

Victorian Rock'n'Roll Dance Hall of Fame

DJ Ashley (Ashley Lonel)

Ashley Lonel made an enormous contribution to Melbourne's Rock'n'Roll dance scene, providing us with many hours of entertainment through the promotion of 1950's Rock'n'Roll music for dancing over many years. For well over 25 years DJ Ashley tirelessly staged dance gigs at numerous venues, all over Melbourne to cater for our dancing enjoyment.

Ashley became well-known for introducing new bands to the scene as well as engaging the best Melbourne bands of various genres (Rock'n'Roll, Rockabilly, Country Rock, Blues and Swing) to play for his gigs. He also introduced numerous interstate bands to the Melbourne dance scene.

His most successful venue was Fast Eddies which ran for several years, and was a must-go-to venue every Sunday night to dance to the most popular Melbourne and interstate bands.

Ashley was the very first DJ who started Rock'n'Roll sessions on a Sunday night Upstairs @ the Waltzy, which he believes was in 2002.

He was also employed to do international cruises with Rock'n'Roll bands. He did Rock The Boat Cruises, Royal Caribbean ship cruises and the local Melbourne Elvis Cruise.

Ashley became a well-known Rock'n'Roll paparazzi as a result of the thousands of photos and videos he took at various dance events over the years and posted on social media..

Ashley touched the lives of hundreds of people through the joy of Rock'n'Roll music, and had created a friendly and fun atmosphere at all of his gigs, where he had actively supported new bands and promoted Rock'n'Roll with a passion.