

**INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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My husband and I currently manage a band that my son is in. What is currently working is that our home town in country NSW is very supportive of live music which we are very grateful for. What is not working is when we have to travel for long distances to other towns and payment for our services is not enough to cover travel, accomodation, meals and drinks so we are basically performing for free. What we suggest is that grants for musicians can be offered on merit and on an annual basis to help support the live music industry. We also suggest for scholarships to be offered at high schools to help support up and coming musicians. This way the current music industry will thrive and younger generations can also see there is longevity in their future career choice.