

TRIGLAV PANTHERS AWARDS 2003

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR WINNERS OF 2002

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We present the

**NSW SLOVENIAN
OF THE YEAR
AWARDS 2002**





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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Drago Ostric
Managing Director



The winners of the Slovenian Awards 2002



From left to right: Brigita Bezjak, Milka Stanic, Eleonora White,
Stephanie Suber, Drago Ostric



Winner

NSW Slovenian outstanding senior citizen of the year



Eleonora White

Mrs Eleonora White: "It felt absolutely wonderful, lovely. I was surprised-I didn't expect anything like this. I felt grateful too - these Awards are very important, as they give encouragement and respect for people getting involved. I keep the plaque in a prominent place in my house with pride, and friends always comment on it.

They have said that this gives them ideas to nominate me for other government awards which is very touching. And my husband, has always supported my work as well. At the moment, I am collecting money in conjunction with the Slovenian Club in Canberra for six Slovenian families that lost their houses in the Canberra fires. I am raising money through donations and a raffle which was drawn in April."



Highly Commended

NSW Slovenian - young entrepreneur



Dr. Sean Parsonage

"I am very proud to receive this prestigious award. It is a great honour to be recognised by the Slovenian Community for my achievements."

Dr. Sean Parsonage

Winner

NSW Slovenian - young entrepreneur



Drago Ostric

"It is a great honour and pleasure just to be nominated for the Award but to also to receive it just goes to show that hard work and persistence pays off. The whole concept of the rewards ceremony is great because it gives a new generation something to work to and also be rewarded by the my fellow peers."

When Drago purchased Sefton Smash Repair in 1999 his goal was to bring his new business up to speed with current technology and automotive repair procedure which he believed would give him the edge on his competitors. Drago is now an authorised Volkswagen, Volvo and Jaguar repairer and because of his reputation for excellence, won the contract for the NSW Art Gallery and some other large company fleets. On top his already impressive achievements, Drago's new goal is to match his facilities against the worlds best in his field.

In his spare time Drago rebuilds, designs and modifies specialised motor cars and is a stickler for highly detailed custom work. He has competed in the Car Show Scene for years and his machines have appeared on front cover spreads, are seen regularly in car magazines and he has won a swag of trophies nation wide.

Highly Commended

NSW Slovenian outstanding senior citizen of the year



Milka Stanic

Mrs. Milka Stanic: "I regard my work amongst Slovenian people as spiritual work and self-healing, and I do everything happily. I like to help and work, but prefer to stay in the background. I'm not used to being acknowledged publicly, but of course receiving the Award was a lovely gesture".

Amongst Mrs Stanic's work and involvement we find her being a member of Church Choirs for some 60 years - 20 of these being with St Rafael's Senior Choir where she has also assisted with the planning of songs and preparation of singer's folders for some 6 years, and regularly prepares resources for songs during the people's mass.

Milka is also an amateur organist (She tells me that the parish priest informally instructed her many years back in Slovenia). She seems to sew endlessly, regularly completing adult and altar children's robes and apparel for mass as well as formal habits. In the wider community she trains and works as a Catechist for 20 years in her area for local schools.

These days she also finds time to do all the washing of the priests' robes and habits for St Rafael's, Merrylands. The committee believes that Mrs Stanic is a truly well deserving recipient of the Highly Commended Category for Outstanding Senior Citizen 2001.



Winner

NSW Slovenian - Tertiary student



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.

PRESENTED IN THE THE WINNERS FOR



STEPHANIE ŠUBER

Slovenian Primary Student of the year

JOSHUA BLEESING

Slovenian Highly Commended Primary Student of the year

REBECCA KEEN

Slovenian Secondary Student of the year

DR. LILIJANA MIKULETIČ

Slovenian Tertiary Student of the year

NATALIE BRCAR

Slovenian Highly Commended Tertiary Student of the year

MARTHA MAGAJNA

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the year

JULIE BRCAR

Slovenian Highly Commended Volunteer of the year

JOZE KOŠOROK

Slovenian Highly Commended Senior Citizen of the year

MIMI DE ROOY

Slovenian Entrepreneur of the year

IRENA STARIHA

Slovenian Australian Achievement Award

**PRESENTED IN THE YEAR 2003
THE WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2002**

STEPHANIE ŠUBER

Slovenian Primary student of the year

JOSHUA BLEESING

Slovenian highly commended Primary student of the year

REBECCA KEEN

Slovenian Secondary student of the year

DR.LILIJANA MIKULETIČ

Slovenian Tertiary student of the year

NATALIE BRCAR

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MARTHA MAGAJNA

Slovenian outstanding Volunteer of the year

JULIE BRCAR

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JOZE KOŠOROK

Slovenian Highly Commended Senior citizen of the year

MIMI DE ROOY

Slovenian Entrepreneur of the year

IRENA STARIHA

Slovenian/ Australian Achievement Award

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21 May 2003

**PANTHERS ST. JOHN'S PARK COMMUNITY CLUB
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Dear Committee Members,

I wish to nominate Mrs. Martha MAGAJNA, of 10 Wellington Street, Wakeley, NSW 2176, for the position of the NSW Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the year.

I have known Martha since she was a young girl. No matter where I went, somehow Martha was there doing something. My first recollections of Martha were when she was serving drinks at the Triglav Club in the seventies. She was also selling raffle tickets. Since then, whenever my husband and myself came to Triglav, she was there, doing something.

It was only in the last twenty or so years that I have really become to know Martha. I have realised that she had many talents. One was in her acting roles in plays like "Micki treba moza", "Vdova Roslinka", "Davek na samce", and others. Whoever has had heard her recital of "Povodnji moz", must admit, that Martha has a lot of talent in many different fields. In the drama group at Merrylands, she was – with others - a pillar of strength not only on the stage but also in the organization of performing the plays in different cities of Australia, such as Newcastle, Wollongong, Melbourne, and others.

Primarily, Martha is an exceptional organizer. She had shown this ability in many different areas. She had actively participated in a number of the Slovenian exhibitions, including Olympic Exhibition, p. Valerian's Golden Mass Celebration, exhibition at the Slovenian Association Club, celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Slovenia, and others. In her daily work she had managed to bridge the many differences that exist amongst members of our community. Some of the differences were political in nature, others might have been borne out of pure jealousy, or the fact that Martha was always down to earth person who would say what she had to say.

Over the years, Martha had organized many bus trips not only for the members of the Triglav Club but for the whole of the Slovenian community in Sydney, including Wollongong and Newcastle. A dance, a function, a barbecue would not be the same if Martha would not be there. She was never afraid of work and she would always help where there was the need for help or what ever needed to be done.

Yet there are many more avenues that Martha had involved herself with. "Molitvena skupina" is one of them. I understand that Martha had availed herself to help an elderly lady for a long time, bringing her weekly to the church to participate in the prayers and then take her home again.

Her work with the bocce team is well known. Martha is also a very keen photographer, and many photo records, I am sure, will be passed onto the archives of the slovenian history because of Martha's love affair with the camera.

Visiting Sydney only now and then, my husband and I, we see only a small part as to what is happening in Sydney amongst the Slovenian Community. Yet we must admit that each and every time we come to any of your clubs or other venues, we see Martha either at the door, or somewhere else doing something. Fortunately, her work is not centred only at the Triglav Club, she gives a helping hand where and when it is needed. She feels equally at home at Merrylands, at Triglav, at the Slovenian Association, in Newcastle, in Melbourne, on a bus trip, or wherever. As the good organizer should, Martha has that inborn ability to look at the whole scene and seeing instantly what needs doing.

In my view, Martha is sacrificing her life's energies solely for the benefits of the Slovenian Community in Sydney and surrounding regions. She does her work unpaid as a true volunteer.

I highly recommend Martha MAGAJNA for the award of the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

Thanking you for giving me an opportunity to nominate Martha for the above position, I remain

Yours sincerely



Maria Grosman

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2 July 2003

DRAGA MARTHA!

Zelo sem vesela, da Ti lahko še enkrat čestitam ob Tvojem že davno zasluženem priznanju kot »NSW OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2002«. Ne morem si zamisliti bolj primerne in zaslužne osebe za tako priznanje kot edino Tebe. Res čestitam! Tisti, ki najbolj delajo in si taka priznanja res zaslužijo, navadno garajo in delajo v ozadju, kolajne pa poberejo le tisti, ki so pri koritu, ali pa taki, ki jih ni sram iti na kolena in prositi. Tudi take poznamo. Vendar se mi zdi, da je bila izbira prejemnikov odlikovanj za ta večer izredno točna in ne enostranska. Vsa čast mladim organizatorjem.

Ko smo poslušali citate, kaj je kdo od dobitnikov napravil odnosno še dela, moram priznati, da nisem mogla verjeti, s čim vsem se ljudje ukvarjajo in delajo za dobrobit drugih.

Zelo sem bila presenečena, da že šolski otroki tako pridno napredujejo in se ukvarjajo z različnimi panogami v njihovem mladem življenju. Vesela sem za vsakega uspešneža, ki je dobil priznanje v kateri koli kategoriji, in upam, da bomo priče takih in podobnih priznanj tudi v bodoče. Organizacija je bila odlična, čeprav si sama pri sebi mislim, da je bilo vmes verjetno tudi kaj težav. Skratka, bil je odličen večer, ki bo nam še dolgo ostal v spominu.

Prilagam Ti nekaj slik. Obdrži, razdajaj, delaj, kar hočeš z njimi. Prosim Te edino, če lahko daš dve sliki gospe MIMI de ROOY. En moški (mož?) me je posebej prosil, da vzamem sliko, nimam pa pojma, kdo je Mimi. Porezane glave so značilnost mojega slikanja!

Martha, hvala Ti, da si nam preskrbela rezervacijo; naši prijatelji in midva z možem smo bili vsi izredno zadovoljni, saj bil večer res prijeten in zelo prisrčen. Hvala Vam. Tudi Petru in Leslie najlepša hvala za prijeten večer.

Lep pozdrav in čestitke Tebi in Lojzetu


Emil in Maria Grosman



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23 April 2003

Mr. Peter Krope
President
Panthers St. John's Park
Club Triglav

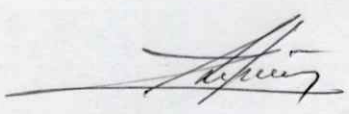
Dear Peter,

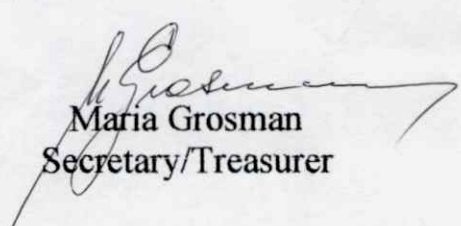
Members of the Slovenian Society "Tivoli", Newcastle Inc, wish to express sincere thanks to you, your committee members, and supporters of the Club Triglav, for your kind and very generous gesture in supplying our organization with badly needed scanner and a laser printer. We assure you that we will look after the equipment with the utmost care.

This two instruments will not only assist us in the Society's normal running administration, but will also assist us in the forthcoming program of copying, sorting, and recording of the archival material of the early Slovenians in Newcastle and the NSW. Although collecting and handling archival material is a huge task, with the help of the scanner and the printer, our job is going to be easier and carried out much more professionally.

We also thank the management and the employees of the Panthers Club for their huge support of the Slovenian culture, customs, and history at the Triglav Club. Thank you all.

Sincerely yours,


I.J.Klopčic OAM
President


Maria Grosman
Secretary/Treasurer

**Nomination Criteria for
NSW Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of 2002**

Evidence of the following required:

- High level of community involvement in the Slovenian and/or wider Australian Communities
- Record of success with this involvement**
- Brief indication (ONLY) of whether this involvement has been paid or unpaid and type and/or level of compensation received Details do not need to be highly specific.
- Indication of duration of involvement with various events, projects, drives or committees

This category is open to males and females who were at least 60 years of age by the 31/12/2002.

As this may be the category receiving the highest number of eligible entrants the judging panel suggest that entrants and/or nominators provide a comprehensive as possible entry.

Good luck!

**Nomination criteria for NSW Slovenian Tertiary, Secondary
and Primary Student of the Year 2002**

Tertiary Student

- Successful academic record for 2002 across or most subjects
 - Evidence of representation and involvement at Institution eg memberships of organizing committees, interest groups, sporting teams
 - Representation outside of Institution eg cultural and sporting
 - Community service and/or involvement
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Secondary Student

- Academic record (most current results) with sound, consistent results across all subjects (end of year report 2002 accepted)
 - School representation and/or participation eg extra duties, prefect or captain, sporting, voluntary work for charities or at school, drama, music or any other extra-curricular activities
 - Community Service and/or involvement eg sporting, volunteer work, charity work; through church or other, cultural.
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Primary Student

- Sound performance at school based on reports (most current); high level of consistency.
- Effort at school based on report comments; high level of consistency
- School representation and/or extra-curricular activities at school in the community eg class captains, volunteering/helping, music, drama, sport

NSW – SLOVENIAN APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

2002

CRITERIA:

- *Open to all 3rd and 4th year apprentices in all fields of work.**
- *It is not gender specific.**
- *It is open to all ages.**
- *Must have entrepreneurial flair.**
- *Must be in the top 10% in their academic performance.**
- *Must enclose photo / CD presentation of major work.**

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR CATEGORY CRITERIA

Please provide a typed entry submission of not more than 5 A4 pages that addresses all of the following matters in sections A-D. The judging Panel will use this information for selection purposes.

A. BUSINESS PROFILE

Overview of your business: provide information on: the type of business you are operating and where located; products and/ or services the business provides; markets (eg export) and customers; its history (eg when started, incorporated); staff numbers, workforce profile, development and training; use of IT; quality processes; commitment to Occupational Health & Safety policies and practices.

Business growth and development: demonstrate the growth and development of the business through, among other things: gross turnover, workforce, infrastructure and market position. Identify key factors that have led to successful business growth; and any hurdles that had to be overcome.

Strategic directions; outline our strategic plan for business growth over the next three years.

B. WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS EXCELLENT AND GIVES YOU A SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE MARKET PLACE

Market potential: identify market potential in your targeted markets (regional, state, national, international and/or generic market segment).

Sustainable competitive advantage: outline your sustainable competitive advantage in your targeted markets.

Innovation: identify how the product, service, system or technology is innovative (eg showing a significant step forward); and the level of your business commitment to continuous improvement.

C. SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

Business success: provide evidence of your commercial success.

Demonstrated ability: show how you have converted an idea into a marketable product or service.

Innovation: explain how you have developed and/or used innovative or creative business methods.

Entrepreneurship: demonstrate your entrepreneurial potential, which is necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.

Personal attributes: discuss the qualities which contribute to your entrepreneurship and achievements.

Please add any other information you may wish to highlight.

*Nomination Criteria for Outstanding NSW Slovenian
Volunteer of 2002*

- Open age category.
- category open to those who undertake community work on a paid or an unpaid basis.
- evidence of work within the Slovenian community which is of high standard, consistent, and in some way promotes the Slovenian Community.
- the evidence of this work must be provided in the form of a list of dates and various events, projects drives or committees the nominee has been involved in. The more information that is provided regarding these projects or events, the better the judges will be placed in making an informed decision.
- a personal profile of the nominee, with information such as their other interests, other work outside the Slovenian community, family responsibilities etc would be an advantage.

ST. JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS.

OFFICAL APPLICATION FORM

Closing date 31st May 2003

A separate Application Form & Submission is required for each Award Category you enter.

1. AWARD CATEGORIES: (Please tick to indicate the Award Category you are entering)

<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Apprentice of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Primary student of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Secondary student of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Tertiary student of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Entrepreneur of the Year
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

A Winner and Highly Commended entrant will be chosen for each category.
Please specify the Category you are entering.

2. ENTRANT DETAILS (please fill in as required)

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Contact Name: MARIA GROSMAN Position: _____

Type of Business: _____ Date business Commenced: _____

Name of person nominating: MARTHA MAGAJNA

DECLARATION

I certify that the information submitted is true.

Signature: M. Grosman Date: 19th May 2003

Name (printed): M. GROSMAN Position: _____

Send completed applications to:

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