Tasmania.	\$30,000
Barkmill Tavern & Bakery Pty Ltd	Upgrade of current music system to begin delivering live acoustic sessions with Tasmanian artists at the Bark Mill Tavern in Swansea, Tasmania.	\$7,666
<b>Victoria</b>		
Cactus Studio Pty Ltd	Upgrades to equipment and support for performance costs at the Cactus Room in Thornbury.	\$16,000
Charge Impulse Pty Ltd trading as Colour Nightclub	Venue upgrade, live music programming and professional development at Colour Nightclub, Carlton.	\$39,100
Famous Four Pty Ltd	Upgrade of equipment and infrastructure at New Guernica, Melbourne to present quality live music safely.	\$40,000
Furze Brothers Pty Ltd	Support for programming and presentation of original live music at The Bridge Hotel, The Theatre Royal and The Taproom post-COVID restrictions.	\$47,820
Ian S McLean	Support for infrastructure improvements and professional development at Bakehouse Studios, Melbourne.	\$39,660
Jesuit Social Services Ltd	Infrastructure support for The Artful Dodgers to present more original and diverse young voices	\$25,000

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	through more Melbourne Megaphone Music Showcases.	
Live Nation Australia Venues Pty Ltd	The purchase and installation of a curtain in auditorium to increase flexibility in venue capacity and accommodate a larger variety of events.	\$31,092
Loop 23 Pty Ltd	Support for Loop in Melbourne to support purchase of equipment, artist fees and marketing to host quality eclectic live music performances.	\$25,400
Merton Holdings Pty Ltd trading as Swamplands Bar	Support for original music performances at Swamplands Bar, Thornbury.	\$23,340
Miss Mills Touring Pty Ltd	Support for programming costs as part of the John Curtin Hotel's 'Back to the Pub' initiative.	\$50,000
Night Cat Holdings trading as The Night Cat	Support for live music programming at the Night Cat post-COVID restrictions.	\$30,000
No Retreat Pty Ltd trading as The Retreat Hotel	Funding for audio equipment and staff training to support live music at the Retreat Hotel, Brunswick.	\$21,485
Nomata Pty Ltd	Upgrade the PA system in the Rainbow Hotel, Fitzroy to provide quality Australian original live music.	\$15,000
Paris Cat Pty Ltd as trustee for the Paris Cat Trust	Funding for original artists and bands to perform at Melbourne's Paris Cat Jazz Club throughout 2021.	\$25,000
Richmond Henty Hotel Pty Ltd trading as Quality Hotel Bentinck (The Macs Hotel Portland)	Support for Macs Hotel in Portland, Victoria, to upgrade and install a new sound system and train in-house staff.	\$48,691
Sophie Baring	Upgrades at The Yorkshire Hotel to enable more live music events.	\$27,545
The Trustee for S.C.U Co Unit Trust	Support for reduced capacity COVID-safe shows in 2021 at 170 Russell in Melbourne.	\$30,000
The trustee for the Pineapple Unit Trust trading as Laundry Bar	Support for Laundry Bar's regeneration program curated in collaboration with local labels, cultures and communities.	\$30,000
The trustee for Varjhi Trust trading as Labour in Vain	Support for live music programming at The Labour in Vain in Fitzroy, Melbourne.	\$30,000
Yah Yahs	Support for infrastructure and soundproofing upgrades at Yah Yahs, Melbourne.	\$24,223
<b>Western Australia</b>		
Ausway Nominees Pty Ltd trading as Mojos	Mojo's purchase of new production equipment will support emerging and established artists of the Australian music industry in Fremantle.	\$25,805
Freo Social Hall Pty Ltd trading as Freo.Social	Support for 'Sidebar Showcases' in Fremantle, regular weekly event for emerging artists to perform for audiences and industry.	\$24,000
Lucky Bay Brewing	Supporting Lucky Bay Brewing to create a live music performance space, Esperance WA.	\$18,700
Ronnie Nights	Support for purchase of equipment at Ronnie Nights will see Fremantle's entertainment sector retain another quality live music venue.	\$35,000

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Six Degrees of Separation	Develop and promote new original music showcase 'The Revelator' at Six Degrees, Albany, to continue to give regional musicians opportunities to perform original works publicly.	\$22,800
The River Hotel	Increasing the production capacity and improving soundproofing measures for live music venue in South West WA.	\$35,933
Whalebone Brewing Company Pty Ltd	Support for Whalebone Brewing Company to host more live music and provide performance opportunities along the North West WA touring circuit.	\$50,000
Good Things in Life Pty Ltd trading as the Settlers Tavern	Support for live gigs at Settlers Tavern in Margaret River, including stage lighting upgrades and promotion activities.	\$43,625
Jazz Fremantle	Jazz Fremantle – Promotion of young Australian jazz musicians.	\$10,000

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