



GOOD CAUSE: Grapevine group members Avis Guzowski, Zoe Yaworsky, Emma Curr and Debbie Knight dressed up for a good cause at Saturday's Festival of Arts G & S Engineering Wine and Food Day. Picture: TONY MARTIN.150706/132

Strut shifts to Grooves

WITHOUT the wonderful and tireless work of volunteers there would be no Festival of Arts for Mackay to enjoy.

Festival coordinator Raylene McAuley said the support from Pioneer Employment Services, Tri Q, The Lions club of Mirani Sugar Valley and other community members had been enormous.

"It quite simply couldn't

happen without the volunteers and community groups," she said.

And the success of the G&S Engineering Wine and Food day should be attributed to those helping hands.

Organisers were pleased with the turnout on Saturday, after a large crowd turned up to sample the food, wine and entertainment the day had to offer.

Ms McAuley said the

threat of rain did not have a profound impact on the Festival's signature event, with thousands enjoying the top quality entertainment.

"It was disappointing that we had to postpone the Strut, but once the skies cleared, people turned out in their numbers," she said.

While persistent rain on Sunday forced the Porters Heart Beats Jazz to relocate indoors, crowds still enjoyed

the event in the Mackay Entertainment Centre Foyer.

The strut will now take place at 11am this Sunday at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

More than 750 participants will walk along the pathway from the Hume Street end of the gardens, ending at the Global Grooves festival at the gardens main stage.

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FESTIVAL TUNE: Blind Mice members Poppy Brockman-Tanham, left, and Tegan Kelly, perform at Saturday's Wine and Food Day.

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HELPING HAND: Festival of Arts volunteer Shanna Souvlis reviews the stage management procedures. Shanna took responsibility for co-ordinating all volunteer stage assistants.

Picture: Contributed.

