

# Music Festival Roundtable

## 29 March 2023



## Outcomes

The Music Festival Roundtable (the Roundtable) provides government agencies and industry stakeholders the opportunity to collaborate, share information, address members' priorities, and discuss emerging issues impacting music festivals in NSW.

The Roundtable was formed under the *Music Festivals Act 2019* (the Act), the functions are specified in the Act. These include supporting the growth of the music festival industry in NSW and the safety of patrons. Membership for the Roundtable is outlined in the Act and comprises of equal distribution of government and industry representatives. Joint statements about key meeting topics and outcomes are published below.

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- The twelfth Roundtable was held on 29 March 2023 in Sydney.
- The Government co-chair was Tarek Barakat (Proxy for Anthony Keon), Executive Director Policy and Programs, Hospitality and Racing, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade (DEIT). Mitch Wilson (Proxy for Julia Robinson), Managing Director, Australian Festival Association (AFA) was the industry co-chair. Mitch Wilson chaired the meeting.
- NSW Police advised that Sydney *WorldPride* challenged the State and recognised that the event involved extensive planning from industry and Government. Industry and Government were both recognised as having worked collaboratively for the planning of the event. Roundtable members agreed that the two-week event was considered a success.
- NSW Health reported that weather (extreme heat) impacted some recent festivals. Industry members concurred that weather conditions made things challenging in addition to post COVID difficulties. Industry members to work with government members on how to better manage events with adverse weather conditions.
- Industry members noted that the incoming Government has committed to a \$103 million injection to the contemporary music industry over the next four (4) years.
- The subject festival guidance fact sheet that was published in February 2023 by Liquor and Gaming NSW is now available and well received.
- An annual review of all subject music festivals designations will occur in May 2023. Government members further commented that industry will be further consulted on the review process.
- Three (3) case studies were presented, namely *Transmission*, *Strawberry Fields* and *Sydney WorldPride* and learnings were shared.

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- Subcommittee met on 1 February 2023. The discussion focused on music festival application templates. Liquor & Gaming NSW will work with industry to create a template for regional festivals and multi-day events.
- NSW Police provided insight into issues that have arisen in relation to licensing expectations. Police noted that many music festival licence conditions are standardised, and event organisers should be taking standardised licence conditions into account when taking on liquor related sponsorship.

### *Next meeting*

- The next Roundtable meeting will be held on 21 June 2023.

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### Attendee List

Roundtable Members	Organisation
Tarek Barakat (Proxy for Anthony Keon)	Liquor and Gaming NSW
Sarah Lovell (Proxy for Luke Hanley)	Destination NSW
Daniel Madeddu	Ministry of Health
Brett McFadden	NSW Police
Claire Bunyon (Proxy for Natasha Luschwitz)	Department of Premier and Cabinet
David Gordon (Proxy for Augusta Supple)	Create NSW
Penelope Pedersen	Local Government NSW
Lucy Joseph (Proxy for Nick Pickard)	Australasian Performing Right Association and Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society, (APRA AMCOS)
Jessica Ducrou	Australian Festival Association
Tara Benney	Australian Festival Association
Mitchell Wilson (Proxy for Julia Robinson)	Australian Festival Association
Adelle Robinson	Australian Festival Association
Meeting Guests and Observers	Organisation
Gabbie Gallagher	Liquor and Gaming NSW
Anthony Vescio	Liquor and Gaming NSW
Angela Matheson	Health NSW
Karen Rae	Local Government NSW
Jodie Ippolito	Liquor and Gaming NSW (Secretariat)
Phillip Pandelis	Liquor and Gaming NSW (Secretariat)
Samantha Slykhuis	Liquor and Gaming NSW (Secretariat)