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## PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO PARKES MUSIC LEGEND

A permanent memorial in honour of Australian music legend, Phil Emmanuel has been installed outside the Henry Parkes Centre this week, exactly one year since the musician passed away.

The memorial was organised by his brother and Parkes resident, Darcy Emmanuel, and kindly donated by Rod and Cheryl Fletcher from *Rocks of Remembrance*.

It was officially unveiled during a special tribute show held in Phil's honour at the 2019 Parkes Elvis Festival, with Parkes Shire Council committing at this time to find a suitable permanent location.

Parkes Elvis Festival Director, Cathy Treasure said "It was an honour to meet Phil in 2018 when he was inducted into the Wall of Fame."

"He was both a great musician and a lovely man to work with. He is sorely missed and this memorial is an important installation to honour his memory," Cathy said.

Phil Emmanuel was one of Australia's greatest guitarists who started his music career at a young age as part of the Emmanuel Quartet. The Emmanuel family settled in Parkes in 1967, where Phil attended school prior to moving to Sydney.

Phil and his brother Tommy were inducted into the Elvis Wall of Fame during the 2018 Festival, with Phil performing his incredible solo show to a sell-out crowd the same year. Phil was planning to return to Parkes in 2019 to perform, but unfortunately passed away prior.

The memorial is positioned at the Henry Parkes Centre outside the entry to the Parkes and District Historical Society Museum, which hosts an exhibit honouring the Emmanuel brothers.

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