



2024 PARKES ULTIMATE ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST CONTESTANTS REVEALED

This year's **Parkes Elvis Festival (10-14 January 2024)** will see 15 of the top Elvis Tribute Artists from across Australia and New Zealand compete for the title of **Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist**, Australia's top prize for budding Elvis performers.

The **Parkes Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest** is serious stuff for semi-professional and professional artists and is a part of a worldwide search for artists who are the best representation of the Legacy of Elvis Presley, officially endorsed by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Across two momentous days, the 15 expert Elvii will take to the Parkes Leagues Club to shake, rattle and roll before a panel of judges. It's not all about the moves though; contestants are judged on stage presence, singing ability and the overall quality of the performance.

Officially endorsed by Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc, the winner will represent Parkes in the Semi-Final round of the 2024 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest in Memphis, USA, during Elvis Week in August.

The 2024 contestants are:

NEW SOUTH WALES

- **Darren Armstrong** "The Ghost of Elvis", Narellan
- **Ricky Ford** "Ricky Graceland", Sydney
- **Aaron Mansfield**, Newcastle
- **Bill Pat** "Elvis Top of the Bill", (NSW) Lindfield

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- **Matthew Birse**, Munno Para
- **Jamey "James" Christel**, Adelaide
- **Konstantinos Symeonakis** "Deon Symo", Thebarton

QUEENSLAND

- **Andrew Bithell** "Andy B", Slacks Creek

VICTORIA

- **Gavin Chatelier**, Thorpdale
- **Anthony Fenech**, Fraser Rise
- **Rick Hudson**, Taylors Hill

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- **Gerard Mascarenhas**, Perth
- **Stuart Vieyra** "Stuey V", Ellenbrook

NEW ZEALAND

- **Johnny Angel** "Pacific Elvis", Auckland
- **Che Orton**, Hamilton



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From **Wednesday 10 - Sunday 14 January 2024**, over 25,000 Elvis enthusiasts are expected to make the annual pilgrimage to Parkes NSW, making it the largest congregation of Elvis fans in the Southern Hemisphere and the official hometown of Elvis in Australia.

The King-sized program is filled with more than 200 Elvis and *Jailhouse Rock* inspired events, including much-loved festival favourites **Northparkes Mines Street Parade, Renewal of Vows Ceremony, Miss Priscilla Competition**, free **Cooke Park Main Stage Entertainment** and **Elvis Gospel Service**.

For all programming and ticketing information, visit www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au

Parke's Elvis Festival is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

EVENT NAME: Parkes Elvis Festival

DATES: 10-14 January 2024

THEME: Jailhouse Rock

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LOCATION: Parkes, NSW, Australia

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Parke's Elvis Festival is held annually in the second week of January in Parke's, New South Wales, coinciding with the birthday of Elvis Presley. Parke's has a population of 12,000 and is located 365 kilometres west of Sydney. In January 2019 over 27,000 visitors attended the Festival, more than doubling Parke's' population.

The Festival began in January 1993 as a small birthday party at Gracelands Restaurant. It was so much fun they decided to do it again - and again! Over the following 10 years additional events were added and it became a two-day Festival. With the vision and effort of the voluntary organising committee as well as the support of Parke's Shire Council, the Festival exploded in popularity and word quickly spread across Australia of the fun and unique event in regional NSW.

Following its tremendous success, in 2014 the Festival transitioned management to Parke's Shire Council under a Section 355 Festival Committee. The Festival now regularly attracts visitors from all around Australia and stages more than 200 events annually. In January 2015, Parke's Elvis Festival was officially endorsed by Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc., the trustees of the estate of Elvis Presley. Official endorsement elevates Parke's Elvis Festival to the ranks of premiere Elvis tribute festivals in the world.



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