• Good morning

• At the outset, I acknowledge that this ceremony is taking place on Kaurna (Gar-na) land.

• The Kaurna people have performed ceremonies on this land for many centuries, and we pay respect to their living culture and the unique role they continue to play in the life of the Adelaide region.

• Now, you may be wondering about the rather exotic mix of people we’ve gathered to meet you this morning;

• politicians and musicians don’t always appear on the same stage unless they’re launching something.

• And today is no different.
• Today we are launching a new partnership between UniSA, the James Morrison Academy of Music, the South Australian government and the Mount Gambier Council and we want all the players in this particular band to meet you.

• Our new partnership will establish a new, innovative jazz program where students won’t just learn about music but they will also learn from some of the greats, how to actually make music.

• The program will operate in Mount Gambier and will entrench that city as the centre for jazz excellence in Australia.

• The James Morrison Academy of Music at UniSA will offer a two-year Associate Degree in Music and a one-year Diploma in Music.

• We’re especially delighted to have James Morrison as a partner in this project.
• He is a virtuoso, equally gifted playing trumpet, trombone, euphonium, flugel horn, tuba, saxophone, double bass and piano.

• He has had a stunning career playing with many of the legends of jazz:

• Dizzy Gillespie; Cab Calloway; Woody Shaw; Red Rodney; George Benson; Ray Charles; B.B. King; Ray Brown and Wynton Marsalis to name a few.

• He’s also played in the world’s most famous jazz clubs – The Blue Note and Village Vanguard in New York, the New Morning in Paris and Ronnie Scotts in London.
• But to help us get started please join me in welcoming another musician of note – well he’s a big fan of Billy Bragg, Paul Kelly and Pink - the man who has already made a significant contribution to the success of the James Morrison Academy of Music at UniSA, the Hon Mr Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia.

Weatherill speaks;
throws to Brock who
throws to Mount Gambier Mayor Perryman who
intros James Morrison who
opens question time.