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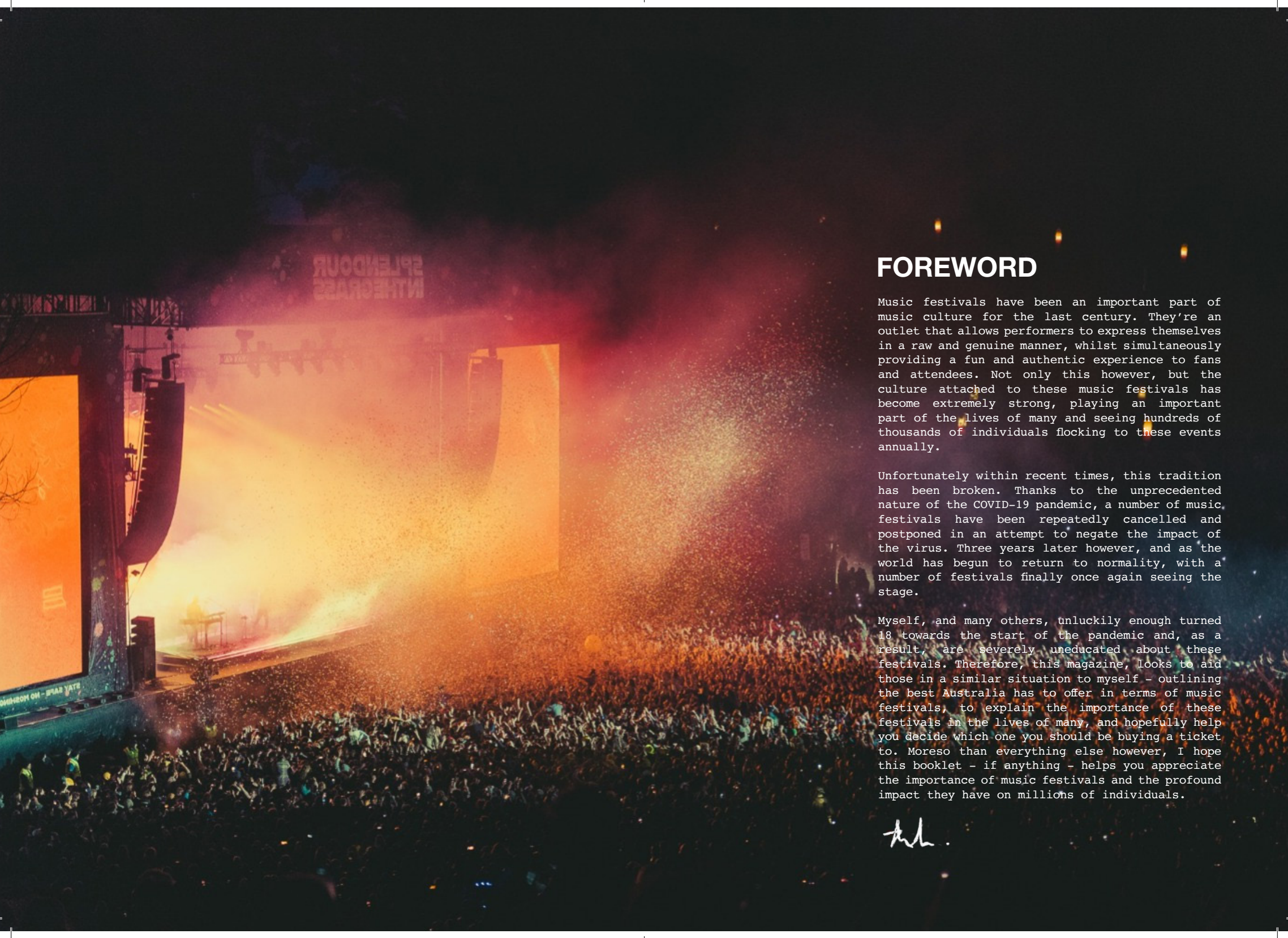


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A comprehensive guide to

AUSTRALIAN MUSIC FESTIVALS





FOREWORD

Music festivals have been an important part of music culture for the last century. They're an outlet that allows performers to express themselves in a raw and genuine manner, whilst simultaneously providing a fun and authentic experience to fans and attendees. Not only this however, but the culture attached to these music festivals has become extremely strong, playing an important part of the lives of many and seeing hundreds of thousands of individuals flocking to these events annually.

Unfortunately within recent times, this tradition has been broken. Thanks to the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of music festivals have been repeatedly cancelled and postponed in an attempt to negate the impact of the virus. Three years later however, and as the world has begun to return to normality, with a number of festivals finally once again seeing the stage.

Myself, and many others, unluckily enough turned 18 towards the start of the pandemic and, as a result, are severely uneducated about these festivals. Therefore, this magazine, looks to aid those in a similar situation to myself - outlining the best Australia has to offer in terms of music festivals, to explain the importance of these festivals in the lives of many, and hopefully help you decide which one you should be buying a ticket to. Moreso than everything else however, I hope this booklet - if anything - helps you appreciate the importance of music festivals and the profound impact they have on millions of individuals.

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SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS

JULY 11 - 14, 2022 | BYRON BAY, NSW

Arguably one of Australia's biggest music festivals, and hence why it's on the first page of this magazine.

Splendour In The Grass is a music festival that looks to embody all things Australian music. The festival, started in 2001, takes place in Byron Bay, NSW and has hosted nearly **50,000 people** every year.

Splendour has hosted a number of international acts including Coldplay, Kanye West, Arctic Monkeys and Lorde, whilst also acting as the perfect stage to feature a number of up and coming Australian artists. The Splendour stage has been visited by a huge variety of Australian 'Triple J' artists, including the likes of Powderfinger, Tame Impala, Lime Cordiale and others.

This festival places a primary emphasis on new-age music genres, often featuring **pop, rock, hip-hop, R&B** and **indie** artists, with the occasional **EDM** and **Metal** artists also making appearances. Splendour is therefore extremely diverse - and a perfect pick for a group of festival-goers with different tastes in music.



FALLS FESTIVAL

DEC 29 - JAN 1, 2022/23 | LORNE, VIC

Falls festival is the mid-season accompaniment to Splendour In The Grass. Though boasting a similar style in artists, Falls Festival often features touring artists in Australia over the December break - rather than the mid-year one.

Falls works brilliantly with Splendour, as their timing results in two hugely stacked festivals every year, both of which are often a must-see.



Welcoming the new year... in style! ↗

Falls Festival was established in 1993, and hosts nearly **30,000 people** annually. This festival, also often features **pop, rock, hip-hop** and **R&B** artists, however does also offer a stage for **blues and roots** music too.

The festival also isn't only for music lovers. Initially it had started as an Arts festival, meaning you'll have the chance see plenty of comedy, theatrical productions, dancers, cabaret and more!

The festival has also seen a wide number of international acts, including Halsey, Birds of Tokyo, Lil Nas X and 88rising, amongst others. Similarly a number of Australian artists have also played, including Flume, Milky Chance and Peking Duk.

Finally, Falls' end of year schedule means it lands over New Years. Enjoy the start of the new year jamming to a headliner in the midst of a packed crowd... how good!

BYRON BAY BLUESFEST

APRIL 14 - 18, 2022 | BYRON BAY, NSW

Byron Bay Bluesfest, started in 1990, is (although not as advertised as much the previous two) another of Australia's largest music festivals centered around a relaxed, family friendly environment.

Though the festival sees upwards of **100,000 attendees** over the Easter Long Weekend, as Bluesfest takes place over 5 days, it feels significantly less busy than the other festivals.

Bluesfest, as you've probably guessed, centres itself around **blues and roots** music and has seen international acts including Bob Dylan, Gary Clark Jr., George Benson, Jimmy Barnes and John Legend.

The site sees countless beer gardens, food and market stalls and a number of different campsites - priding itself on being more than just the music and it's performers.

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Although the family-friendly atmosphere of Bluesfest and Tamworth Country may turn off some, the sense of community they foster means its impossible not to enjoy yourself.

TAMWORTH COUNTRY

JAN 13 - 22 | TAMWORTH, NSW

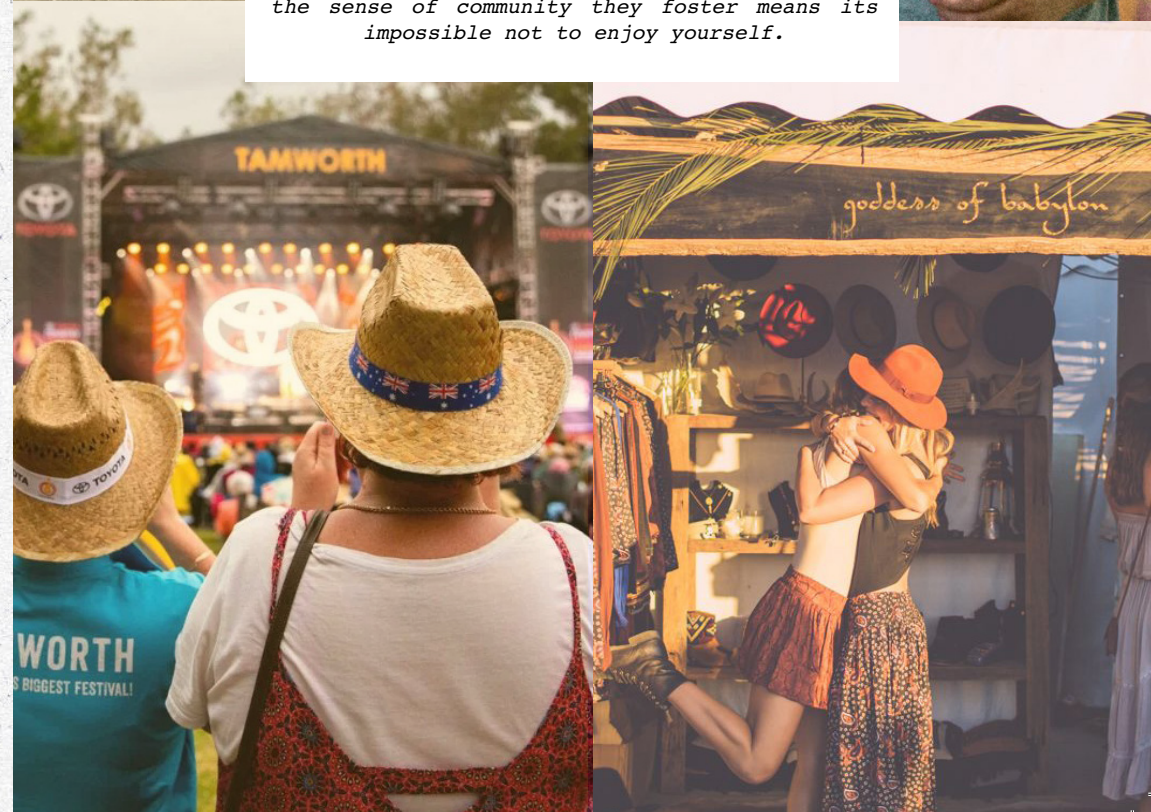
In a similar vein, Tamworth Country Music Festival is a family friendly festival regarding everything Australian country.

Begun in 1972, the festival lasts 10 days, and sees a number of **country, jazz and acoustic** acts. Furthermore, the festival also has a variety of concerts, stalls and even an annual awards show, with the town hosting upwards of **50,000 people annually**. (Landing this as the second biggest country festival in the world.)

Tamworth has seen a variety of international acts, including Slim Dusty, Kasey Chambers and Tim McGrath amongst others.

Be warned, however! As the town is so small that you'll need to ensure to book well in advance, should you plan on going. Accommodation around the dates often fill up nearly a year prior, so make sure you're on the ball!

Dave Matthews is a returning headliner for both festivals





ULTRA AUSTRALIA

MAR 5 2022 | MELBOURNE & SYDNEY

Ultra music festival is owned by Ultra Records, a recording label responsible for the likes of Avicii, Steve Aoki, Martin Garrix amongst others.

Adopted from it's American counterparts, Ultra Australia is one of the largest Electronic music festivals in the Southern Hemisphere.

Seeing nearly **40,000 attendee's**, Ultra Australia is everything you'd expect from an EDM festival... and more.

Between it's psychedelic light displays, speaker's that will blow you to shreds and a crowd that keeps going well until the early morning, Ultra Australia is the perfect festival for fans of **EDM, D&B, House, Techno** and even **Hardstyle** fans. Notable DJ's over the years have included David Guetta, Steve Aoki, Afrojack, Zedd and more.

Ultra events are also held internationally - whether you're in America, South Korea, Singapore, Mexico, Brazil or even Croatia, Ultra has a festival for you.

One thing that must be noted, is ticketing is scarce. Ultra events are globally known for selling out within minutes of release, so ensure you've got your card details at the ready!

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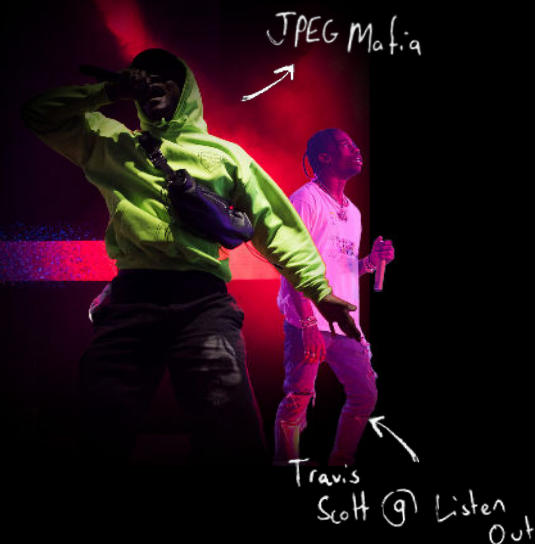
One of the latest Australian festivals comes in the form of Listen Out. Established in 2016, Listen Out is a **Hip-Hop** cross **EDM** festival, featuring respective stages for each.

Listen Out looks to bring in a wide variety of international Hip-Hop talent to Australia and has featured huge names including Joey Bada\$\$, Childish Gambino, Travis Scott and Denzel Curry.

It is this consistently 'stacked' lineup that has led Listen Out is widely regarded as one of the best Hip-Hop festivals in Australia.

The festival itself racks in upwards of **75,000 individuals**, and tours across the main capitals of Australia.

Similar to Ultra, Listen Out provides everything you'd expect for an EDM festival - flashing lights, loud DJ's and an energetic crowd. The perfect choice for young people!



OTHER NOTABLE MENTIONS

Obviously, there are hundreds of other music festivals across Australia - both big and small. Though I couldn't possibly cover them all within this magazine, here's a breakdown of some others I'd recommend! Thanks for reading, and enjoy!

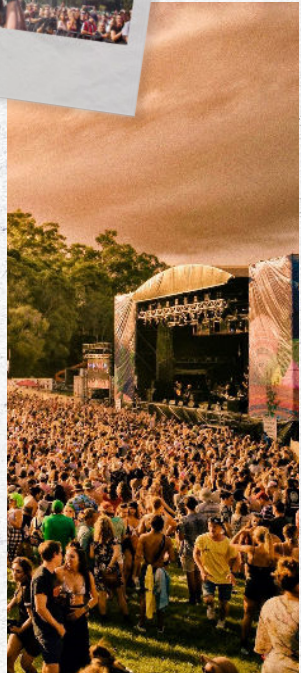
Name	Genre	Location
Groovin' The Moo	Pop, Indie, Dance	Canberra, ACT
Yours and Owls	R&B, Pop, Alternative Rock	Wollongong, NSW
Dark Mofo	Metalcore, Drone, EDM	Hobart, TAS
Rainbow Serpent	Psych, Trance, EDM	Lexton, VIC
Karnival	Hardstyle, Dance, D&B	Melbourne, VIC
The Lost Lands	Pop, Country, Family Friendly	Werribee Park, NSW
Spilt Milk	Pop, Indie, Dance	Canberra, ACT
Lost Paradise	R&B, Pop, Alternative Rock	Glenworth Valley, NSW





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This zine covers ~~everything~~ ^{nearly everything} you need to know about Aussie Music Festivals.



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