

Music Festival Roundtable

20 March 2024



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 ensuring the safety of patrons. Membership for the Roundtable is outlined in the Act and comprises an equal distribution of government and industry representatives. Joint statements about key meeting topics and outcomes are published below.

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- The sixteenth Roundtable was held on 20 March 2024 at Sydney Startup Hub, Event rooms 1 and 2, Level 1, 11 York Street, Sydney
- The Government co-chair was Tarek Barakat, A/CEO, Hospitality and Racing, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade (DEIT). Mitchell Wilson, Managing Director, Australian Festival Association (AFA) was the industry co-chair. Mitchell Wilson chaired the meeting.
- Health NSW provided drug trend data post summer festival season.
- Roundtable members discussed creating a contacts document for members on who to contact when issues arise. Roundtable members supported this process.
- Roundtable members discussed how to organise late changes to a music festival Safety Management Plan when expected patron attendance numbers change.
- Government presented a case study outlining the importance of submitting an early notification form to Liquor & Gaming NSW at least 120 days before a festival and how late notifications can impact a music festival.
- A review of the Act is currently underway with targeted consultation completed. Government is currently analysing the feedback.
- Matt Sims from Sims Events and Rob Francis Harder Styles United (HSU) presented on harm minimisation at festivals.
- Karen Freeman from BOCSAR presented on crime statistics at music festivals.

Next meeting

- The next Roundtable meeting will be held on 26 June 2024.

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Attendee List

Roundtable Members	Organisation
Tarek Barakat	Hospitality & Racing NSW
Luke Hanley	Destination NSW
Brett McFadden	NSW Police
Ruth Murphy	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Emily Collins	Create NSW
Michael Rodrigues	24 Hour Economy Commissioner
Penelope Pedersen	Local Government NSW
Mitchell Wilson	Australian Festival Association
John Wardle	Australasian Performing Right Association and Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society
Claire Bunyan	The Cabinet Office (TCO)
Angela Matheson	Health NSW
Steve Vaughan	NSW Ambulance
Joe Muller	Music NSW
Jessica Ducrou	Australian Festival Association (AFA)
Adelle Robinson	Australian Festival Association (AFA)
Meeting Guests and Observers	Organisation
Natalie Wright	Liquor & Gaming NSW
Peter Wicks	Liquor & Gaming NSW
Alice Duxbury	Liquor & Gaming NSW
Matt Sims	Sims Events

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Rob Francis	Harder Styles United (HSU)
Karen Freeman	BOCSAR
Matthew Richards	NSW Police
Phillip Pandelis	Liquor & Gaming NSW (Secretariat)
Sean Sim	Liquor & Gaming NSW (Secretariat)