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HOTELS WELCOME GOVERNMENT'S NEW LIVE MUSIC INITIATIVE

The state's hotels have thrown their support behind the State Government's new "Great Southern Nights" live music event, with AHA NSW CEO John Whelan saying it's "the shot in the arm the pub live music scene needed".

The new music event will see 1,000 COVID-safe music gigs in Sydney and regional NSW in November featuring headline artists including Jimmy Barnes, Missy Higgins and The Veronicas.

"1,000 gigs across NSW in November. Top Australian acts. It's a return to the glory days' of the NSW live music pub scene in the 70s & 80s," Mr Whelan said.

"Pubs with live music have been hit particularly hard by Covid 19.

"Many regional pubs have also had to battle drought and bushfires.

"The NSW Government and Minister Stuart Ayres are to be congratulated for this exciting live music initiative."

"The local pub is where many of Australia's great music acts got their start. Let's hope many more emerge from this fantastic new concept."

Great Southern Nights is delivered in partnership with the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA). Events will be programmed in line with Government health advice regarding physical distancing and venue capacity.

"I encourage AHA NSW members, from the city to the bush, to get involved and register their interest at <https://www.greatsouthernights.com.au/>"

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