

# **TRIGLAV PANTHERS AWARDS 2004**

## **NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR WINNERS OF 2003**

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# ST JOHNS PARK PANTHERS

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*Slovenian  
of the  
Year Awards 2003*





Mr Ivan Rudolf President Club Planica, Mrs Maria Grosman Secretary Slovenian Drustvo Tivoli, Mr Florjan Auser Slovenian Media House, Mrs Marta Magana, Mr Alfred Breznik Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Presentation to Mr Florjan Auser, editor of Glas Slovenia for 10 years of service in the media.



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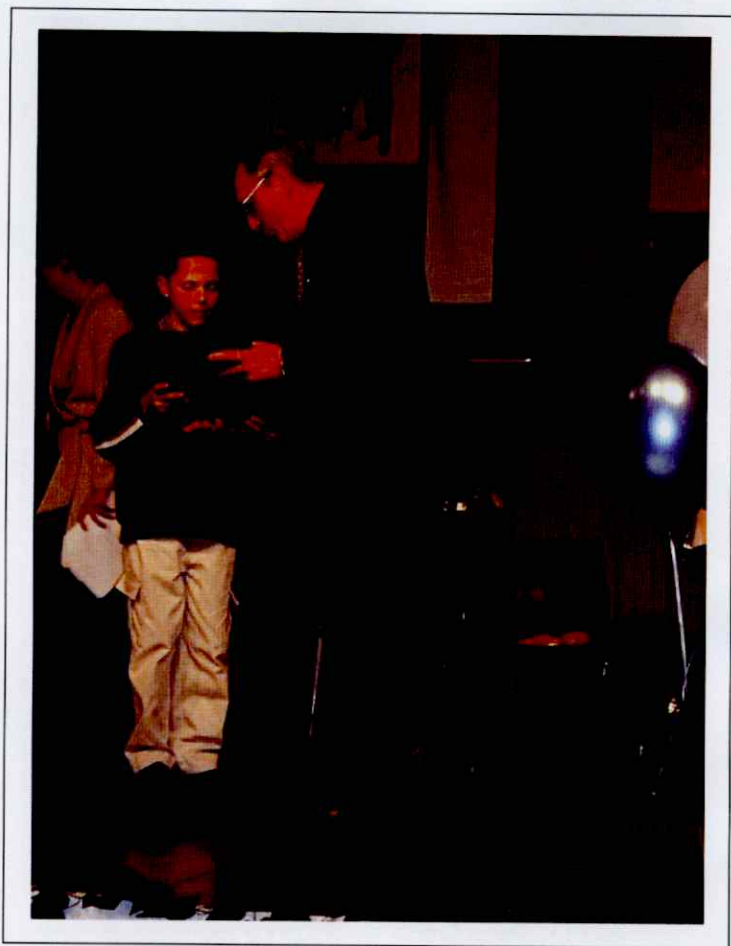




Miss Rebecca Keen and Mr. Peter Kroppe  
President of the St John's Panther Triglav  
Club presenting the plaque for  
Winner of the NSW Slovenian Secondary  
Student of the Year.

Rebecca has been an outstanding student achieving consistent excellent result in Year 7. Rebecca gained first place in Japanese getting the college Ethos Award, she is involved in dancing and singing at school functions and volunteers for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, Red Cross and M S Readathon.

Rebecca sings in the Slovenian young ladies' church choir. Rebecca also has participated in the Slovenian Youth Center and attended the Saturday Slovenian School at Merrylands since year 5 then continued on at Bankstown.



Master Joshua Blessing and Mr. Peter Krope, President of the St. John's Panthers Triglav Club awarding the plaque for Highly Commended in the Primary Student category.

Joshua is in Year 6 at Ringrose Public School Greystanes. He was awarded an academic achievement award at the end of last year. He swims at state level for Toongabbie Swimming Club, and regularly swims at Homebush Olympic pool. Joshua also plays rugby league and baseball, and is a member of the Slovenian Folklore dance group. He attended the Saturday Slovenian School at Merrylands for 3 years, having to give it up because of his state swimming commitments.



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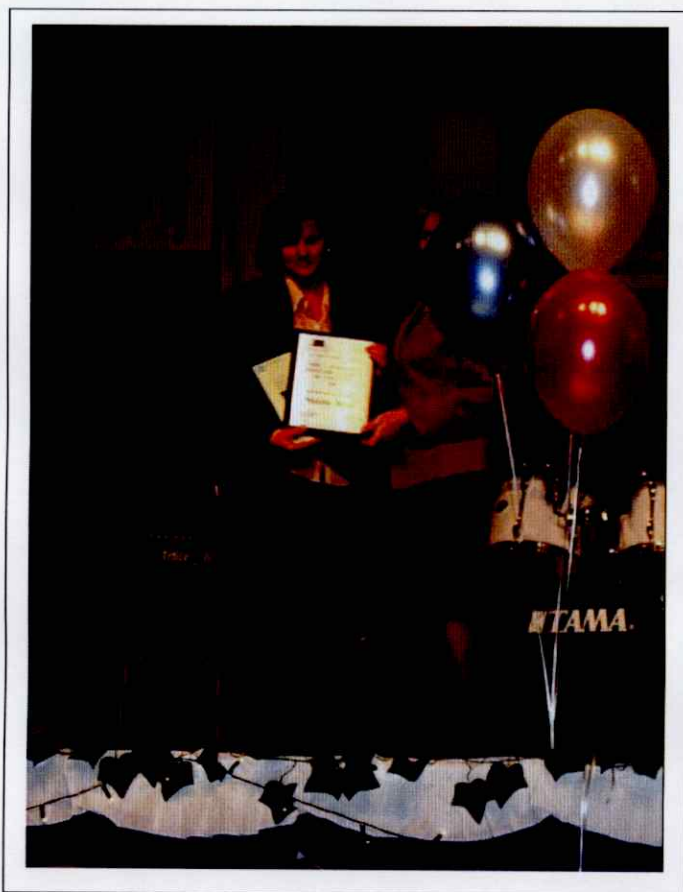
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*NSW Slovenian /Australian Achievement Award.*



Mrs. Clare Brcar accepting the Encouragement Award on behalf of Miss Natalie Brcar from Mrs. Leslie Blefari, General Manager St. John's Panther Triglav Club.

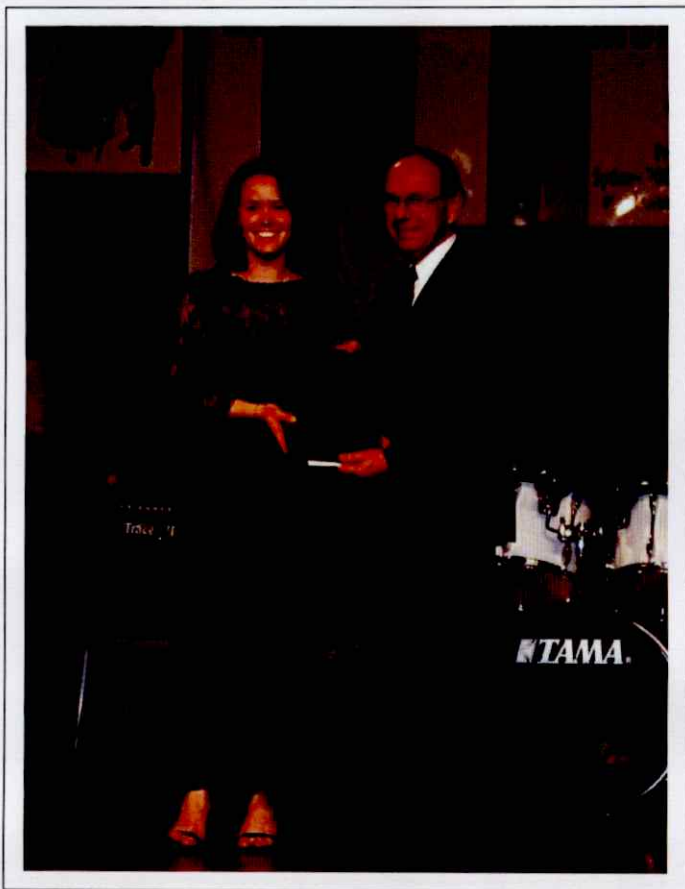
Natalie has completed a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture at the University of Technology UTS, with a Distinction Average. Natalie still has another two years of study to attain a Bachelor degree in Architecture. Natalie also assisted with the preparation of a design brief for the renovation of the "Opera Bar" in Ljubljana, Natalie is involved with reading at mass at the Slovenian church at Merrylands, and has also assisted with design work for the Slovenian Youth concert logo, certificates and t-shirts. Natalie also enjoys competition basketball and design.



Dr Liljana Mikuletic and Mrs. Leslie Blafari General Manager St John's Panthers Triglav Club presenting the plaque for the Winner NSW Slovenian Tertiary Student of the year.

Liljana completed her Honouree degree in Medicine. In 1999 she won a scholarship to travel to Hanoi Vietnam to work in a cancer Hospital for 6 weeks. In the last three years Liljana with some of colleagues formed a non-profit organization called Medtech Outreach Australia, assisting doctors in developing countries with internet access and the ability to communicate with an Australian doctor. Currently they are setting up a system in four hospitals in Vietnam; this was all done on a voluntary basis.

This service relies on donations to keep the system running, their patron being Professor Marie Basir, Governor of NSW. Liljana is constantly looking for financial support and would welcome any donations.



Ms. Julie Bracar and Alfred Breznik Honorary consul General of the Republic of Slovenia, awarding the Highly Commended Plaque for the NSW Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Julie has been very busy with her volunteer work; she was the committee team leader for Youth 2000; she has been involved in Encounter Christian Bands, and in Human Rights/Social action and Pro Life and charity projects. Julie has been involved in Charity fundraisers for the Slovenian Catholic church, the Nepean area Disabilities organization and Youth of the Streets and Crossroads. Julie has been involved with many aspects with the Slovenian community, with Father Valerian's Golden Jubilee Mass and the Annual National Slovenian Youth Concert "Fusion".



Mrs. Marta Magajna and Mr. Walter Suber Chairman of the Slovenian of the year awards presenting the winner of the NSW Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the year.

The volunteer of the Year Mrs. Marta Magajna has been doing community work since she came to Australia about thirty years ago, visiting the sick and elderly, and is secretary / organiser of the Triglav Bowlers section. She has been involved in the NSW School Committee as treasurer and now holds the position of chairperson. Marta has been involved in numerous Slovenian cultural activities such as community exhibitions, Drama, Choir and the list goes on.





Mr. Joze Kosorok and Fr Valerijan Jenko St Rafael Slovenian Mission Merrylands presenting the Highly Commended award for the NSW Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Joze Kosorok has worked tirelessly to enhance community awareness of Schizophrenia, issues with being a carer for the mentally ill, and his idea of creating a farm environment " Farm with a Difference." His aim is to provide people who suffer from mental illness, with a caring and supportive environment to educate and develop their skills in sustaining the farm, and to engage in all kinds of sports for recreational, and cultural activities. To remove the stigma of mental illness by explaining the condition. to the wider community, and endeavour not to have it swept under the carpet.



Mrs. Irena Stariha and Dr Melita Jazbec, of the Slovenian Australian Institute presenting the award for the winner of the NSW Slovenian / Australian Achievement award.

Irena has been successful in purchasing what will be the first Slovenian / Australian Bar in Ljubljana. Irena has just come back from Slovenia working on the project, with architects, builders and designers, and as she put it: "fighting a few small legal battles".



Group photo of the Winners and Highly Commended

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All the winners and the highly commended have wonderful stories of commitment to there disciplines or careers and have a passion for Slovenian Culture and Heritage.

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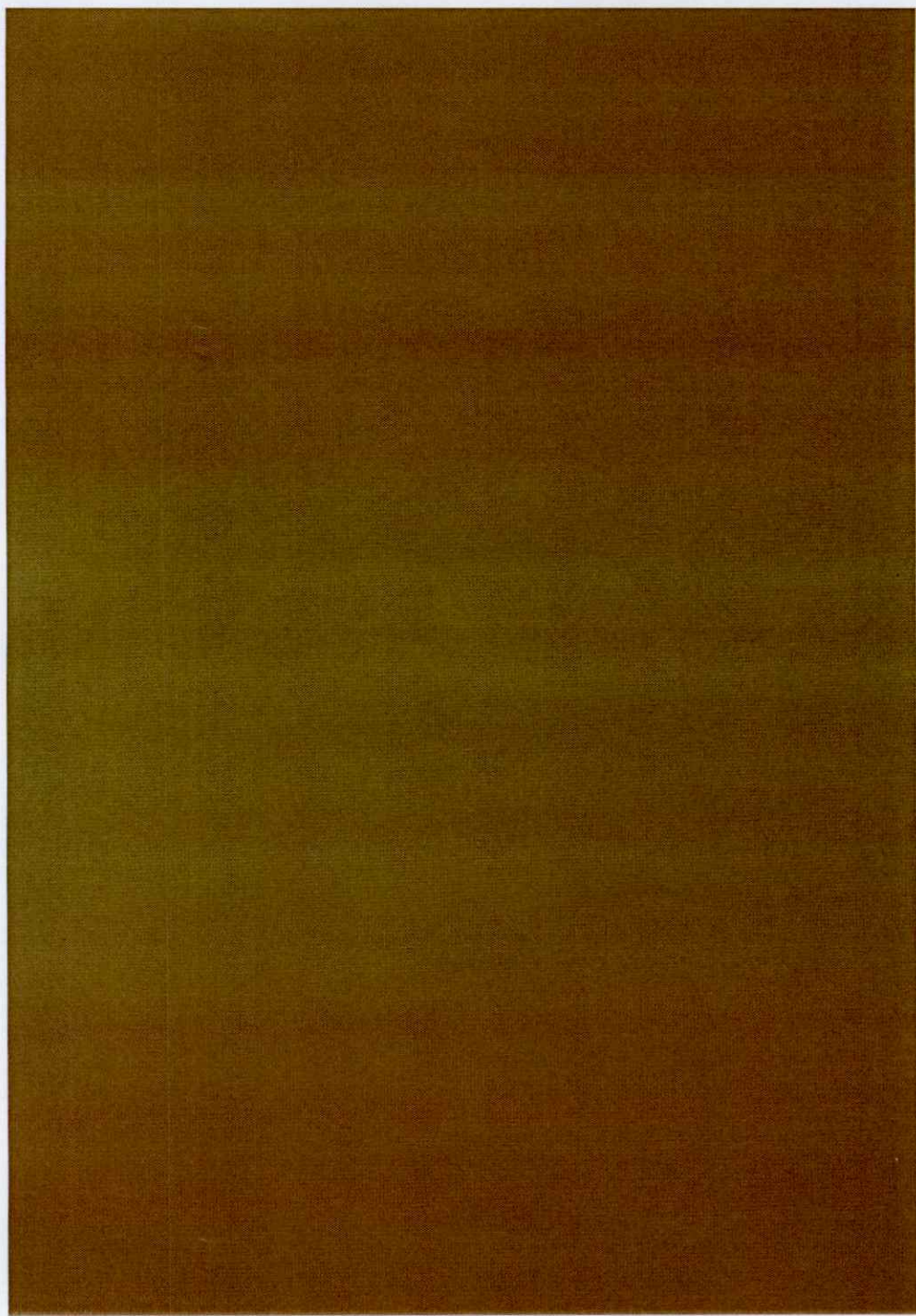
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# The NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2003

Information pack



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## **ST. JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS.**

### **OFFICAL APPLICATION FORM**

**Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004**

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	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 type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Australia	Slovenian Achievements in Slovenia
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSW – Slovenian	Outstanding NSW Slovenian Volunteer

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)**

**Business/Organization/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date business Commenced:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person nominating:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **DECLARATION**

I certify that the information submitted is true.

Signature..... Date.....

Name (printed)..... Position.....

Send completed applications to:

Or fax to: (02) 9610 1627

**St Johns Park Panthers**

80 – 84 Brisbane Street St Johns Park 2176

or email to: [andrew.gardner@panthers.com.au](mailto:andrew.gardner@panthers.com.au)



**Nomination criteria for NSW Slovenian Tertiary, Secondary  
and Primary Student of the Year 2003**

**Tertiary Student**

- Successful academic record for 2003 across or most subjects
  - Evidence of representation and involvement at Institution eg memberships of organizing committees, interest groups, sporting teams
  - Representation outside of Institution e.g. 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 2003 accepted)
  - School representation and/or participation e.g. 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 e.g. 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 or in the community e.g. class captains, volunteering/helping, music, drama, sport



**Nomination Criteria for**  
**NSW Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of 2003**

**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 31/12/2003.

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

Good luck!



*ST JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS*

**ENTREPRENEUR  
OF THE YEAR 2003  
AWARD**

**AWARD CATEGORIES**

**1. Entrepreneur of the Year.**

A winner and a highly commended entrant will be chosen. For each Award category



## 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 let 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 you 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

**AGE:** business wishing to enter the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards must serve as majority owner and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a business with a two year track record.

**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.*



## **THE SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE**

### **AWARD FOR:**

### **'AUSTRALIAN SLOVENIAN ACHIVEMENTS IN SLOVENIA, 2003'**

The Slovenian Australian Institute would like to recognize the achievements of an Australian Slovenian who has made inroads in Slovenia in 2003 in any of the areas of culture, business, tourism sport or education.

Please respond to all the following criteria in writing. This information will be used by the judges to shortlist and select the winner for this category.

*Your response in total should not be more than 3 A4 typed pages.*

### **SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

#### **PROJECT/ENDEAVOUR SUCCESS**

Describe your aims and objectives and outline how you have successfully meet these objectives. Indicate what type of recognition you have received in Slovenia regarding your project. This can be media publicity such as newspaper articles, TV. coverage or internet publication.

#### **INNOVATION**

Describe what new ideas and initiatives you have brought to your project.

#### **PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

Show how your personal attributes have helped you to achieve your goals and aspirations.

Include any additional information not covered above that would best describe your Endeavour and its success.

Include photographs with your application if required.

**AGE No restriction**



## **Nomination Criteria for Outstanding NSW Slovenian Volunteer of 2003**

- Open age category.
- Category is 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.

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**Suber, Walter**

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**From:** Sajn, Danica [danica.sajn@spcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 March 2003 8:58 PM  
**To:** Suber, Walter  
**Subject:** Testimonials

Here they are Walter:

Mrs Milka Stanic: "I regard my work amongst Slovenian people as spiritual work and self-healing, but 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 pre-planning of songs and preparation of singers' folders for some 6 years, and regularly prepares resources for songs during the peoples' mass. She is also an amateur organist (the parish priest informally instructed me many years back in Slovenia), and seems to sew endlessly: all the altar childrens' robes, 20 complete robes and apparel for mass as well as formal habits. She has also been asked to sew for the Croatian Franciskans, which she has and does however for a charge. But for our Slovenian Church she has never charged. In the wider community she trained and worked 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. A truly well deserving recipient of the Highly Commended Category for Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2001, as you no doubt shall agree.

Sorry for the delay (again).

Danica

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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.

We hope to bring you more feedback about what the other Awards recipients are up to this year as well, hopefully in the next edition of Glas Slovenije.

Please stay tuned!

Danica Sajn on behalf of the Sub-Committee.



## NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2002

Readers of Glas Slovenije last year may have read with interest the outcome of the inaugural NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2001, which were reported in the 2002 July issue of Glas. On behalf of the 2003 Slovenian of the Year Awards Sub-Committee, being Walter Suber, Dorothy Kobal, Tanya Smerdel, Danica Sajn, Anita Lever, Nick Vickers and Mr Ross Treyvaud, I would like to announce that the Awards will be held again this year in June at the St Johns Park Panthers-Triglav Club. In the very near future we will be able to inform readers more precisely of the date and of other details, as well as information for nominees and nominators, criteria and the categories that will be open for 2002. The sub-committee envisages that there will be more categories for 2002 than there was for 2001, and we look forward to sharing this exciting news with you very shortly.

We will keep you posted through Glas Slovenija, the various Slovenian Clubs in NSW as well as through a future website and of course through SBS Slovenian Radio, of all this necessary information. We look forward to receiving numerous applications for the various categories. Once the categories are formalised it is hoped that we will realise that we all know of at least one, if not several people that have achieved significant success and/or goals in their lives and could thus be nominated and recognised within our community.

### **Last year's winners.....**

As reported, last year's winners for NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards were:

Mrs Eleonora White – Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year

Mr Drago Ostric – Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Ms Brigita Bezjak – Tertiary Student of the Year

Ms Stefanie Suber – Primary Student of the Year

Highly Commended Plaques were awarded to Dr Sean Parsonage – Young Entrepreneur of the Year and to Mrs Milka Stanic – Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year.

Here is what some of the Awards recipients of last year had to say about winning:

Mrs E 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 families that lost their houses in the Canberra fires. There are 6 Slovenian families all up and 1 has 3 children. I am raising money through donations and a raffle which will be drawn in April, just before Easter this year."

Well done, Mrs White – you just never stop!!





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April 28, 2004

The Selection Committee  
The NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2003  
St. Johns Park Panther  
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Dear Committee Members,

On the recommendations of the Management Committee of the Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli", Newcastle Inc, and on behalf of the Slovenian Community living in Newcastle and surrounding region, I wish to nominate Mr. IVAN KOZELJ, member of the Slovenian Association Sydney, and the leader of the Drama Group, Merrylands, for the forthcoming selection of The Outstanding NSW Slovenian Volunteer for 2003.

I have met Mr. Kozelj in person some 15 years ago, although I have had known prior to this that he was involved in the Slovenian community life in Sydney. Since meeting him personally, I realized how much effort and time he had put into his work to benefit not only the Slovenians in Sydney but all over in Australia.

In Newcastle, we have met Mr. Kozelj when he brought his Drama Group to Newcastle to stage the play 'Micki treba moza'. We were all very impressed and also very grateful to him and his group to come to Newcastle and to perform for us. Since then, the Drama group performs in Newcastle whenever they put a new play on the stage. We always find Mr. Kozelj very co-operative and resourceful.

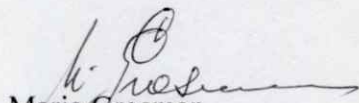
Mr. Kozelj has been involved in many facets of social and cultural life amongst the Slovenians in Sydney. Although there is a lot about his work that we in Newcastle know nothing about, we do know that he has always been heavily involved in the workings of the Slovenian Association Sydney. He has been a president, a vice-president, committee member, an organizer, a cook, a driver – in short, a person who had spent a lot of his life time to keep the Slovenian life in Sydney alive. Not living in Sydney, it is impossible to

name the positions that he had held in the past. We do know that he had put a lot of time and effort also in young people, namely Mali Preseren. He is still a member of the male choir. When visitors arrive, he is their driver. When people are hungry, Mr. Kozelj cooks for them. When one comes to the Associations Club, Mr. Kozelj is there - working.

Mr. Ivan Kozelj deserves recognition for his long and unselfish work for the benefits of the Slovenians not only in Sydney but also elsewhere in Australia. Being selected as The NSW Outstanding Slovenian Volunteer would be a fitting tribute for his contribution to the social and cultural heritage of the Slovenians in Australia.

We highly recommend Mr. Ivan Kozelj for the above Award.

Best wishes and regards,



Maria Grosman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli"  
Newcastle Inc





07.04.04

The Secretary - Mrs Maria Grosman  
Slovensko Drustvo Tivoli  
7 Charles Street,  
Cardiff NSW 2285

Dear Maria,

This year will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the NSW Australian Slovenian Awards.

As you know, we have chosen to have these awards at an important time of the year for all Slovenians, when we celebrate the Anniversary of Slovenia's Independence.

It is an opportunity *for the whole community*, to recognise the achievements of Australians of Slovenian heritage, particularly those who are not known to the wider community.

I therefore invite you to join us in a celebration of our community's achievements and *ask for your support* to make this annual event something of which we can all be proud of.

How can you support us? By promoting the Australian Slovenian Awards within your club or organisation - by word of mouth and in your newsletters. Also, by nominating worthy candidates in each of the categories. By bringing good people to our attention, they will be *recognised for their good work by the whole community*.

You may be interested as to who chooses the successful candidate for each category. The committee members are:

Valter Šuber (Chairperson):	Business Development Manager and Metallurgist - OneSteel, and Board Member, St John's Park Panthers.
Tania Smrdel:	Assistant Accountant - Nine MSN; Broadcaster and Journalist - SBS Radio.



Danica Šajn: Science Teacher; Slovenian teacher, Slomškova Šola, St Raphael's Church Merrylands.

Dorothy Kobal: Solicitor and business proprietor.

Ross Treyvaud: President of the Cabramatta Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Unity Party candidate for council elections for Fairfield City Council.

Nick Vickers: Director and Curator The Sir Hermann Black Gallery University of Sydney Union and Director of the Slovenian Australian Institute.

Anita Levar: Administrator Tin Sheds Gallery Faculty of Architecture University of Sydney and Treasurer of the Slovenian Australian Institute.

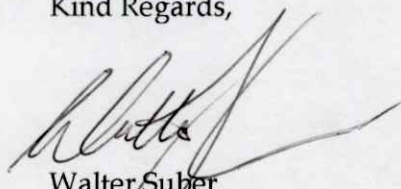
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Kind Regards,



Walter Suber  
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