



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## 2021 PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL CANCELLED

Parkes Shire Council today announced the cancellation of the 2021 Parkes Elvis Festival after considering a number of factors including the current COVID-19 situation, event restrictions, results from the community survey and recommendation from the Festival Committee.

Parkes Shire Mayor, Cr Ken Keith OAM said that while the cancellation of the Festival is disappointing and a major setback for the region's economy, it is the right thing to do to keep the community safe.

"The decision to cancel the Parkes Elvis Festival was not taken lightly. The Festival team have spent months contingency planning to ensure the health and safety of our community and fans." Mayor, Ken Keith said.

"We have taken the decision to cancel now in consideration of fans, performers, suppliers, volunteers, businesses, market stall holders and our staff to minimise the impact on them and enable them to plan for 2022."

Festival Director, Cathy Treasure said "The Festival brings thousands of people together to celebrate The King, sing along to his hits, dance and socialise. We want everyone to experience the true spirit of the Festival which would not be possible with social distancing, limiting numbers and all of the other current Covid-safe event requirements."

"I'd like to thank the community for their patience with the date change that gave us a little more time to see if the virus was on the way out and for telling us what you thought in the survey so the final decision was in line with what you wanted. You spoke. We listened." added Cathy.

"It's been an incredibly tough time for regional NSW who have battled drought, bushfires and dust storms and now Covid-19, however we'll be back in January 2022."

Fans who have purchased a caravan site at Pioneer and McGlynn Park will automatically receive a full refund.

Fans who have bookings with other accommodation providers, we encourage you make contact to amend your booking.

Parkes Elvis Festival will return from 5-9 January 2022 for the biggest and best Parkes Elvis Festival in the 29-year history.

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