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FULL STEAM AHEAD ON UNIQUE LIVE MUSIC TOURISM EVENT

Victorian music lovers are on track for a weekend-long treat with the announcement of SOUND TRACKS, a new live music and tourism experience set on a restored steam train, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Held over three days from Friday, 6 October to Sunday, 8 October, SOUND TRACKS will see a heritage train running between Melbourne and Charlton, where music lovers can hop on board for performances by some of Victoria's most exciting talents— all while enjoying local food and wine.

SOUND TRACKS aims to support Charlton's continued recovery from the 2022 summer floods, and builds on the \$1 million announced earlier this year to support tourism-boosting and community-strengthening music events in flood-impacted communities across the state.

The event, presented by OK Motels, will feature a stacked lineup including electronic producer Harvey Sutherland, jazz outfit Glass Beams, dance act Juno Mamba and folk group Folk B*%ch Trio with more announcements to come.

Departing from Southern Cross Station, the train will make pit stops in Geelong and Ballarat before arriving in Charlton, giving guests the opportunity to explore the town.

From performances at the local bowling club, dinner in the shire hall and headline acts filling Charlton's iconic art deco Rex theatre, guests can expect a lively weekend filled with food and great music – contributing to the bustling arts culture that Victorians know and love.

Music lovers can look forward to a bumper season of creative events across Victorian flood-impacted communities in October including Rochester and the Loddon region, Melbourne International Games Week, Melbourne Fringe, Melbourne Jazz Festival, the Eighty-Six festival and more.

For tickets and more information on SOUND TRACKS, visit www.sound-tracks.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Steve Dimopoulos

"Incredible music, stunning scenery, a steam train, great food and wine – it all adds up to a one-of-a-kind experience that will invite travellers to see our regions in a whole new light."

"We're backing SOUND TRACKS as part of our work to strengthen and support the state's music industry and our commitment to supporting recovery in flood-impacted communities."