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KCGM Blast Off a hit!

Boulder's Palace Theatre Recreation Centre came alive on the 12th December, with Goldfields youth heading down to the venue to hear local youth bands battle it out on stage for a total prize pool of \$6000 in the 2008 KCGM Blast Off.

Taking out first prize of \$5000.00 was *Modern Day Minds* with their original music and unique style that "*incorporates a punk groove laced with riffs which can only be described as funky and refreshing*", as described by the band themselves.

Artillery for Children took out second place with their heavy rock music and original songs such as *Wizard Sleeve* and *Sorry You're Not a Winner*. *The Freakbeats* took out third place with rock and indie Pop and impressed the judges with their skills after forming just a few weeks before the event. Each of the place getting bands were rewarded with \$500 for their efforts.

Determining the winners proved to be a difficult task with the judges having to rate each of the bands against a criteria of musicianship, stage performance and originality. The tough decision was eventually made by the judges, Emma Whyne, Morning Program Producer - ABC Goldfields Esperance Radio, Jarrad McKay, bass player for 2007 Blast Off winners - London By Night and Rebecca Sexton, popular local musician.

Modern Day Minds band members, Jeff Adams (guitarist and singer), Scott Gamble (drummer) and Kile Neslon (guitarist and singer), celebrated their victory into the early hours of Saturday morning and were still running on a high when they graced the air waves on ABC Goldfields Esperance Radio the following morning. The bands members spoke about the experience of winning and were thrilled to have their original song, *Four Below*, played on the radio for the first time.

The boys are also looking forward to spending their prize money on some new recording equipment.

"We're keen to get a new mixer to record high quality music and it would be awesome to be able to represent our sound in a more professional manner and gain some more exposure through this," said Jeff Adams, guitarist and singer.

The Blast Off is proudly sponsored by KCGM and the organisers are already setting their sites on the planning for next year. They would love to see some input and ideas from local youth on the running of the event, so if you are aged between 12 and 25 and want to get involved, please contact Louise Crogan, KCGM Community Relations Officer on 9093 4163.

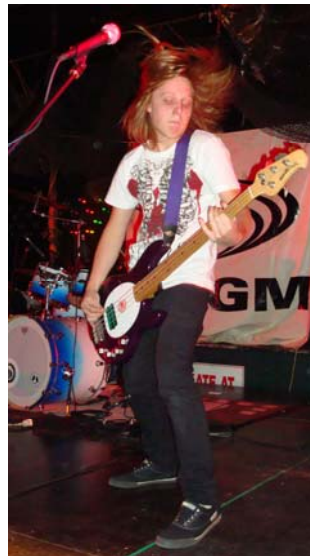
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Artillery for Children – Artillery for Children ready to battle it out in the 2008 KCGM Blast Off



DSC01247 – Kile Nelson of *Modern Day Minds* performed to the crowd with head-banging dance moves.



Artillery for Children Drummer – Mark Samuels on drums



DSC01216 – More than 100 people attended the 2008 KCGM Blast Off, and the youth crowd enjoyed the nights' entertainment.



DSC01311 – Jeff Adams, Kile Nelson and Scott Gamble take to the local air waves with their original Four Below.



DSC01218 – Doubling as MC and DJ of the event, Lisa Schofield and Scott Graham kept the crowd entertained throughout the night with popular music and commentary.