

Music festival approved

A three-day music festival will go ahead at Mount View in September after Cessnock City Council knocked back a rescission motion.

The festival was approved at council's April 16 meeting but councillors Suellen Wrightson, Ian Olsen and Allan Stapleford lodged the rescission motion that brought it back to the table last Wednesday.

Councillors voted 6-7 for the rescission motion, which moved that the festival be refused due to noise and lighting impacts on nearby residences, bushfire risk and inadequate roads.

Cr. Wrightson pleaded with the councillors that supported the festival to change their stance, saying the event will "undoubtedly have an adverse impact on the area".

The festival, called the SASH Sleepout, will be held at Cedars Mount View on Mitchells Road from September 19 to 21.