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FOUR MORE VENUES GAIN LATER TRADING IN THE CBD

Four more live entertainment venues in the Sydney CBD precinct have been granted extended trading, bringing to 34 the number of venues that can admit patrons until 2am and serve drinks until 3.30am.

The extended trading for venues offering live entertainment is a key part of the NSW Government's renewed focus on providing diverse night-time entertainment options while balancing the need for community safety.

The four latest venues to gain extended trading are:

- Three Wise Monkeys on George St
- Slide Lounge¹, Oxford Hotel and Palms on Oxford¹ on Oxford St.

The venues provide a diverse range of live entertainment including rock and pop bands, acoustic performers and established and up-and-coming DJs.

The extended trading times are helping to boost Sydney's nightlife and give musicians and other entertainers more opportunities to perform

The later trading for the venues in the CBD precinct means there are now more options for live entertainment and cultural events.

The announcement comes as Sydney's small bars continue to flourish following changes to licence conditions approved by the NSW Government in 2016.

These changes allowed small bars to serve more patrons, open later and have more flexibility around what they can serve after midnight.

There are nearly 60 small bars in the Sydney local government area and that number continues to grow. These venues offer a quieter and more intimate setting for patrons.

The NSW Government is also trialling a new liquor licence where craft breweries in Sydney's inner west can serve patrons on premises.

¹ Slide Lounge and Palms on Oxford can now admit patrons until 2am but can only trade until 3am in line with the trading hours on their liquor licences.

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