



MOVIE NIGHTS & LICENCING

Many of Blue Light's regional Branches have begun holding Movie Nights to add some variety to the activities offered to local youth. Movies can be shown on the 80" pull up screens and projectors that are supplied with MERV Trailers. They can also be shown with the blow up outdoor movie screens that some Branches have recently been requesting through grant applications.

However you intend to screen your movie, there are some very strict licencing laws around the public display of a movie. Yes, showing a movie during a Blue Light event, no matter how small, is considered a public display in the eyes of the law.

Hire of movies through roadshow single public performance licencing

One option is to hire a movie through Roadshow. You will need to fill out a Public Performance Request Form and submit it to be given a price to hire a movie for your event. Information required will include:

- The date and number of times the movie will be screened.
- Location of screening, and whether it is indoors or outdoors.
- Location of closest cinema, and distance in kms if known.
- If the screening is part of a larger event (ie during a Family Fun Day etc)
- If council approval has been sought and granted, and a copy of the approval.
- Estimated audience numbers and venues maximum capacity
- If patrons will pay a fee, and if so how much
- To what extent you will advertise the event
- Dimensions of the screen

After submitting the form you will be given a quote, and you can select the movie you want to show from their catalogue. It will be posted to you, and you will have to return in once finished.

It is hard to estimate what you will be charged for a movie. You can always make an enquiry and if you aren't happy with the price, you do not have to go ahead with it.

The email contact is: John.Anderson@roadshow.com.au

Hire of movies through roadshow with blanket licence agreement

We have been able to negotiate a licence agreement through Roadshow with the same rate as PCYC, HOWEVER this is very restrictive. For \$308.00 per year, you can show as many movies as you want, as long as your event meets the following criteria:

- You obtain the movie through a legal source
- You cannot charge a fee to see the movie (you can charge for popcorn/drinks etc sold at the movie)
- You can only show the movie indoors (no outside screenings)
- The movie can only be seen by your permitted audience.
- You cannot advertise a movie anywhere it will be seen by anyone other than your permitted audience. (Your Blue Light Facebook page is OK)
- You must not suggest that a screening is open to the general public.



Do not assume that your branch has a blanket licence – only branches that have requested one and had it set up and paid for can use it. IF your branch has a blanket licence and you feel you cannot operate within the above rules, CONTACT STATE OFFICE ASAP. For example, if you intend showing movies outdoors, you will need to pay for a single licence each time you show one.

Hire of movies through amalgamated movies

You also have the option of hiring a movie through Amalgamated Movies, based in Charters Towers. They do not have as big a range of movies as Roadshow, however they are much cheaper. As long as you have less than 120 people in your audience, you may show a movie inside or outside for a licence fee of \$165.00. This is for one showing. It is extra if you need them to supply the DVD.

If you are going to have a very small audience number, we may be able to negotiate a cheaper price.

To see their range of movies, go to www.amalgamatedmovies.com and select Catalogue or Latest Movies from the left hand menu. In Catalogue view you can filter the movies by category, so can just look at G or PG rated films. With the latest movies you have to scroll through.

If you are interested in hiring a movie through Amalgamated, you need to contact QBLAI Head Office. I have set up an account with Amalgamated and can order a movie on your behalf from here. You will have to tell me what movie you want, where and when you intend to show it. Head Office will pay the account and on charge your Branch.

You cannot charge entry to see an Amalgamated Movie, however this does not stop you from charging for any drinks/popcorn etc you may like to sell during your event.