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FIVE NSW MUSIC EVENTS WORTH MAKING A SONG AND DANCE ABOUT

NSW's music scene will hit a high note over the next three months with a jam-packed calendar of music events and festivals taking place across the State. Be it rock, pop, DJ's, country music or Elvis, there is something for all music fans and Destination NSW is encouraging gig-lovers to start planning their trip to these events now.

NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events Adam Marshall said, "From Sydney to rural and regional NSW, when it comes to Australia's biggest, best and most diverse music events, it's clear it's all on in NSW."

"Whether it's acclaimed acoustic singer-songwriters, internationally renowned DJ's, Elvis impersonators or heritage Australian country and rock legends, the NSW music event calendar has something for everyone."

"More than 500 events have been secured for Sydney and rural and regional NSW by the NSW Government since March 2011 and these events have delivered an estimated visitor spend in excess of \$3 billion to the State," said Mr Marshall.

To help plan your next music road trip, Destination NSW has pulled together some highlights on the upcoming NSW music event calendar:

1. Soak up the sunshine and enjoy some delicious foodie treats and impressive DJ beats at MTV Beats & Eats in Wollongong on 18 November

MTV Australia will bring tastes and tunes to the beachside location of Stuart Park, North Wollongong, for MTV Beats & Eats on Saturday 18 November. The festival will feature main-stage performances from local and international artists, including headline act Rudimental (DJ), Australian singer-songwriter and rapper Tkay Maidza and New Zealand electronic duo Sachi, as well as bespoke food offerings from Happy as Larry, Greek St and Doughnut Time.

Just over one hour's drive south of Sydney, this festival is a perfect reason to get your friends together, sort your playlist, and get to Wollongong for an unforgettable event. Tickets are available [here](#).

2. Celebrate all things Aussie Music at the 2017 ARIA Awards on 28 November

Exclusive to Sydney, the 2017 ARIA Awards with Apple Music celebrate the music industry's incredible history and amazing artists. This year, one of Australia's most-loved and iconic artists, Darryl Braithwaite, will be inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame, and nominated artists including the likes of Paul Kelly, Jessica Mauboy and Gang of Youths will be recognised.

Music fans can enjoy the star-studded night and see the artists up-close by booking tickets [here](#).

3. Get your friends together for a festival road trip to Forbes for Vanfest on 1-2 December

Vanfest in Forbes will feature big local acts including Amy Shark, Tash Sultana, San Cisco and Dune Rats. Now in its fourth year, Vanfest offers travellers a variety of onsite camping and glamping options as well as pop up beach bars, adrenaline rides, market stalls, and much more. All ticket information and Vanfest package options are available [here](#).

4. Jump on board the Elvis Express and make your way to Parkes for the iconic Parkes Elvis Festival from 10-14 January

The iconic Parkes Elvis Festival is a celebration of the life and music of Elvis Presley held annually in the second week of January to coincide with the birthday of The King on January 8. From Wednesday to Sunday, more than 120 events will take place at venues in and around Parkes. The Festival attracts headline international and national Elvis tribute artists, as well as more than 25,000 national and international visitors. Travel to Central West NSW on the Elvis Express or Blue Suede Express event trains that depart from Central Station filled with fans, Elvis impersonators and festival goers celebrating the music of the King.

5. Make sure you're set for the biggest music festival in the Southern Hemisphere: The Tamworth Country Music Festival from 19-28 January

The annual Tamworth Country Music Festival will celebrate a monumental 46 years as a festival in 2018. It's the Southern Hemisphere's largest music festival with over 700 artists featured in 2,800 scheduled events across 120 venues. Known as the 'Country Music Capital of Australia', Tamworth caters to all country music tastes from Bluegrass and American, to Alt Country and Bush Ballads.

Keith Urban, Troy Cassar-Daley, Kasey Chambers, Beccy Cole and Lee Kernaghan are just a few of Australia's country music stars who launched their careers at the Festival. This year's artists include Sara Storer, Shane Nicholson, The Wolfe Brothers and Lee Kernaghan.

For more information on these events and more, visit Sydney.com and visitnsw.com.au

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