

TRIGLAV PANTHERS AWARDS 2002

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR WINNERS OF 2001

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ST JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS



**IN CONJUNCTION WITH SLOVENIAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY 2002**

We present the

**NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
2001**

(Winners to be announced on the Day)

**AWARDS PRESENTATION
LUNCH & DANCE**

With live band

ST JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS

80-84 Brisbane Rd

St John's Park

SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2002

Lunch 1.00 PM

Presentation 2PM

Then let the Dancing Commence

TICKETS \$12 per person with lunch included

\$5 per person Presentation & Dance ONLY

Enquiries & Bookings - Lesley Blefari 9610 1627

support your fellow slovenians in the various categories in association with
St John's Park Panthers



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM:
'ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia fair.

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM:
'ZDRAVICA'

Prijatli, obrodile so trte vince nam sladko;
Ki nam oživlja žile, srce razjasni in oko;
Ki vtopi vse skrbi, v potrlih prsih up budi;
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NATIONAL

DAY

OF

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PROGRAM

1. Introduction and Welcome by Mr Peter Krope, Chairman of the Board of St John's Park Panthers (SJPP).
2. National Anthems of Australia and Slovenia - sung by the Southern Cross Choir.
3. Welcome to guests and award recipients by Mr Peter Krope.
4. Address by the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia for NSW - Mr Alfred Brežnik.

5. The NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards - 2001:

- Introductory address by Mr Peter Krope.
- Awards Ceremony, conducted by:

Mr Walter Šuber, Chairman of the SJPP NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards Committee; and,

Ms Danica Šajn, Board member of the SJPP Club and member of the SJPP NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards Committee.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE SLOVENIAN AWARDS, WALTER SUBER

"Firstly I would like to thank St.Johns Park Panthers for sponsoring the inaugural NSW Slovenian of the year awards. We had an excellent response and look forward to an even bigger event in 2002-2003 with more categories.

*A very special mention must go to the judges
**Ms. Danica Sajn, Mrs. Dorothy Kobal, Ms. Danica Grzelj
and Mr. Ross Treyvaud.***



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Brigita Bezjak

Ms Brigita Bezjak: "Since receiving this Award, I have been reminded that I can continue to live and promote a life as a Slovenian/Australian rather than just an Australian with a Slovenian background. It was exciting to know that there is a team promoting the continuation of Slovenian culture.

Personally, this award has been included in many discussions with people that have been interested to learn about Slovenia and travel there! Professionally, the award has highlighted to employees that I have a cultural sensitivity to people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This experience and awareness is highly sought after in my profession, and I have enjoyed being able to share it. I hope it continues to grow and expand!"

As well as being an accomplished musician and cello player, Brigita graduated in her other chosen profession of Speech Pathology last year. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Winner

NSW Slovenian - Primary student



Stephanie Suber

"I felt excited that I had won the NSW - Slovenian Primary Student of the year Award. I showed the award to my Principal and deputy Principal of Newbridge Heights Primary School, and they both congratulated me and told me how proud they were. It made me feel proud of my achievements."

Stephanie won this award through her obvious energy, charm and determination at such a young age. Stephanie's positive attitude helps her achieve outstanding academic results and competes successfully in tennis, singing, athletics and swimming. She recently performed in a dance group at the Evan Theatre at Penrith Panthers and participated in the Slovenian Youth Concert in Sydney. Most impressive of all, Stephanie attends Slovenian School and is very proud that she is able to speak Slovenian with her parents and her relatives.