



# JON DAVIS

Jon Davis (JD to his mates) - Radio & TV presenter, Master of Ceremonies, comedian, variety entertainer, composer and songwriter ... Let's just call him a 'Wordsmith' and be done with it!

JD's mum was an accomplished teacher of piano and music theory so he had a walk-up start in the music business. JD was also a 'detention seeker' at school which meant his only future option was the entertainment industry ... where he could make a career out of being a smart-arse! He started as a disco DJ when he was 15 and still at school. JD left home at 17 to take up a job as a country radio announcer and from there he developed and delivered his music all over Australia, The USA, Europe and Asia. JD was such a cool kid back then, not knowing radio would expose him to a whole heap of 'crusty old songs' from people like Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Elvis, 'The Rat Pack' The Beatles and others ... who would all go on to stand the test of time ... and still remain his faves!!!

It was a radio gig that originally brought JD to the wild, tropical capital of Darwin however he dumped that job as soon as he arrived in favour of performing up to 12 'LIVE' shows per week. The same songs, the same venues and a crowd that turned over regularly meant there was no need to learn anything new, so JD focussed on writing his own songs and the rest is history...

In his shows, JD rips out your favourite Aussie and country rock classics (The Eagles, Kristofferson, The Travelling Wilburys, Johnny Cash, et al.) with plenty of his own numbers in between. In 2017, JD was invited to record a selection of his compositions with The Kenny Rogers Band in Nashville, Tennessee and he is now in regular contact with his mates in the USA with a view to recording more of his songs with the KRB next year. Although he has only submitted half a dozen of his compositions, JD has been a finalist in the NT Song of the Year and for the last 3 years has been either a finalist or short-listed for the ASA Australian Song of the Year in his respective categories.

Notwithstanding award nominations, JD takes his greatest pride in the fact that two of his compositions have regularly brought grown male audience members to tears. Such is the unique timbre of JD's naturally deep, resonant voice (whether spoken or crooned), that it has been known to also stimulate the ASMR (Google it!) of his female audience members.

Although JD has accumulated quite a collection of guitars, his weapon of choice is his ivory coloured, Maton 'Tommy Emmanuel' acoustic guitar; the first 'TE' ever sold in the world. JD also utilises state of the art digital PA and audio facilities to ensure that his vocal and guitar tones are flawless at any level from an intimate restaurant to an outdoor concert. He can even perform wirelessly and roam amongst the crowd. They say "clothes maketh the man" and another thing that sets JD apart is his immaculate wardrobe; from his boots to his suits!

While officially based in Darwin, JD is now touring the Australian circuit with his mobile studio recording his every gig and ensuring his new demo songs are ready to take back to Nashville! Whether you want a song to help you swish a beer, tap your feet or to sing along with ... Whether you are getting married, having a corporate event or just need someone in the corner of your pub ... JD has the repertoire, the on-stage presence and the audience engagement that makes him the consummate 'Showman'. He's also a pretty good bloke!

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