



**Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands**  
(now including solo/singer songwriters)

**Information / Application Pack**



Lithgow Community  
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## Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands

### What Is Rock Up?

Rock Up is a group of young people in the Central West aiming to provide more opportunities for all age drug and alcohol free entertainment in our own district. Rock Up was started in Orange in 2003 with the aim of organising all-ages gigs and activities for the youth of the Central West, as well as trying to develop a profile for the Central West as a musical hotspot, with the Band Competition expanding from 4 events in Orange in 2004 to 13 events in Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, Condobolin, Cowra and Lithgow in 2008. The Rock Up committee's key interest is music, and many of the members of this group have an interest in event management, professional production, and are musicians themselves.

### How Will It Be Run?

Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands will be holding heats in Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, Dubbo, Condobolin, Broken Hill and Cowra with semi-finals held in Lithgow, Orange and Dubbo, then the regional final in Dubbo (See attached schedule for dates). One band from each Heat/Semi Final will proceed to the next level. Broken Hill will also this year be contributing the winner and runner up from their band competition. Due to the extreme distances involved, these bands will perform in the Regional Final in Dubbo.

Bands will be allocated to a heat, not randomly drawn, to ensure that a range of styles are present during each heat. To determine ranking, bands will be judged by a panel of judges on qualities and attributes of performance, stage presence, and musicianship. For details on competition structure see table on page 5.

### How Do I Enter a Band into the Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands?

The audition process involves sending a demo **OR** web link (eg Myspace site) with songs on it, a photo, biography and the application form to your local Rock Up committee (bands can only enter into heats in one town). We use the Demo's to grade your bands ability, genre and sound and try to align your band/act as best as possible with similar bands to give you the best positioning possible in the heats.

Demos will be accepted on CD's, Cassette Tapes, Video, DVD, Website etc. Sound quality isn't a major issue. Bands are also able to request an audition in person if unable to get a recording together, where the committee will video the performance and use as the demo for auditioning purposes.

### What Are The Prizes?

**Heats:** The Winner and Runner Up of each town heat progress through to the local **Semi Final** – refer to table on page 5.

**Semi-Final:** \$1000 Cash (Divided amongst place getters at each Semi-Final), plus winner gains entry into the **Regional Final**.

### Regional Final:

**Winner:** 2 Days Recording and mastering time (Locally produced),  
100 Copies of CD with Cover Art

**Runner Up:** \$500 Cash

### Additional Prizes

Bands will also be allocated supporter cards that they can use to promote the heat they are in by giving them to their supporters and the supporters handing them in at the door on the night. The band with the most supporter cards collected at the end of the night will win a musical prize pack. Plus an audience member will also be randomly drawn for a lucky door prize.



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### What Gear Will I Need?

Rock Up will provide a stage with PA, mic's and monitors. Please contact your local Rock Up committee in relation to instrumentation and on stage line up and mic requirements. Band members will be required to bring all their own instruments, leads and accessories although a drum kit may be provided (please contact your local committee for details).

### I'm keen, What Do I Do Now?

Fill Out The Application Form, and send it along with your demo, bio and photo to the sub committee that applies to you:

### ROCK UP COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

<b>ORANGE ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DUBBO ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>
C/- Orange City Council PO Box 35 Orange NSW 2800 Ph. (02) 6393 8628	c/- Dubbo City Council PO Box 81 Dubbo NSW 2830 Ph. (02) 6801 4000
<b>BATHURST ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONDOBOLIN ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>
C/- Bathurst Regional Council Private Mail Bag 17 Bathurst NSW 2795 Ph. (02) 6333 6180 Fax. (02) 6331 7211	C/- Western Plains Regional Development Inc. PO Box 62 Condobolin NSW 2877 Ph. (02) 6895 3301
<b>LITHGOW ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COWRA ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>
C/- The Drift PO Box 438 Lithgow NSW 2790 Ph. (02) 6351 2077	C/- Cowra Shire Council Private Bag 342 Cowra NSW 2794 Ph. (02) 6340 2069
<b>BROKEN HILL ROCK UP COMMITTEE</b>	
C/- Broken Hill City Council PO Box 448 Broken Hill NSW 2880 Ph (08) 8080 3591	

### Who Can I contact if I have Any Questions?

Simply email us at [rockup\\_coop@hotmail.com](mailto:rockup_coop@hotmail.com) or contact your local Rock Up committee.



## Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands

### Rules and Conditions of Entry

- Bands/acts that have been accepted to play will be given a nominated play time and set length time by the Rock Up committee.
- All band members must be between the ages of 12 and 25 (inclusive) on 28 March 2009.
- Bands must record all their members on initial entry form. Undeclared members in entry process will not be permitted to perform (except under exceptional circumstances with 48 hours notice to your local committee).
- All band members must be located west of and including Katoomba.
- Contemporary music only. (No choirs or orchestras etc.)
- All bands/acts must enter the audition process. (No exceptions)
  - All bands/acts must prepare one original for the audition/demo.
  - All bands/act must send band details including biography, photograph, demo and a completed entry form. **Entries close 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009**
  - Demos will not be returned
- Bands/acts are only eligible to enter heats in one town.
- Individuals entering are limited to a maximum of 2 bands that they can enter as part of.
- **Bands/Acts must play at least 2 original songs** in their performances as part of 'Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands'.
- Past regional final winners of 'Rock Up Battle of the Bands' are unable to enter unless 50% or more of their band members have changed.
- Bands/acts must be at venue with all equipment by 4pm on the day of their performance(s).
- Judging sheets will be posted out after performances for bands inspection. Example of judging sheet attached.
- By entering, bands must be available for all dates of the event series.
- **Rock Up is a drug and alcohol free event. Any band found under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be automatically disqualified.**
- Upon entry, bands are granting permission for their performances to be recorded for promotional and distribution purposes.
- Bands are not permitted to encourage inappropriate mosh pit activities eg, Crowd Surfing, Circle Pits, Stage Diving.
- Inappropriate level of swearing may result in loss of points.
- **Solo singer/songwriters are allowed to enter but must be playing music live not just singing to a backing track.**

### **Please Note**

Rock Up organising committee members will be allowed to enter into the 'Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands' however will be excluded from decision-making processes, including (but not limited to) setting of rules, judging criteria, judges, and set times.

Bands who are allocated a heat and who are not available will be accommodated if possible, but otherwise will be required to withdraw from the competition – as will bands who become unavailable for part or all of a semi final or regional final – in these circumstances the band from the same heat or town on the next highest points will be invited to replace them.

Rock Up 2009 is also the first year that solo singer/songwriters are allowed to enter on their own (ie. They don't need a band), however they must be playing their music live and not just singing to a backing track.

## ROCK UP 2009 – BATTLE OF THE BANDS

ORANGE	COWRA	BROKEN HILL	CONDO	DUBBO	BATHURST	LITHGOW
<b>Heat 1 Fri 3 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat Sun 5 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat Sat 23 May</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat Sat 4 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat 1 Fri 3 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat Fri 3 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc	<b>Heat 1 Sat 28 Mar</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc
<b>Heat 2 Fri 24 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc				<b>Heat 2 Friday 1 May</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc		<b>Heat 2 Sat 4 April</b> Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 etc etc
<b>Semi Final – Orange Fri 15 May</b> Runner Up – Cowra Winner – Cowra Runner Up Heat 1 – Orange Winner Heat 1 – Orange Runner Up Heat 2 – Orange Winner Heat 2 – Orange	<b>Semi Final – Dubbo Friday 5 June</b> Runner Up – Condobolin Winner – Condobolin Runner Up Heat 1 – Dubbo Winner Heat 1 – Dubbo Runner Up Heat 2 – Dubbo Winner Heat 2 – Dubbo			<b>Semi Final – Lithgow Saturday 18 April</b> Runner Up – Bathurst Winner – Bathurst Runner Up Heat 1 – Lithgow Winner Heat 1 – Lithgow Runner Up Heat 2 – Lithgow Winner Heat 2 – Lithgow		
<b>Regional Final – Dubbo Saturday 18 July 2009</b> Winner – Dubbo semi final Winner – Orange semi final Winner – Lithgow semi final Winner – Broken Hill Performance band – Broken Hill						



# Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands

## Band Entry Form

Band Name .....

Music Style .....

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Main Contact Person .....

Phone .....

Postal Address .....

Email Address .....

Website Address .....

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### Band Members

Name	Contact number	Postcode	D.O.B.	Instrument

Special Production needs .....

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## Rock Up 2009 Battle of the Bands

### Entry Checklist

Have you done the Following?

- Checked and confirmed that all your band members are free for all relevant dates of the competition
- Nominated a band contact person
- Recorded a demo with at least 1 original song OR given us your website address with links to songs.
- Read and have an understanding of the rules and conditions of entry
- Completed the band entry form and sent it with your band demo, biography and photo.
- Plus get ready to rock out at Rock Up 2009 - Battle of the Bands!

# ROCK UP 2009 – Battle of the Bands

Band: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Times: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>MUSICIANSHIP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Ability</li> <li>• Mix of instrument(s) &amp; how well it is used</li> <li>• Skill on instrument(s) and relationship to performance</li> <li>• How 'Tight' Performance is</li> </ul>		<b>/10</b>
<b>ORIGINALITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own Sound</li> <li>• Appeal</li> <li>• Use of covers with their own style in mind</li> </ul>		<b>/10</b>
<b>STAGE PRESENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Image</li> <li>• Interaction/communication on-stage</li> </ul>		<b>/10</b>
<b>OVERALL PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction with Crowd</li> <li>• How everything fits together</li> </ul>		<b>/10</b>
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**COMMENTS:**

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**BANDS OVERALL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGES SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_