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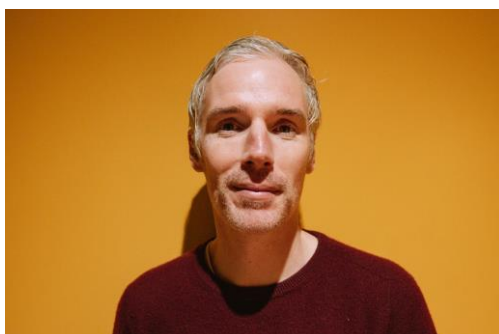
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MUSICNSW APPOINTS REGIONAL MANAGER FOR NORTH WEST & NORTHERN RIVERS

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Pictured: Dave Burgener. Photographer: Georgia Jane Griffiths

Arts North West shares in MusicNSW's delight in announcing the appointment of five regional-based team members. The regional MusicNSW team will work collaboratively to lead regional music development across the state, with Dave Burgener hired as the team's Regional Manager. **Dave will also be focused across the North West and Northern Rivers regions.**

Following a search that began in November 2022, five music professionals now join the MusicNSW team with a remit to deliver development opportunities and work to expand touring circuits across regional NSW. The newly-created roles have been made possible thanks to Create NSW following a landmark four-year funding commitment. **In 2023, Arts North West and Arts Northern Rivers have contributed funding to increase activity and participation across their regions.**

Burgener is a music champion from Northern NSW previously working as a Cultural Planner role for 6 years at Tweed Shire Council where he organised small-scale music festivals, free live music in public parks, professional development workshops and forums. During that time he helped build relationships between the music industry and government sector, provided performance opportunities for local musicians, and advocated for regulatory reform.

Arts North West acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands we work on;

we recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people and respect the Aboriginal Elders past and present.

Arts North West is assisted by the NSW Government through Create NSW and the partnership of 11 local government authorities in the New England North West



Dave Burgener is available for interview.

Emily Collins, MusicNSW Managing Director said: “We are so excited to have these new team members to strengthen all things music in the regions. The regional music community has so much rich talent and deserves all the support that the big cities are exposed to. The regional music professionals selected to represent their communities will deliver on-the-ground support to provide regionally-driven professional development, grant support, and touring resources, culminating each year with five tours across regional NSW.”

Dr Tracey Callinan, CEO, Regional Arts NSW, said: “These new positions are crucial for the development of the music industry in regional NSW. We welcome MusicNSW's strategic approach to embed support to ensure that our regional musicians, venues and tech staff are able to thrive.”

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