

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

Minister for Industry Support and Recovery

Minister for Trade

Minister for Business Precincts

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Minister for Racing



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## NEWEST ACTS IN VICTORIA'S ALWAYS LIVE LINEUP REVEALED

Australian artists Nick Cave, Warren Ellis and Tash Sultana will perform at locations across the state as part of a major music festival supported by the Andrews Labor Government.

Following a sold-out performance by the Foo Fighters in Geelong last week, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today welcomed the latest program announcements for ALWAYS LIVE.

Nick Cave and Warren Ellis will perform two nights at Hanging Rock, supported by Courtney Barnett on 25 and 26 November. International superstars the Foo Fighters will return, this time playing AAMI Park on 4 December.

A new First Nations concert featuring multi-platinum selling singer Isaiah Firebrace will take place at the Girgarro Sound Shell near Echuca on 4 December and Tash Sultana will headline Ocean Sounds on Phillip Island on 10 December.

ALWAYS LIVE is a new statewide music festival taking place across regional Victoria, the CBD and surrounding suburbs in 2022 – showcasing everything Victoria has to offer and attracting music fans from across the country.

Featuring a diverse mix of local and international talent, the events are expected to drive music fans into the regions, suburbs and CBD – helping to support local jobs and tourism businesses.

ALWAYS LIVE also brings to life a long-held dream of late Australian music icon Michael Gudinski AM – one of the country's most unwavering and influential live music champions.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula**

*"This is just the beginning of the ALWAYS LIVE program, which will feature dozens of acts and reinforce Victoria's place as the cultural capital of Australia."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas**

*"Having Nick Cave and Warren Ellis perform at Hanging Rock will be a big hit with local music lovers."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale**

*"In Bass Coast we love live music and it's brilliant to see Ocean Sounds coming to Phillip Island this December."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Metropolitan Sheena Watt**

*"Melburnians will embrace the chance to see the Foo Fighters playing at AAMI Park later in the year."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes**

*"Isaiah Firebrace will showcase what a unique experience the Girgarro Sound Shell can provide for fans."*

**Background - Program details**

**ALWAYS LIVE, Frontier Touring and Supersonic present NICK CAVE & WARREN ELLIS with special guest COURTNEY BARNETT**

Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2022

Hanging Rock Reserve, Macedon Ranges

Presale: Tuesday 15 March

General public on sale: Thursday 17 March

**ALWAYS LIVE and Frontier Touring present FOO FIGHTERS**

Sunday 4 December 2022

AAMI Park, Melbourne

Presale: Tuesday 8 March

General public on sale: Thursday 10 March

**ALWAYS LIVE, Live Nation, Songlines and Australian Music Vault present HOMETOWN: ISIAH FIREBRACE**

Sunday 4 December 2022

Girgarro Sound Shell, Girgarre

FREE EVENT

**ALWAYS LIVE, Ocean Sounds and The Hills are Alive present OCEAN SOUNDS featuring TASH SULTANA, PIERCE BROTHERS, KIM CHURCHILL, KEE'AHN and more to be announced**

Saturday 10 December 2022

Churchill Island, Phillip Island/Millowl

Presale: Tuesday 15 March

General public on sale: Wednesday 16 March