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\$2.5 million to get Australian live music back on stage

The Morrison Government is supporting the return of live music across the nation, with \$2.5 million in grants to be shared by 102 venues under round four of the \$20 million Live Music Australia program.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the grants would bring more original live Australian music to communities by funding small-to-medium venues across the country – from pubs in country towns, to clubs and theatres in major metropolitan areas.

“Local pubs and clubs are vital to the live music economy, which is why we’re pleased to deliver \$2.5 million to support 102 venues rebuild and become operational as COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease,” Minister Fletcher said.

“We want our live music venues primed to host performances, to engage and entertain audiences, and to maximise their economic recovery and sustainability.

“To date the Morrison Government has committed more than \$10 million under the program to support more than 400 live music venues get Australian artists back on stage, increase job opportunities for venue staff and help live music venues thrive again.”

Applications for round five of the program will open later this year, with funding to support venues from 2023 as they continue to re-establish regular programming of original live Australian music.

Arts funding by the Morrison Government in 2021-22 stands at more than \$1 billion dollars. This is a record level of funding under any federal government, Liberal or Labor.

For more information on the Live Music Australia program, visit: <https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/live-music-australia>

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Live Music Australia program Round 4 recipients:

Organisation name	Activity Description	Funding
Australian Capital Territory		
Canberra Irish Club Limited	Replacement of the audio system in the club to improve its ability to provide superior quality, enjoyable sound for live music events.	\$28,608
Hellfish Harper Pty Ltd	Expanding Blackbird's live music program and upgrading the stage in Canberra.	\$30,500
Icefall Pty Ltd	Improvements to public amenities at The Basement to provide a clean and safe environment for guests and artists.	\$25,000
New South Wales		
107 Projects Incorporated	Purchase of a new portable PA system for live music programming across our established venues, 107 Redfern / Joynton, and pop-up venues across Sydney.	\$20,000
Bellingen RSL Country Club Limited	Programming of original Australian live music on a Saturday night with different musical genres each month in Bellingen.	\$7,100
Club 77 Holdings Pty Ltd	Programming and production support for slower sounds of live electronic music, presented in Darlinghurst.	\$52,000
Crowbar NSW Pty Ltd	Upgrade and installation of lighting and PA equipment at Crowbar, Sydney.	\$31,480
Dorrigo Golf Club Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades at the Dorrigo Golf Club to enhance the experience of live original music.	\$5,723
JR Hotels Pty Ltd	Permanent installation of a new PA system, sound and lighting to provide a dedicated area to attract musicians and host live music In Gunnedah.	\$57,194
Kelly and Co Hotels (Scone) Pty Ltd	Support for equipment upgrades and increased programming of original music at the Royal Hotel Scone in the Hunter Valley to help grow a local, sustainable live music culture.	\$35,696
Lamorna Grace Nightingale	Programming and production support to showcase performances of Australian art music by diverse Sydney artists including representatives of First Nations, CaLD, young people and people with disability.	\$48,000
Live 'n' Cookin Pty Ltd	Artist's fees, promotion and equipment upgrade to host original live Australian music at Lizotte's.	\$34,524
Mnt Investments Pty Ltd	Donny's, Market Lane Live & InSitu in Manly will be hosting 'Live Music May' aimed at supporting the live entertainment industry following COVID.	\$15,000
Mohawk and Beard Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrade of the Last Rites Bar in Yamba to expand the capacity to host live original Australian music.	\$19,844
Murray Arts Inc	Installation of a PA system at the Performance Lab in East Albury to host a series of local original and visiting artists.	\$25,000
Nash and Sylves Pty Ltd	Upgrade of equipment including a PA and installation of a stage to increase the range of musical acts at Newtown, Sydney.	\$29,724
Newcastle Improvised Music Association Incorporated	Equipment and programming to host a weekly series of original music concerts at 'The Underground' Grand Hotel, Newcastle.	\$37,100
On The East Side Restaurants Pty Ltd	Installation of a large scale covered outdoor stage infrastructure for a new live music venue in Coffs Harbour.	\$59,000

Servo Food Truck Bar Pty Ltd	The provision of shelter and ventilation will ensure ongoing viability of the Servo, providing a safe environment for patrons and artists in Port Kembla in Wollongong.	\$24,600
Te Arohanui Hospitality Pty Ltd	Marketing and programming of emerging and established Australian artists, featuring 300 musicians over 80 gigs across three months in Dulwich Hill, Sydney.	\$34,000
Teeatar Pty Ltd	Incubation of high-quality emerging artists and development of contemporary Australian music concert programme with renowned Australian artists and at Avoca Beach Theatre.	\$40,880
The Eastern Acoustic Organisation Pty Ltd	Programming and promotion of events featuring performances of original Australian music in a range of local and regional venues in Newcastle.	\$50,000
The Trustee for DJA Family Trust	Equipment upgrade and hosting up to 26 live music performances in Woy Woy.	\$17,320
The Trustee for Woolgoolga Brewing Co Unit Trust	Installation of a PA system with staging and lighting at Woolgoolga Brewing Co to host a series of local and touring original Australian artists.	\$24,911
Tiny Little Universe Productions Pty Ltd	Expanding The Great Club to provide an additional performance room for local, interstate and international artists in Marrickville, Sydney.	\$40,000
Vyva Entertainment Pty Ltd	Vyva Entertainment and Sydney Olympic Park present up to 100 artists through a series of live music showcases, open mic nights and a busking program across 2022-23.	\$77,500
Waxman Jones Pty Ltd	Upgrades to MoshPit's existing PA system that will enhance sound quality and improve the audience experience in Erskineville, Sydney.	\$25,000
Northern Territory		
8ccc Community Radio Incorporated	A series of original music events in Alice Springs/Mparntwe, engaging over 100 artists and 25 techs in paid positions, and technical equipment upgrades.	\$53,400
Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Assn Inc	Installation of stage and upgrade of PA and lighting facilities at Dinah Beach in Darwin to improve performance delivery and broaden existing original music program.	\$38,414
Nightcliff Fermentation Co Pty Ltd	Installation of an adaptable sound system for the bar, band and club to expand performance capacity in a 300 person venue in Darwin.	\$25,000
Queensland		
C.j Langenberg & B.j Popple	GRAIN is collaborating with The Brightside Brisbane, to produce monthly club nights throughout 2022 featuring line ups of original artists.	\$40,100
Elsewhere Unit Trust	Equipment upgrades, artist fees and sound attenuation for Elsewhere, Surfers Paradise.	\$49,340
Moondarewa Inc.	Equipment and artist fees to share original songs by local indigenous and non indigenous during April - August 2022 at Burleigh RSL.	\$5,000
Out the Back Australia Pty Ltd	Artist fees and equipment to support a mid-year music season for travelling and local original live artists In Cunnamulla.	\$35,867
Scenic Rim Brewery Pty Ltd	Supporting, encouraging and developing a strong live Australian original music culture in the Scenic Rim region of SE Queensland.	\$24,400
Solar Productions Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades for The Tivoli and The Princess Theatre's to provide diverse, non-traditional performance spaces in Brisbane.	\$51,141

The Blackwall Group Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades and programming of diverse original Australian artists at the Bearded Lady in Brisbane's West End.	\$67,450
The Gabrielle Rogers Family Trust Pty Ltd	Improving Gabby's Cafe-Bar's capacity to professionally present original Australian live music performances.	\$28,699
The Hidden Cherub Pty Ltd	Installation of a stage, sound and lighting equipment as well as programming at Hidden Cherub in Broadbeach on the Gold Coast to showcase more Australian artists on a larger scale.	\$42,005
The Trustee for Brisbane Powerhouse Foundation	Programming featuring Australian singer/songwriters and original musical acts at the Brisbane Powerhouse.	\$39,000
The Trustee for The Market Trust	Miami Marketta on the Gold Coast will extend on their free-to-the-public "Cargo Stage" program, inviting diverse bands, enhancing the artist residency program and ensuring quality technical production of live music shows.	\$64,000
South Australia		
Arthur Inc	Equipment upgrades, programming of up to 700 musicians, marketing and production support at two live music venues in Adelaide.	\$51,462
Eric John Ott	Funding for artist fees for the programming of original live music performances at the Enigma Bar in Adelaide following COVID disruptions.	\$27,700
HATS Incorporated	Delivery of eight Australian original live music acts at the Hats Courthouse in Auburn in regional South Australia.	\$20,000
Lion Arts Factory	A high calibre programme of domestic talent at Lion Arts Factory, bringing live music to Adelaide.	\$36,000
The Trustee for Neat Collective Unit Trust	Programming and production support of live events reintroducing touring acts to Adelaide.	\$14,400
The Trustee for the Eleanor Downs Trading Trust	Equipment upgrades at The Shearing Shed on Kangaroo Island to host local and visiting original artists.	\$52,626
Whyalla Left Hand Club Inc	Installation of a stage and lighting system for Whyalla Left Hand Club to enhance the quality of original live music events for the region.	\$8,555
Tasmania		
Launceston Improvised Music Association Inc.	Equipment upgrades and live music performances by local Launceston and other Tasmanian musicians.	\$10,994
Nayri Niara Pty Ltd	Purchase of audio equipment and provision of artist fees and marketing to support Aboriginal social enterprise, Nayri Niara, to deliver live performances at LongHouse, Nipaluna/Hobart.	\$25,000
Queenstown Tasmania Heritage Tours Pty Ltd	Venue upgrades and programming to support a series of winter focussed events in Queenstown.	\$55,725
Victoria		
Bendigo Blues and Roots Music Festival Incorporated	Revival of the Bendigo Blues Tram through providing funding for artist fees and marketing.	\$15,000
Builders Pty Ltd	Provision of power and installation of staging, sound and lighting infrastructure at the Market Hotel to provide live Australian music to Ballarat and surrounds.	\$21,700
Cactus Studio Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrade and promotion to host original local live music in Thornbury, Melbourne.	\$30,500

EDE Hotels Pty Ltd	Installation of PA & lighting system at the Halls Gap Hotel to continually host original Australian artists.	\$25,000
Empire 3805 Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades to create additional performance spaces at Empire in Glen Iris in Melbourne that increase capacity to host original Australian live music.	\$23,585
Frank Mercury and Harry Valiant Pty Ltd	Winter programming of local and interstate acts at Whole Lotta Love in Brunswick East, Melbourne.	\$25,000
JGM Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrade and programming on the Melbourne Showboat to encourage original Australian live music.	\$26,960
Murtoa Mechanics Institute and Free Library Inc	Equipment upgrade and performances by established Australian musicians to boost capacity for original live music in Murtoa.	\$31,800
Mycelium Studios Pty Ltd	Upgrade of HVAC system for improved COVID safety to improve capacity as a live music venue in Brunswick East, Melbourne.	\$25,000
Nevermind Pty Ltd	Contribution to Nevermind's artist fees, upgrades to original live music performance equipment and venue soundproofing treatments at Hawthorn in Melbourne.	\$60,000
Northcote Picture Theatre Company Pty Ltd	The purchase and installation of sound attenuation materials and a PA to launch as a world class live music offering in Northcote, Melbourne.	\$50,000
Sound Merch Pty Ltd	Installation of PA system, programming and production support for a series of live music performances in Collingwood, Melbourne.	\$16,486
St Andrews Community Centre Incorporated	Sound, lighting and staging equipment to host a series of original artists' music performances in St Andrews.	\$9,641
Swancom Pty Ltd	Venue upgrades to include a wheelchair accessible bathroom in the Corner Hotel band room in Richmond, Melbourne.	\$55,000
The Haviland Group Pty Ltd ATF The Haviland Trust	Support for original live music programming and air conditioning installation at The Moldy Fig in Brunswick East, Melbourne.	\$28,770
The Three Musketeers Pty Ltd	Upgrade and replacement of equipment as well as installation of acoustic attenuation of The Rooks Return to enhance performances of original artists In Fitzroy, Melbourne.	\$3,000
The Trustee for Northwind Unit Trust	Contribution toward performance fees at Shotkickers in Thornbury, Melbourne to host an array of high calibre local and interstate artists.	\$40,000
Wrangler Studios Melbourne	Equipment upgrade and professional development to expand live music capacity at Wrangler Studios, Melbourne.	\$20,000
YeeHaa Studios Pty Ltd	Construction and soundproofing of a rehearsal room, and accessibility improvements to the amenities at YeeHaa Studios in Bendigo.	\$14,300
Western Australia		
B.C and P Mills	Infrastructure upgrades, disabled access and air-conditioning to improve capacity and audience experience in Bridgetown.	\$24,993
Bruce Rock Community Resource Centre (inc)	Programming to fund a series of original artist mini-concerts across multiple venues in shire of Bruce Rock in regional Western Australia.	\$27,200
Good Things in Life Pty Ltd	PA upgrade at Settlers Tavern, Margaret River to enhance the quality of audience experience and professional capacity.	\$13,068
Jazz Fremantle Inc.	Programming and production funding over three weekends to promote women in live jazz music.	\$15,000

Rosemount Hotel	Building of a co-working Hub dedicated to WA music industry workers and self-managed musicians to work and produce original live music performances in Perth.	\$55,000
The Perth Folk and Roots Club (W.A.) Inc.	Perth Folk and Roots Club supporting a free monthly music event at Perth Tattersalls Bowling Club.	\$6,000
The Trustee for Froth Exmouth Brewing Co Unit Trust	Upgrade of Froth Craft Brewery's production equipment for higher quality in-house concerts and large scale events, as well as professional development training at Halls Gap.	\$47,184
YMCA of Western Australia Youth & Community Services Incorporated	Upgrades to production equipment and venue at YMCA head-quarters at Leederville in Perth to host high quality live music events for all ages.	\$21,250