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**STRICTLY EMBARGOED 6PM TUESDAY 30 MAY, 2017**

Queensland Music Festival serves up massive night of free live music in Nambour

For one night only on Saturday 8 July, Nambour's main street will be transformed into a free music festival showcasing the talents of local bands, and encouraging Queenslanders to explore the intimate live music haunts of Currie Street as part of Queensland Music Festival (QMF) 2017.

*Currie Street Music Crawl* will feature 20 contemporary musicians and bands from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast including Ayla, Sahara Beck, WAAX, Emily Wurraramara, Screamfeeder, The Floating Bridges, Blank Realm and Major Leagues, as well as up-and-coming talent from QMusic's Sunshine Coast Industry Connect program.

The artists will perform across five stages in Currie Street venues: The Council Chambers Forecourt, C-Square, The Basement, The Bison Bar, and The Time Machine.

*Currie Street Music Crawl's* Creative Producer Joc Curran, former co-owner of legendary Brisbane live music venue The Zoo, has programmed the event to shine a light on the Sunshine Coast's burgeoning live music scene.

In the lead up to the event, QMF partner QMusic will also hold professional development workshops connecting emerging artists with those already established in the music scene as well as other industry professionals, as part of QMusic's Sunshine Coast Industry Connect program. From these workshops a selection of solo artists and bands will get the chance to perform at *Currie Street Music Crawl*.

QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan said the Sunshine Coast is brimming with talent but there are few opportunities for emerging and established musicians to come together to connect.

"*Currie Street Music Crawl* is a landmark event that will help shine a light on the next crop of talented Sunshine Coast and Queensland musicians," Ms Noonan said.

"I am committed to supporting emerging artists during this year's festival and providing opportunities for them to be heard. *Currie Street Music Crawl* is a perfect chance for those in the Sunshine Coast and Queensland music industries to forge strong connections, and to share experience and knowledge. It could be the platform that propels someone's career to new heights."

The complete line-up of artists performing in *Currie Street Music Crawl* is: Alys Ffion, Ayla, Band of Frequencies, Blank Realm, Buck Dean and The Green Lips, Emily Wurraramara, The Fergies, The Floating

Bridges, The Hi-Boys, Hobo Magic, Josh Rennie-Hynes, Lifeboat, Major Leagues, Marville, OKBADLANDS, Pro Vita, Sahara Beck, Screamefeeder, Shifting Sands and WAAX.

*Currie Street Music Crawl* is a licensed 18+ event.

*Currie Street Music Crawl* is presented by Queensland Music Festival and Sunshine Coast Council, and supported by APRA AMCOS, Australia Council for the Arts, the Regional Arts Development Fund, QMusic, the Nambour Activation Fund and Sunshine Coast Creative Alliance.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body. This project has also received support through the Regional Arts Development Fund, a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Sunshine Coast Council, as well as the Nambour Activation Fund.

For more information visit [qmf.org.au](http://qmf.org.au).

### **EVENT DETAILS**

EVENT: *Currie Street Music Crawl*

DATE: Saturday 8 July

TIME: 5pm to 10pm

VENUE: The Council Chambers Forecourt, C-Square, The Basement, The Bison Bar, The Time Machine, - Currie Street, Nambour

TICKETS: Free, 18+ licensed event

### **ENDS**

Queensland Music Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide celebration of music with a vision to transform lives and communities through music.

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