

Headline Act

Normie Rowe AM

Melbourne-born Normie Rowe is one of the most recognised names in Australian music.

He released a string of Australian pop hits that kept him at the top of the Australian charts and made him the most popular solo performer of the mid-1960s. Rowe's double-sided hit "Que Sera Sera" / "Shakin' All Over" was one of the most successful Australian singles of the 1960s.

Between 1965 and 1967 Rowe was Australia's most popular male star but his career was cut short when he was drafted for compulsory National Service when his name came up in first 1968 intake.

In 1987, Normie landed the lead role of Jean Valjean in the musical '*Les Miserables*', which he played to great acclaim in over 600 performances. He then appeared in leading roles in a string of musicals, including '*Annie*', '*Chess*', '*Evita*', '*Cyrano*', '*Get Happy*' and '*Oklahoma*'. In 2002 he stole the show with his performances of '*Que Sera, Sera*' and '*Shakin' All Over*' on the hugely successful '*Long Way To The Top*' concert series which played to 160,000 people across Australia and became a hit CD/DVD and national television broadcast.

In 2005 Normie Rowe was inducted into the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) Hall of Fame. In that year he was also recognized by the Australian War Memorial as a National Hero, alongside the likes of Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, Vivien Bullwinkel, Keith Miller, Chips Rafferty and 45 other heroes of Australia.

Normie Rowe has become a leading advocate and spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans and in 1987 and 1992 he was instrumental as a member of the National Committees for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade and the Vietnam National Memorial Dedication.

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