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The King is still alive and on his way to Parkes

It is 38 years since Elvis left the building, yet hundreds of fans will again gather at Central Station today to farewell the NSW TrainLink Elvis Express as it sets off for Parkes to celebrate the music and life of "the King".

Hundreds of dedicated fans on their way to the Festival and early morning commuters will be entertained by a host of Elvis look-a-likes, rock 'n' roll singers and dancers on Platform One from 8am

The NSW TrainLink Elvis Express departs for the annual Elvis Festival at 9.20am on Thursday 7 January and returns on Tuesday 12 January.

Once fans board the train they will be entertained throughout the trip by a number of well-known award winning Elvis impersonators including Sean Spiteri, Brendon Chase and John "Elvis" Collins

Chief Executive of NSW TrainLink Rob Mason said the festival has grown into one of world's largest Elvis Presley tributes. It is truly a unique event that celebrates the life of "the King".

"Thousands of fans will converge on Parkes for the five day event with the most dedicated fans travelling on the Elvis Express.

"This year a record 400 fans are travelling on board the Elvis Express. This compares to just 16 fans a decade ago.

"The annual trip has proven more popular with fans every year with tickets this year selling out in just 20 minutes," Mr Mason said.

NSW TrainLink is proud to provide support to regional events such as the Parkes Elvis Festival, providing an easy and comfortable way for fans to travel to this world renowned event.

The journey will take festival-goers through the Blue Mountains and regional Australia to the heart of NSW farming country.

Once in Parkes, NSW TrainLink customers will have unlimited travel on the festival shuttle bus in Parkes and Forbes.

For more information go to nswtrainlink.info or call 13 22 32.

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