



Elvis Festival Memorial Wall

Guidelines



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Front Cover Photo

The Parkes Elvis Festival Memorial Wall, which is located at the South-Eastern corner of Bushmans Dam at Kelly Reserve, Parkes NSW.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Parkes Shire is in the land of the Wiradjuri nation – the largest Aboriginal territory at the time of European settlement, encompassing the Central West slopes and plains.

Wiradjuri Country extends from Coonabarabran in the north, straddling the Great Dividing Range down to the Murray River and out to western NSW, encompassing around one fifth of NSW. The people of Wiradjuri Country are known as ‘people of three rivers’, due to the three rivers that border their lands: the Wambool (Macquarie River), Galari (Lachlan River) and Marrambidya (Murrumbidgee River).

In the spirit of reconciliation, Parkes Shire Council acknowledges and the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and we extend our respect to all Indigenous Australians in Parkes Shire.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength, and pride of the Wiradjuri community.



1. Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a standard for the process to have a plaque placed on the Parkes Elvis Festival Memorial Wall. To be honoured, the memorialised person must have had a clear and ongoing connection with the Parkes Elvis Festival.

2. Scope

These guidelines primarily deal with memorial plaques for fans of the Elvis Festival. In addition to the memorial plaques, the wall also contains name plates of former Elvis Festival volunteers and committee members who had provided great service to the festival. The selection, purchase and installation of these name plates is currently managed by the Elvis Festival Port Folio Holders and council event staff and therefore outside of the scope of these guidelines.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a fan based memorial plaque, those to be memorialised must have demonstrated a clear connection to the Parkes Elvis Festival. This may include attendance and volunteering at numerous festivals, participation in the events such as busking, look and sound alike competitions, cars of the era, street parade, etc.

4. Application and Approval Process

Applications are to be submitted using the online application form. The application must demonstrate a clear connection to the Parkes Elvis Festival, and meet the Eligibility Criteria.

The application is then approved by the Elvis Festival Producer in consultation with the Festival Port Folio Holders.

An approved Elvis Festival fan memorial plaque must be paid for before it can be ordered and fitted to the memorial wall. The fee for the plaque, including fitting, will be on a cost recovery basis and set by Parkes Shire Council.

5. Design and Placement

Plaques will be cast in bronze and will be 230mm x 110mm to match the size of the existing bricks. The layout with a suggested inscription is shown below. Each plaque can accommodate up to eight (8) lines of text.



5.1. Suggested Plaque Layout and Inscription



Suggested taglines could also include

“You were always on our minds and forever in our hearts.”

“Love me tender, love me true, you were our everything.”

“Forever our King of Rock ‘n’ Roll, your spirit lives on.”

“Thank you for the joy and love you brought into our lives.”

“Your legacy of love and music will never fade.”

“Wise men say only fools rush in, but we couldn’t help falling in love with you.”

“In the ghetto of our hearts, your light shines eternally.”

“Though you’ve left the building, your spirit remains with us always.”

6. Management of the Process

The Parkes Shire Council Elvis Festival event staff will manage the application, approval and installation process.



7. Maintenance and Upkeep

Parkes Shire Council's Parks and Gardens team will be responsible for the maintenance of the wall, paving and surrounds.

8. Contact Information

For further information regarding the Elvis Festival Memorial Wall, see Council's website or contact the Elvis Festival team by email at elvis@parkes.nsw.gov.au.

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