

BLACKOUT Biography

Blackout is a Sensational 4 piece all male rock band from the local Newcastle Area. While sitting at a Newcastle pub sometime in late 2004 over a few amber brewskies, an idea was formed. World domination was put on hold and the first elements of the band started to come together. From the first set list idea's scrawled on the back of beer coasters while sitting at the bar, things have developed into one of Newcastle's greatest rock assets. The band has entertained crowds locally around Newcastle as well as out west to Dubbo and all the way out at Cobar. Their popularity is evident with re-bookings at every venue they perform. Blackout is now even more determined to bring their high energy show to as many people as they can. With the 4 members all coming from varied musical backgrounds and tastes, the bands set list contains a little something for everybody. Drawing musical influences from every genre of music, and a set list that includes songs from KISS, Black Sabbath and AC/DC all the way through to the chart topping hits of today from the likes of Greenday, Foo Fighters, Good Charlotte, Grinspoon, Jet and many more.

The Band

Craig Swords - Vocals

Raised on a diet of Hard Rock and beer, Craig – the voice of Blackout – lets his vocals rip with full force. One taste of the stage and he was instantly hooked - singing anything from the softer ballads to the powerful Rock 'n Roll Blackout is known for, his vocal style rounds out this group nicely.

Nathan Hegarty- Guitar & Vocals

A self taught guitarist and one of the founding members of Blackout, Nathan has been playing guitar since the age of 15. Drawing influences from many different styles of music – anything from funk to metal, rock to blues, he smashes out a huge rock n roll rhythm and compliments it with singing leads.

Drew Williams - Drums

The newest member of Blackout, Drew has played in a number of previous bands and has played many different styles of music. A versatile and talented drummer, Drew is the motor that drives the bands sound. Drawing on his passion for all types of music, Drew powers the band through everything from a soft ballad, to the unleashed, double kicking fury of a hard rock anthem!

Paul Holt- Bass & Vocals

Having grown up surrounding himself with a variety of musical styles, Paul always wanted to be a part of the action. The bass called and he answered, along with his brothers in arms unleashing rock to the masses at will. Self taught and a band member from the early days.

A Blackout show is truly something for everyone! The boys are focused on providing their fans with 110% "Live Rock n Roll" at its finest