

Musical talent can be discovered in the most unlikely places. Regular commuters on Knox buses will know the singing bus driver, while this young impersonator discovered a likeness to the late king of rock 'n roll while still in kindergarten.

Living in the spirit of the King

By Jon Andrews

ELVIS is alive and well in Wantirna.

And 16-year-old Sean Spiteri really shook up the music world, with three wins at a recent national Elvis impersonation competition.

Hoping he wouldn't step on too many blue suede shoes, Sean thought he would have a go at the lookalike competition in New South Wales last month, taking on much older counterparts.

But the judges certainly loved him.

"I have an act in Melbourne which I travel around with – I am passionate about being the King," Sean said.

Sean has had a lifelong admiration for the celebrated crooner and is optimistic about a future on the stage dressed in a long white jumpsuit, sporting very large and dark sideburns.

"I have been doing an Elvis since I was three, so I know how he moves and

sounds," Sean said. "I may be the youngest in Australia, so I have a slight advantage there."

Sean performed for 5000 Elvis fans at the 13th annual Elvis festival concert in early January in Parkes, NSW, winning three categories – Elvis sound-alike, lookalike and move-alike – and taking home a plasma television.

Unlikely to be a fool who rushes in, Sean said he was content to see where a future as a performer took him.

After all, the \$2000 in prizes he won was not to be sniffed at, by a hound dog or otherwise.

He said although he would love to travel, he would always want to return to the green, green grass of home in Wantirna.

It's not the end of this impersonator's career, and the win was not beginner's luck, Sean said.

"Thank yer, thank yer very much," he said.



Elvis Impersonator Sean Spiteri, of Wantirna South, shows his style.

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