

The Jazz Festival – Musician partnership

The Newport Jazz Festival does not pay fees to participating musicians for their performances.

The Newport Jazz Festival is *operating a commercial venture in partnership with the musicians who perform*, and will pass on equal shares of net takings (ticket sales, less costs), to all participating musicians in the form of “Disbursements”. There is no payment for performance as such, and thus (in accordance with ATO advice), no superannuation contributions are payable.

Musician Disbursement

Musicians who register by the closing date, perform in an accepted registered band, and elect to participate in the disbursement scheme receive an equal share of the available surplus. A musician receives only one share regardless of how many bands they perform with.

A band with ten or more members is classified as a Big Band. A Big Band can receive a maximum of eight musician shares, transferred to its nominated leader for distribution.

The amount of the disbursement cannot be predicted because it depends on factors such as patronage, the number of participating musicians and festival operating costs. The Jazz Festival aims to maximise the surplus available for distribution.

If there is no net surplus, no disbursement is payable.

Once festival accounts have been finalised, disbursements are paid directly into the bank account nominated during the musician registration process.

Important banking information:

Australian banks now check that the account name exactly matches the name associated with the BSB and account number. When registering as a musician, enter the account name exactly as it appears on your bank statement. An incorrect name may cause the payment to be rejected and delayed.