

SHOCKWAVE FESTIVAL

...Community Involvement...
information pack 2012



Blackall, Longreach, Winton & Charleville Crews, Shockwave 2011



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About the Shockwave Festival...

Shockwave is a festival designed for, by and with young people and the wider community of Central West QLD to celebrate exchange, learn about creative arts and for young people to experience the freedom of artistic expression.

2012 will be the fourth annual Shockwave Festival to be held at the Memorial Hall & Skate Park, Blackall.

Awarded Outback Queensland Tourism's 'Best Festival/Event' for 2011, Shockwave included people from over 21 communities across QLD and Australia, and is the only event of its kind for young people in Outback QLD.

Previously the festival has included young people from all over Central Western QLD showcasing their talents through music, dance, theatre, photography, visual arts, film, multimedia and skating. Activities and workshops are delivered by industry professionals and have included hip hop dance, stencil art, hip-hop mc'ing, visual arts, dj music production, lantern making, drama activities, tie dying, songwriting, photography and skating.

Shockwave is run by a crew of young local coordinators who ensure all content for the festival is chosen to meet the current needs of young people. The initial idea for Shockwave was conceived by young people during the delivery of the 2008 Creative Pathways program.

The festival site has wheelchair access, is an all ages event and is proudly drug and alcohol free.

2012 Festival Timing...

Where: Blackall Skate Park & Memorial Hall

When: Sat 26 May & Sun 27 May, 2012

Cost: FREE

Basic Schedule...

This is a preliminary schedule and is subject to change. For travel to the festival please include actions from Friday 25 May to Monday 28 May, 2012.

FRIDAY:

- Travel from your community to Blackall
- Briefing with Shockwave crew & supervisors
- Night entertainment
- Heartland Festival 'Art Show' (for local community and interested visiting young artists)
- Stay overnight at the Blackall Showgrounds

SATURDAY:

6am - 10am : Setup
10am : Festival opens
10am - 1pm : Workshops & activities
12noon : Lunch
1pm - 5pm : Workshops & activities
1pm to 9.30pm : Performances
9.30 - 11.30pm : Disco w local DJ's
11.30pm Day 1 close

SUNDAY:

8.30am : Cooked breakfast
9am – 12pm : Billy Cart competition
(partnership with Heartlands Festival)
: Various activities
11am – 12pm : Festival evaluation
12.30pm : Festival closes
12.45 : Buses leave for communities



Image: Band, Mary Celeste (Charleville)

Want to come to the Shockwave Festival in 2012?

If you want to bring a group of young people from your community to the 2012 festival it needs to be organised early to avoid stress. We urge you to gain support from local youth or community workers, schools and council to assist with locating participants and access to transport.

More information about the festival will be sent from us to all youth agencies in the region in early 2012 and we encourage you to talk with each other ASAP if you'd like to be a part of this opportunity.

Transport...

There are a couple of options for getting your crew to the festival:

1. **Buses;** are the best way to get young people to the festival and previously youth and community workers have organised travel from or through Winton, Emerald, Charleville, Longreach, Isisford, Ilfracombe, Barcaldine and Tambo.
2. **Car Pooling;** is great if you have a small group but please ensure drivers are fully briefed on supervisory details before confirmed.

Options for funding transport...

You will need to follow these options early as they may require time to be processed. If you'd like to discuss your transport options please contact us ASAP for more information.

Regional Arts Development Fund: <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/radf.html>

Aids to Society: Clubs or groups can apply for this through local councils

Sponsorships: By local businesses & youth minded organisations

Community fundraising: Perhaps host a pre-Shockwave event highlighting talented youth in your town?

Accommodation...

Free accommodation will be supplied by Blackall-Tambo Regional Council for visiting crew staying the full weekend. There is disability access into sleeping, breakfast & bathroom areas.



Image: Girls from Doomagee, (at Shockwave thanks to Beyond Billabong)

You must contact us with final accommodation numbers by **Friday 27 April, 2012.**

Young people and supervisors who book in advance will be staying in the Blackall Showground's buildings and will be required to bring:

- Bedding – swag preferred
- Sheets, blankets, pillows
- Clothing for the festival
- Torch and spare batteries
- Any medicines required (ensure these are outlined on the permission form)
- Hat and sunscreen
- Toiletries

Food & Drink...

Food and drinks will be available free for registered groups for the Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday breakfast. This includes Supervisors.

Friday and Saturday dinners will need to be purchased. Most meals available will be between \$5 and \$10. Supervisors need to be aware of any young people in their care who are unable to afford this as we can ensure they have access to food. We can also cater for dietary needs if notified in advance.

Supervisors...

To ensure the safety of young people traveling to Shockwave we advise you to aim toward a minimum ratio of *one supervisor per five young people*. It is the primary responsibility of supervisors to take care of the young people you are traveling with.

Blue Card – Commission for Child Safety

In looking for interested supervisors for the buses traveling to Blackall for the festival, we need you to have a current Blue Card from the Commission for Child Safety. Please contact us if you don't have one but are interested in being involved as we can support your application.

Permission Forms...

All young people attending must have a completed permission form that needs to be sighted by you and given to us prior to coming to the festival. These will be available online for download from www.human.org.au/shockwave in 2012.

About the Creative Pathways Program...



Creative Pathways is a creative skills and enterprise development program for young people in the Central West. This program helps address the significant issue of young people moving away from the region in search of alternative avenues of education and employment.

Creative Arts workshops are delivered regularly by skilled artists who aim to mentor young people and provide practical skills and knowledge to assist with future career pathway development.

Image: Young Visual Artist (Blackall), preparing for exhibition.

Community Showcases and Shockwave are used as platforms to offer young people presentation and enterprising opportunities for their projects. We partner with youth service providers, local councils and schools to deliver the program.

If you are interested in getting your community or school involved with the Creative Pathways program please contact Brooke at Human Ventures on brooke.newall@human.org.au or call (07) 3229 8055.

More Information...

For information about Shockwave 2012 and how your community can be involved please check out our website, facebook or contact us directly on the details below;

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