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FIVE WESTERN SYDNEY COUNCILS TO HOST MICRO MUSIC FESTIVALS

Musicians will play in streets, restaurants, cafes and shops at five Western Sydney locations as part of a \$150,000 NSW Government initiative that will bring a series of family-friendly micro music festivals to local communities.

Blacktown, Camden, Fairfield, Parramatta and Wollondilly councils will take part in the *Western Sydney Live and Local Strategic Initiative* that will showcase the talents of local musicians while providing a great free show for residents.

Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said the funding connects the Live Music Office with local government to engage Western Sydney musicians from various genres to stage live performances in unique local venues.

“The *Live and Local* initiative is about the local community working together to create vibrant and innovative entertainment for everyone to enjoy,” Mr Grant said.

“For example, Blacktown City Council will work with local businesses to present a curated music series inside a local restaurant or outside a café.

“Western Sydney has a proud history of contributing to Australian music and these events will add to that esteemed playlist by showcasing local veteran performers and future leading talent.”

Live Music Office policy director John Wardle said the micro festivals will use the Live and Local model, meaning performances are free to the public, do not require major infrastructure or road closures and provide jobs to local musicians.

“The Live Music Office is proud to be in partnership with Western Sydney councils and we look forward to working with council staff, local businesses and musicians to celebrate live music in the region,” Mr Wardle said.

The NSW Government has allocated an additional \$100,000 to support a second round of this program, opening next year, off the back of the great response received in 2016.

The Western Sydney Live and Local Strategic Initiative is part of the NSW Government’s \$7.5 million commitment to boost Western Sydney arts and cultural opportunities during the next four years.

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