

TRIGLAV PANTHERS AWARDS 2006

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR WINNERS OF 2005

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The NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2005

Information pack



This years awards are dedicated in memory of Mr Ivan Kozelj winner of last years
Volunteer of the Year

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OFFICAL APPLICATION FORM

Closing date 15th May 2006

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)

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| ☐ | NSW – Slovenian | Primary student of the Year |
| ☐ | NSW – Slovenian | Secondary student of the Year |
| ☐ | NSW – Slovenian | Tertiary student of the Year |
| ☐ | NSW – Slovenian | Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year |
| ☐ | NSW – Slovenian | Entrepreneur of the Year |
| ☐ | NSW – Australia | Slovenian Achievements in Slovenia |
| ☐ | 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:

St Johns Park Panthers

Or fax to: (02) 9610 1627

80 – 84 Brisbane Street St Johns Park 2176
or email to: andrew.gardner@panthers.com.au

**Nomination criteria for NSW Slovenian Tertiary, Secondary
and Primary Student of the Year 2005**

Tertiary Student

- Successful academic record for 2005 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 2005 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 2005

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 31/12/2005.

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 2005 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 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

AGE: business wishing to enter the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards must be individuals that are 21 and over at the close of entries on the 15th May 2006 who 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 ACHIEVEMENTS IN SLOVENIA, 2005

The Slovenian Australian Institute would like to recognize the achievements of an Australian Slovenian who has made inroads in Slovenia 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 2005

- 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.
- Very Slovenian organization may also nominate any member from their own organisation for their Volunteer of the year.

MEETING SUMMARY AND AGREED ACTION

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MEETING DESCRIPTION:		BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT		
ITEM	SUBJECT & COMMENTS	ACTION AGREED	BY WHOM	WHEN
1	Introduction	The Purpose of the meeting was to conduct the judging of these years' awards. This was the first year of the new format, were the committee of the Slovenian awards invited the various Slovenian organisation and individuals to nominate Australian Slovenians for the Awards. All judges agreed that the finalist names must be confidential and remain confidential right up to the announcement of the awards.	ALL	
2	Categories being judged in 2006.	Out of all the categories the following were judged. 1.0 NSW –Slovenian Tertiary student of the year 2.0 NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year 3.0 NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Slovenian Volunteer 4.0 NSW – Australian Slovenian Achievement	ALL	
3	Program	Walter went through the program, Walter to follow up Florijan and see if any additions need to be made.	WAS	ASAP
4	Letter to all finalists	Walter to send out on Monday a letter to all the finalist inviting them to the event.	WAS	Monday 29 th
5	Signatures	All the judges left a copy if their signature to place it onto the plaques. Walter to draft the individual plaques and email them to all the judges for their finial approval, before sending them to Ryan Signs for production.	WAS	ASAP
6	Presentations notes	All agreed to present at least one of the awards. Each judge is to email a brief summary of the winner to Walter so it can all be collated and used in the next year's booklet. Walter to follow up Branko Fabjancic to see if could do one of the presentations.	ALL WAS	ASAP
7	Photo of Judging committee	Igor took a number of photos of the judging committee for the booklet.	ALL	

From: Martha Magajna
Date: 05/29/06 22:13:21
To: Maria Grosman
Subject: Re: Slovenian of the year awards

Jaz sem dala moje zapiske Walterju, in on jih je zmesal.
Mislim da smo rekli:

- NSW Tertiary student of the year
- NSW Slovenian outstanding Volunteer of the year
- NSW Slovenian Senior Citizen of the year
- NSW Award for Australian Slovenian Achievement
- NSW Special Award for Life work in the field of Slovenian Culture and Heritage.

Mira in Rudolf naj bi bila "Equal First NSW Outstanding Volunteer of the year.

s kvalifikacijo " for their work for Slovenian community."

Vsaj mislim , da smo tako rekli,

Martha

-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Grosman
Date: 05/29/06 21:55:21
To: Martha Magajna
Subject: Slovenian of the year awards

Halo Martha!

Moja pamet me vedno zapusti, ko bi jo rabila. Prosim, posli mi točen naziv
awarda za Miro in Rudolfa. Pleeeeeease.

Lp
Maria

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Slovenian of the year awards for 2005

- 11.00am DVD Check and set up
- 11.15 Setting up of room
- 11.30 Martha organising of seating for guests
Peter Flag set up
- 12.30 Guests / Visitors arrive
- 01.00 Lunch served
- 02.15 Set up for choir
- 02.20 Anthems men's choir
- 02.30 Mr Peter Krope - Official welcome
- 02.35 Video / DVD
- 02.40 Mr Alfred Breznik
- Speech
 - Presentation of book to Andrew
 - Introduction of Mr Huy Vu General Manager
 - Cheque presentation to
Pater Darko – Slomskova sola.
Tania Smerdel HASA
- 02.55 Slovenian Awards – Mr Walter Suber
First half of the awards
- 03.10 Video / Slide show of last years awards Mr Igor Poc.
- 03.15 Second Half of awards
- 03.30 Entertainment starts.



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Vsem Slovenskim organizacijam:

» SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**NA PROSLAVI DNEVA SLOVENSKE NEODVISNOSTI V MESECU JUNIJU, SE V
KLUBU PANTHERS TRIGLAV VSAKO LETO PODELJUJEJO PRIZNANJA
NAJZASLUŽNEJŠIM SLOVENCEM LETA V NSW IN CANBERRI**

v kategorijah:

- *NSW in ACT Učenec leta do letnika 6
- *NSW in ACT Visokošolec letado letnika 12
- *NSW in ACT študent leta (univerze ali dodatne izobrazbe)
- *NSW in ACT podjetnik leta
- *NSW in ACT starejši Slovenec leta
- *NSW in ACT prostovoljni delavec leta vsake sodelujoče organizacije
- *NSW in ACT oseba z največjo zaslugom za sodelovanje med Australijo in Slovenijo.

Pozivamo vse slovenske organizacije v NSW in Canberri in tudi vse posamezne Slovence, ki poznajo koga, ki je vreden takega priznanja med svojimi člani, prijatelji ali sorodniki, da pošljejo predlog z imenom in naslovom te osebe ODBORU ZA SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS pri klubu Panthers Triglav, 80-84 Brisbane Rd, ST Johns Park NSW 2176, lahko pa tudi po elektronski pošti na Email naslov kluba: triglav2006@hotmail.com.

Za informacije se lahko obrnete na predsednika odbora Walterja Šuberja, tel. 0418-322-700 ali na upravo kluba.

Čeprav Klub Panthers Triglav pokriva vse stroške tega projekta je projekt sam namenjen vse Slovincem iz NSW in Canberre ne glede na to, kateri organizaciji pripadajo (lahko tudi nobeni!) Vsaka sodelujoča organizacija pa lahko izbere po enega PROSTOVOLJNEGA DELAVCA ki zaluži priznanje za delo v njihovi organizaciji.

Prosim, če lahko imenujete vsaj enega (lahko tudi dva) zastopnika vaše organizacije za sodelovanje pri komisiji za zbiri letošnjih nagrajencev v vseh kategorijah. Ker se junij že hitro približuje, bi želeli vaš odgovor do srede meseca marca 2006.

Lep pozdrav

ODBOR PANTHERS ST JOHNS PARK- TRIGLAV



5th May, 2006.

The Secretary Slovenian Club Tivoli
Mrs Marija Grosman
7 Charles Street
Cardiff NSW 2258

Dear Marija.

This year will be the 5th year of the NSW Slovenian of the Year 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.

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:

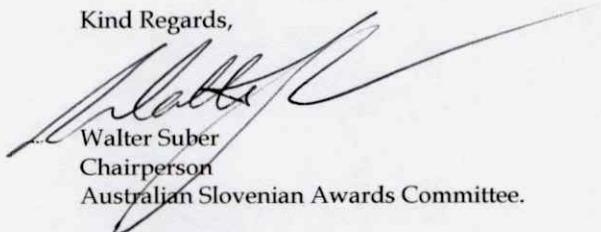
Our guest judge, will be nominated closer to the date and will be invited to sit on the committee this year. Every year we invite a "guest judge" who is a respected senior member of the Australian Slovenian community.

The committee members are dedicated and impartial. They have volunteered their time for an idea that they believe has great potential.

With your help, the NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards will grow to be a truly great event.

I look forward to your support and co-operation.

Kind Regards,



Walter Suber
Chairperson
Australian Slovenian Awards Committee.

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**The NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards
2005**

**In Conjunction with
Slovenian Independence Day 2006**

**Award Presentation
Lunch and Dance**

With "The Masters"

**St Johns Park Panthers
TRIGLAV**

**80-84 Brisbane Road
St Johns Park**

**Sunday 18th of June 2006
Lunch 1.00pm**

**Awards Presentation from 2.30pm
Nominations for the awards close 15th May 2005
Enquiries and Bookings – Huy Vu (02) 9610-1627
0421-590 527**

**Support your fellow Slovenians in the various categories
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From: Maria Grosman
Date: 03/22/06 22:12:18
To: triglav2006@hotmail.com
Subject: Slovenian of the Year Awards

Dear Committee Members

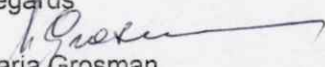
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His contact details are:

IVAN JOHN KLOPČIČ OAM
36 Joslin Street
KOTARA NSW 2289
Phone: (02) 4952 3884
E-mail: lizzie12@dodo.com.au

I also wish to nominate Mrs. Michaela SUSTERSIČ as an outstanding volunteer of the year for her outstanding contributions and work with Drama Group, HASA and other slovenian organizations.

Regards


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

22/3/2006

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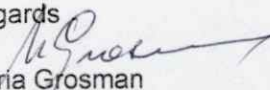
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22/3/2006

From: Martha Magajna
Date: 04/24/06 09:02:56
To: Maria Grosman
Subject: Re: Fw: Slovenian of the Year Awards

Oja, sem sla pogledat sinoci na Triglav mail in je tam. Mislila sem, da si poslala za Mihelco posebej, pa se nisem spomnila, da bi to videla. Sedaj pa vidim, da je oboje v enem,.
 Sorry,

Imejte en lep, ceprav brrrrr...mrzel dan!

Live Long and Prosper



Martha



-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Grosman
Date: 04/24/06 04:30:55
To: Martha Magajna
Subject: Fw: Slovenian of the Year Awards

Martha, prilagam kopijo pisma, katerega sem poslala na naslov triglav2006@hotmail.com 22/3/06 za Slovenian of the Year Awards.

Lp
 Maria

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The NSW Award for Slovenian Australian Achievements in the field of Sports and Culture 2005 goes to.....

.Lojze Magajna. Congratulations!

Lojze has over the last 4 decades been involved in the Slovenian Community with variety of activities, like Singing, Drama and above all Sports; mainly bowling or as they call it –Bocce ,this being a Slovenian National sport ; and in his spare time, fishing and shooting.

Lojze started singing in Triglav Choir and as early as 1982 they travelled to Slovenia on(-???) a singing tour.

He is still involved with choirs, currently part of both the Merryland's Church choir and the men's choir Rosemary under the Southern Sun. For last three years he has also been involved with the Slovenian drama group at Merrylands.

Apart from all this, his special field of activity lies with sports, as a player and also a teacher.

Aside from many great personal achievements within Bocce he has also qualified as a trainer of youth, and has been selected as the Australian National Coach for Junior Bocce Team, competing last year for Australia in(the World Championship in Nova Gorica in Slovenia. Being selected again this year as a National Coach, Lojze will take this year a chosen threesome to the World Championship in Italy.

Lojze se je aktivno vključil v slovensko skupnost kmalu potem ko je prišel v Australijo leta 1967. Aktiven je bil ves čas pri zborih, igralski družini in predvsem v slovenskem narodnem sportu, ali kakor ga kličemo v Australiji, Bocce.

Z moškim pevskim zborom Triglav je leta 1982 tudi odšel na koncertno turnejo v Slovenijo in na Korosko. Sedaj tudi poje v Cerkvenem mešanem zboru v Verskem Središču Merrylands in v Moškem pevskem zboru 'Rožmarin pod južnim soncem'. Zadnja tri leta se je vključil v Igralsko Družino Merrylands in je eden od najboljših igralcev.

Kot aktiven balinar je dosegel osebno lepe uspehe, 10 krat se je plasiral med najboljše v Balinarski zvezi NSW in tudi zastopal NSW v zveznih tekmovanjih; tudi v letošnjem Australskem prvenstvu je njegova skupina dosegla tri prva mesta. Še skoraj bolj pomembno pa je njegovo delo kot kvalificirani trener mladincev balinarske sekcije in na tem področju je bil lansko leto imenovan za Zveznega trenerja mladinske reprezentance Australije, ki pod njegovim vodstvom zastopala Australijo na Svetovnem Prvenstvu v Novi Gorici v Sloveniji. Letos pa bo vodil izbrano trojko na Svetovno Prvenstvo v Italijo. V svetovnem merilu je to velika čast in Slovenci smo lahko ponosni nanj .
Cestitam Vam.

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARDS

LOJZE MAGAJNA: THE NSW AWARD FOR SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN IN THE FIELD OF SPORT AND CULTURE

Lojze se je aktivno vključil v slovensko skupnost kmalu po prihodu v Avstralijo 1967. leta. Ves čas je bil aktiven pri pevskih zborih, igralski družini in predvsem v slovenskem narodnem športu balinanju ali, kot rečemo v Avstraliji, Bocce.

Z moškim pevskim zborom Triglav je šel 1982. leta na zelo uspešno koncertno turnejo v Slovenijo in Koroško. Sedaj poje v cerkvenem mešanem zboru v verskem središču v Merrylandsu in v moškem zboru »Rožmarin pod južnim soncem«.

Zadnja tri leta sodeluje pri Igralski družini Merrylands, kjer se je uvrstil v vrsto najboljših igralcev.

Na športnem polju balinanja je kot aktivni balinar dosegel zelo lepe osebne uspehe. V Balinarski zvezi se je deset krat plasiral med najboljše, je pa tudi zastopal NSW v zveznih tekmovanjih. V letošnjem avstralskem prvenstvu je njegova skupina dosegla tri prva mesta.

Še bolj pa je pomembno njegovo delo kot kvalificiran trener mladincev balinarske sekcije. Na tem področju je bil lansko leto imenovan za zveznega trenerja mladinske reprezentance Avstralije, katera je pod njegovim vodstvom zastopala Avstralijo na svetovnem prvenstvu v Novi Gorici v Sloveniji. Letos bo vodil izbrano trojko na svetovno prvenstvo v Italijo, kar je v svetovnem merilu vsekakor velika čast.

Slovinci smo ponosni na njegove svetovne podvige in mu skupno želimo veliko uspehov pri njegovem nadaljnjem delu. Čestitamo.

Leta 2002 je postala ustanovni član Historičnega arhiva za slovenske Avstralce v NSW, HASA na kratko, kjer še danes pridno sodeluje kot raziskovalka in delavka pri zbiranju in urejanju arhivskega gradiva. Istočasno vodi blagajniška dela HASE. V zadnjem letu je poleg vsega drugega dela prevzela tudi prostovoljno tedensko delo delne računovodkinje cerkve sv. Rafaela.

Mihelčine zasluge za slovensko skupnost so res izredne in se ne dajo opisati v nekaj kratkih besedah. Kot token hvaležnosti ji čestitamo ob današnjem prejemu tega izrednega priznanja.

THE NSW AWARD FOR SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT AND CULTURE 2005 GOES TO....

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Še bolj pa je pomembno njegovo delo kot kvalificiran trener mladincev balinarske sekcije. Na tem področju je bil lansko leto imenovan za zveznega trenerja mladinske reprezentance Avstralije, katera je pod njegovim vodstvom zastopala Avstralijo na svetovnem prvenstvu v Novi Gorici v Sloveniji. Letos bo vodil izbrano trojko na svetovno prvenstvo v Italijo, kar je v svetovnem merilu vsekakor velika čast. Slovenci smo zelo ponosni na njegove podvige in uspehe in mu skupn želimo veliko uspehov v njegovem nadaljnjem delu.

Over the last 4 decades, Lojze has been involved in the Slovenian Community with variety of activities, such as singing, drama, and above all sport; mainly bowling or as it is called in Australia – Bocce, this being a Slovenian National sport. In his spare time, he loves fishing and shooting.

Lojze started singing with the Triglav Choir. In 1982 he traveled with the choir to Slovenia and Carinthia in the Southern Austria, which turned out as a very successful singing tour.

This days he is singing with the Merryland's Church choir and the men's choir "Rosemary under the Southern Sun".

For the last three years he has also been involved with the Slovenian drama group at Merrylands, where he is becoming one of the leading actors..

Beside all this, his special field of activity lies with sport, as a player and also as a teacher.

Apart from many great personal achievements within Bocce, he has also qualified as a trainer of youth group, and has been selected as the Australian National Coach for Junior Bocce Team. competing last year for Australia in the World Championship in Nova Gorica in Slovenia. Being selected again this year as a National Coach, Lojze will take this year a chosen threesome to the World Championship in Italy.

We are all very proud of Lojze. We wish him well in his future sporting and personal endeavors. Congratulation, Lojze.

The NSW Award for Slovenian Australian Achievements in the field of Sports and Culture 2005 goes to.....

.Lojze Magajna. Congratulations!

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Lojze se je aktivno vključil v slovensko skupnost kmalu potem ko je prišel v Australijo leta 1967. Aktiven je bil ves čas pri zborih, igralski družini in predvsem v slovenskem narodnem sportu, ali kakor ga kličemo v Australiji, Bocce.

Z moškim pevskim zborom Triglav je leta 1982 tudi odšel na koncertno turnejo v Slovenijo in na Korosko. Sedaj tudi poje v Cerkvenem mešanem zboru v Verskem Središču Merrylands in v Moškem pevskem zboru 'Rožmarin pod južnim soncem'. Zadnja tri leta se je vključil v Igralsko Družino Merrylands in je eden od najboljših igralcev.

Kot aktiven balinar je dosegel osebno lepe uspehe, 10 krat se je plasiral med najboljše v Balinarski zvezi NSW in tudi zastopal NSW v zveznih tekmovanjih; tudi v letošnjem Australskem prvenstvu je njegova skupina dosegla tri prva mesta. Še skoraj bolj pomembno pa je njegovo delo kot kvalificirani trener mladincev balinarske sekcije in na tem področju je bil lansko leto imenovan za Zveznega trenerja mladinske reprezentance Australije, ki pod njegovim vodstvom zastopala Australijo na Svetovnem Prvenstvu v Novi Gorici v Sloveniji. Letos pa bo vodil izbrano trojko na Svetovno Prvenstvo v Italijo. V svetovnem merilu je to velika čast in Slovenci smo lahko ponosni nanj .
Cestitam Vam.

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARDS

MR. IVAN JOHN KLOPČIČ: NSW OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN FOR THE YEAR 2005 AWARD

Ivan Klopčič je preživel vsa svoja dosedanja imigracijska leta v Newcastlu. Leta 1958 je postal eden od ustanovnih članov in prvi tajnik današnjega Avstralsko slovenskega društva »Tivoli«, Newcastle, v katerega so vključeni Slovenci iz Hunter regije, Port Stephensa in Centralne obale. 1960. leta je bil izvoljen kot predsednik društva, pozicija, katero še danes po 45-tih letih pridno opravlja.

Ivan je kot prostovoljec vedno sodeloval z raznimi organizacijami in organi. Bil je aktivno povezan z raznimi društvi in državnimi uradi, kateri še danes skrbijo za imigrante in kjer je sam sodeloval v različnih upravnih organih in odborih. To so bili predvsem Migrant Resource Center, Ethnic Community Council, Community Relation Commission in drugi. Za svoje delo je prejel številna visoka priznanja, medtem tudi državno priznanje The Order of Australia Medal – OAM.

Ivan je vsa leta polagal posebno pozornost bolnim in ostarelim, katere je vedno in še jih danes pridno obiskuje po domovih, bolnicah ali v domovih za ostarele. V okviru društva »Tivoli« vodi že od 1992. leta naprej poseben program za starejše in ostarele slovenske rojake, za kar dobiva društvo posebno, čeprav skromno državno pomoč, kar omogoča rojakom, ki sami več ne morejo, prevoz k zdravnikom, v bolnico, na slovenska srečanja in druge potrebe.

Ivan Klopčič še vedno neutrudno nadaljuje svoje prostovoljno delo. Tudi v času, ko se drugi umaknejo in pustijo stare in osamele, da živijo sami, jih Ivan še vedno skrbno obiskuje ter jim nudi prevoz. Vedno je pripravljen pomagati drugim rojakom v potrebi, katerih število se zaradi visoke starosti vedno bolj veča.

Ivan nadaljuje svoje delo ne glede na hitrost časa, medtem ko marsikateri drugi sedijo nazaj in čakajo na pomoč od drugod.

Gospod Klopčič, današnje priznanje je le skromna zahvala za Vaše dolgoletno, požrtvovalno in nesebično delo med Slovenci. Želimo Vam zdravja in uspehov pri vašem nadaljnjem delu. Čestitamo.

NSW SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARD GOES TO....

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While holding this demanding job, he was also involved with many different government and local bodies and had worked on a number of committees, such as at Migrant Resource Centre, Ethnic Community Council, Community Relations Commission, and others.

During his life work, he had a special affinity for the sick, elderly, and those people, who were less fortunate than most. In a framework of the activities of the Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli", Newcastle, he has been in charge since 1992 of a special government sponsored program involving elderly Slovenians. He was and still is helping the sick and elderly, visiting them regularly, taking them shopping, to the doctors, on outings, visiting them in hospital and nursing homes, generally giving them a hand wherever it is needed.

For his work, he has received a great number of awards and recognitions from different government bodies and community organisations, the most distinguished being 'The Order of Australia Medal' for his service to the Slovenian Community of the Hunter Region, particularly in the area of aged care, and also the Premier's Award for Outstanding Services to the Community and to NSW. Mr. Klopčic is continuing his work unconcerned with the passing of time, whilst many sit back and wait to be taken care of.

We salute you, Ivan, and wish you good health and many more active years among us. Congratulation!

**THE AWARD FOR THE NSW AUSTRALIAN –SLOVENIAN
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2005 WAS
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Ivan Klopčič je že več kot 45 let delal za Slovensko Skupnost v Hunter regiji in še posebej v Australsko Slovenskem Društvu Tivoli Newcastle. Prejel je veliko število zasluženih priznanj od različnih forumov in organizacij, na katerih področju je g. Klopčič delal kot prostovoljec, posebno še na področju skrbi za bolne in ostarele, katerim je vsa leta svojega delovanja posvečal posebno pažnjo in pomoč. Tudi v času, ko se mnogi drugi umaknejo in pustijo, da drugi skrbijo za njih, Ivan Klopčič še vedno neutrudno nadaljuje svoje prostovoljno delo in je vedno pripravljen pomagati drugim Slovencem v potrebi, katerih število z leti vedno bolj narašča.

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NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARDS

MRS. MIRA SMRDEL – EQUAL FIRSTN NSW OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR HER WORK FOR SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY

Mira Smrdel, rojena v Pivki na Primorskem, je prišla v Avstralijo 1972. leta. Z možem Mirotom sta hitro navezala stike s slovensko skupnostjo prvo pri verskem središču v Merrylands-u in nato pri slovenskem društvu Szdnez. Po petih letih se je vključila v balinarsko sekcijo, kjer se je na njeno pobudo organiziral ženski krožek, kateri je skrbel, da je bila v kuhinji na razpolago dobra domača hrana. Posebno v času gradnje novih društvenih prostorov med 1993 in 1996-tim letom je bilo veliko dela, saj so ženske kuhale hrano za delavce v starem domu v Horsley Parku in jo potem prevažale v novi dom v Wetheril Park. Mira si je velikokrat izposodila možev kombi, ker je bil njen avto enostavno premajhen.

1999. leta je bila izvoljena kot predsednica Slovenskega društva Sydney. Pod njenim vodstvom je društvo med številnim drugimi dogodki zelo uspešno praznovalo 45. letnico društvenega delovanja ter avstralsko olimpijado, ko so bile zahteve še posebno visoke. Vrstili so se obiski visokih gostov, športnikov, slovenskih olimpijcev, ansamblov in raznih drugih kulturnih skupin.

Po krajšem odmoru in po smrti predsednika Ivana Koželja konec lanskega leta, se je Mira ponovno vključila v odbor in je danes podpredsednica društva.

Mira se nikoli ne ustraši težkega dela, pa naj je to kuhanje, priprava dvorane, čiščenje, prevoz gostov, ali pa zahtevna klubska administracija. Skratka, vedno in povsod prime za vsako delo. Poleg dela v klubu, je tudi skrbna žena in ljubeča mati, ki je še vedno polno zaposlena.

Mirina ljubezen do Slovencev in vsega, kar je slovenskega v Sydneyu in v Avstraliji, se ne čuti samo v njenih besedah, temveč se izraža v njenem neutrudnem in vsestranskem delu za dobrobit nas vseh. Hvala, Mira. Čestitamo!

THE AWARD FOR THE NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2005 GOES TO MIRA SMRDEL AS EQUAL WINNER .

Mira came from Pivka, Slovenia. In 1972 she arrived in Australia with her husband Miro.

She got involved with the Slovenian community working at the Slovenian church at Merrylands and at the Slovenian Association Sydney ,first occasionally and later more intensively as a member of Bocce group and organiser of ladies volunteer group,helping at Slovenian culture events with the preparations ,cooking and serving. In 1999, Mira was elected as the President of the Slovenian Association Sydney, a position she held for 5 years, often doing anything necessary, whether it was with cleaning , arranging of the culture events or the running of the club.

While Mira was the President it was a very busy time for the club, with a large number of culture events, with visiting Slovenian bands and choirs performing from Slovenia and other places of the world. She was involved in organizing their schedule , traveling and accomodation around Sydney and often all over the country. She also had to handle a number of visitors from Sporting organisation, like the Slovenian Olympic athletics 2000, and directly after the Para -Olympics or other great events like 45.th Anniversary of Slovenian Association Sydney, not only on their performing days, but she often took on the responsibily of looking after them in the days between the engagements , show them around the country or take them to other places and generally be there to assist, with the planning and the co-ordination. After short break, after Ivan Kozelj passed away, once again Mira became a member of the Club's Committee as the Vice President of the Slovene Association ,again working to preserve the heritage of the many Slovenian Volunteers , working at building and preserving that important Slovenian organisation for last 50 years.

Mira has spent a great part of her life in Australia working for the preservation of the Slovenian Heritage and Slovenian culture and her work in the Slovenian community has been well documented over the years.

Mira Smrdel kandidat za priznanje ' prostovoljec leta 2005'

Mira je iz svoje rodne Primorske, natančneje iz okolice Pivke prisla v Australijo, svojo novo domovino leta 1972. Z svojim možem Mirotom je hitro po prihodu navezala stike z Slovensko skupnostjo. Njeno prvo večje srečanje z Slovenskimi rojaki je bilo v Verskem središču Merrylands in nato pri Slovenskem Društvu Sydney, ker se je ob domači glasbi in kuhinji počutila tako kot v svojem rojstnem kraju. Po petih letih se je vključila v balinarsko sekcijo in ni bilo dolgo, ko se je na njeno pobudo organiziral ženski krožek ,ki je skrbel zato ,da so bili na prireditvah člani in ostali gostje kluba postreženi z dobro domačo hrano in dobrotami. Še več dela so imele Mira in članice njene ženske skupine v letih gradnje novih društvenih prostorov med letom 1993 in do leta 1996 , ko so morale pripravljati hrano za prostovoljne delavce v starem Drustvu in jo prevažati na novo zemljišče v Wetherill Parku. Velikokrat je bil njen osebni avtomobil premajhen in si je morala zato isposojati kombi svojega soproga.

Leta 1999 se je ponovno vključila v odbor Društva in bila izvoljena za predsednico. Drustvu je predsedovala pet let in je v tem času ravno kot poprej prišla za vsako delo, od čiščenja do organizacije kulturnih in plesnih prireditev, pa do ekonomskega vodenja Društva.

V času Mirinega predsedovanja se je zvrstilo pri SDS veliko število pomembnih dogodkov kot so: 45-ta obletnica Društva ,Olympiada v Sydneyu z nenehnimi obiski Slovenskih olimpijcev in Para-olimpijcev in drugih, zraven pa se še veliko število pevskih zborov, ansamblov in drugih kulturnih skupin iz stare domovine , ki jih je bilo včasih treba tudi prevažati in spremljati širom Australije. Vse to poleg vodenja rednega dela v klubu, ki je vedno bolj zahtevno.

Po krajšem enoletnem premoru se je po smrti Predsenika Ivana Koželja ponovno vključila v Odbor, tokrat v vlogi podpredsednice , kjer nadaljuje z delom za Slovensko Skupnost. Lahko pa tudi omenimo, da je poleg vsega še tudi polno zaposlena, zraven pa je tudi žena in mati in da jima je z možem Mirotom iz ljubezni do Slovenske dediščine uspelo vzgojiti hčerko Tanjo v zavedno Slovenko, na kar je Mira lahko še posebej ponosna.

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Mira, born at Pivka, Slovenia, arrived to Australia in 1972 with her husband Miro. She became involved with the Slovenian community first at the Slovenian church at Merrylands and at the Slovenian Association Sydney. Here she had joined the Bocce group. Soon after she organized a volunteer group of ladies, who have helped with the organization of cultural events and who also looked after the kitchen, cooking and serving home-cooked meals. That was especially demanding during the building of the new club. She often had to borrow her husband's Kombi to carry food from the old club to the new one.

In 1999, Mira was elected as the President of the Slovenian Association Sydney, a position she held for 5 years. During her presidency, a number of important events took place, such as well presented 45th anniversary of Slovenian Association. and Sydney Olympics with special demands. There were many visitors from high government officials, visiting olympic competitors, ensembles, and other cultural events.

After a short break and after Ivan Kozelj passed away, Mira once again became a member of the Club's Committee, this time as the Vice President..

Mira has spent a great part of her life in Australia working for the preservation of the Slovenian Heritage and Slovenian culture and her work in the Slovenian community has been well documented over the years. She was never afraid of hard work. She would do the cooking, cleaning, prepare the hall for different cultural events, drive visitors around Sydney, or handle the ever more demanding administration of the Slovenian Club. Apart from that, she was regularly employed elsewhere, as well as being a caring and loving wife and mother. Congratulations and thank you.

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARDS

Mr. IVAN RUDOLF- EQUAL FIRST NSW OUSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR HIS WORK FOR SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY

IVAN RUDOLF se je vključil v slovensko skupnost kmalu po njegovem prihodu v Avstralijo 1970. leta. Dom si je ustvaril v Wollongongu, kjer je začel sodelovati pri tamkasnjem Slovenskem klubu Planica. Že 1976. leta je prevzel tajniška dela, tri leta pozneje pa je bil izvoljen za predsednika. Razen petih let, ko si je privoščil malo počitka, je ostal predsednik vse do danes.

Njegove zasluge za slovensko skupnost v Wollongongu so številne. V roku prvih petih let predsedništva mu je uspelo, da je društvo dobilo lastne prostore v Figtree, kjer imajo lepo dvorano in klubske prostore, cerkev, balinišča in hišo, katera prinaša vsakdanji dohodek.

Društvo Planica se je dvakrat predstavilo avstralski publiki z organiziranjem "Kmečke ohceti" po ulicah Wollongonga.

Po Ivanovi zaslugi so Slovenci v Wollongongu že 1995. leta dobili svojo radijsko oddajo na lokalnem Community Radio VOX FM. Program, katerega ko-ordinira Ivan, je na sporedu vsako nedeljo zjutraj.

Ivan je vedno rade volje priskočil na pomoč raznim gostujočim skupinam iz Slovenije in sodeloval z drugimi društvi v Avstraliji

Za svojo delo je prejel kar nekaj zaslužnih priznanj. Naj mu bo današnje priznanje še eno priznanje in skromno plačilo za njegovo dolgo, poštvovalno in nesebično delo za slovensko skupnost. Čestitamo!

Ivan Rudolf became an active member of the Slovenian Community soon after he came to Wollongong in 1970. On becoming a president of the Slovenian Club Planica in 1976, he worked hard for the Club to move into its own premises four years later. He was also a driving force in getting a regular Slovenian program on the Community Radio Vox FM. The program, of which Ivan is a co-ordinator, had recently celebrated 11th anniversary of broadcasting. Cultural event, called "The Farmer's wedding", was organized twice on the street of Wollongong. Here, too, Ivan was the main organizer.

Throughout his leadership, Ivan had co-operated with other Slovenian organizations in Australia, and many social and cultural performances have been organized at the Club Planica.

Ivan deserves tonight to be awarded the Equal First NSW Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award for his work for Slovenian Community. Congratulation!



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Rojena Mihaela Vida, 20.9.1939 v Ljubljani, vzrasla v Lescah na Gorenjskem.
Leta 1959 pršla v Australijo, v. Sydney z mozem Ivom Sustersic (sedaj ze pokojni)
Nastanila sva se v Woollahri, kjer je zivelo mnogo Slovencev.

Obskala sva slovenske prireditve v dvorani Sv. Franciska v Paddintonu, kjer sem se
sponznala z razlicnimi Slovenci ki so bili aktivni pri organiziranju slovenske
skupnosti.

Na povabilo Ivana Kozelja sem se leta 1962 prodruzila Igralski delujem se sedaj kot
igralka, sepetalka in tudi koordinator odra in garderobe skrbim pa tudi za rekvizite in
druge oderske potrebe. Poleg tega, da opravljam blagajniske posle, ponavadi tudi
urejam vse reklamne materiale, plakate, programe ,vstopnice in nacrtujem programe
gostovanj.

Poleg dela v Igralski družini sem ze od leta 1964 delala v ustanovenem odboru Akcije
za Dom, ko smo prirejali zabave in zbirali denar med nasimi rojaki sirom Sydneya.
Kot clan SDS sem vsa leta pomagala pri raznih kulturnih prireditvah, proslavah in
razstavah. Ob zacetki Slovenske pomladi leta 1990 sem pomagala v Akciji za zbiranje
pomoci domovini in bila sem tudi med prvimi clani Drustva za promac demokracije v
Sydneyu, ki se je kasneje premenoval v Slovenski Narodni svet.

Ob razlicnih pomembnih obletnicah Slovenske cerkve, Drustev in nase skupnosti na
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Konec leta 2002 sem sodelovala pri ustanovitvi HASA-Zgodovinskih Arhivov za
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prostovoljno tedenski delo kot delna racunovodkinja cerkve Sv Rafaela.

Lep pozdrav,

Mihelca Sustersic.

NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARDS

MIHELCA ŠUŠTERŠIČ – THE NSW SPECIAL AWARD IN THE FIELD OF SLOVENIAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Mihelca Šušteršič, rojena v Ljubljani in po preživetih mladih letih v Lescah na Gorenjskem, se je po prihodu v Avstralijo 1959. leta s pokojnim možem Ivotom prvo naselila v Woollahri, kjer je takrat živelo veliko Slovencev.

Prvih slovenskih prireditev sta se udeleževala v dvorani sv.Frančiška v Paddingtonu, kjer sta spoznala druge aktivne Slovence, ki so sodelovali pri organiziranju slovenske skupnosti.

1962. leta se je na povabilo Ivana Koželja pridružila igralski skupini, kjer še danes sodeluje kot igralka, šepetalka, koordinator odra in garderobe, blagajničarka, skrbi za reklame, vabila, vstopnice, programme, in še kaj.

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Ob začetku Slovenske pomladi 1990. leta je pomagala v Akciji za zbiranje pomoči naši prebujajoči se domovini Sloveniji. Bila je med prvimi člani Društva za podporo demokracije v Sydneyu, pozneje preimenovano v Slovenski narodni svet. Mihelca je vedno sodelovala ob pomembnih obletnicah slovenske cerkve, društev in slovenske skupnosti na splošno.

Bila je del majhne skupine, ki je pripravila številne razstave in publikacije, kot so razstava "Building Blocks" v okviru Olimpijade 2000, deseta obletnica nezavisnosti Republike Slovenije leta 2001, 45-ta obletnica Slovenskega društva, zlata maša p. Valerijana in petdeset letnica Misli.

**THE NSW SPECIAL AWARD FOR LIFE WORK IN THE FIELD OF
SLOVENIAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE GOES TO:**

MIHAELA SUSTERSIC,

Rojena Mihaela Vida ,doma v Lescah na Gorenjskem.

Leta 1959 je pršla v Australijo, v. Sydney z možem Ivom Šusteršič (sedaj že pokojnim) in nastanila sta se v Woollahri, kjer je živel mnogo Slovencev.

Na slovenski prireditvi v dvorani Sv. Frančiška v Paddintonu, sta se spoznala z različnimi Slovenci ki so bili aktivni pri organiziranju slovenske skupnosti in sta kmalu pristopila k sodelovanju.

Mihaela ,ali kakor jo klicajo vsi njeni prijatelji, Mihelca,se je na povabilo Ivana Koželja leta 1962 pridružila Slovenski Igralski Družini,kjer je skozi vsa delala in še sedaj deluje se kot igralka, šepetalka in tudi koordinator odra in garderobe,skrbi pa tudi za rekvizite in druge oderske potrebe, poleg tega, da opravlja tudi blagajniske posle, ponavadi tudi ureja vse reklamne materiale, plakate, programe ,vstopnice in nacrtuje programe gostovanj.

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Mihelca Sustersic, winner of the NSW Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer for 2005 for her Life's work in the field of Slovenian Culture.

Mihelca Šušteršič was born Michelca Vida in Ljubljana and grew up at Lescan in the Gorenjska region, North West Slovenia. In 1959 she came to Sydney Australia with her husband Ivan.

Both attended various Cultural events at St. Francis of Assisi at Paddington and there met many Slovenians, who were very active within the Slovenian community. On invitation by Ivan Kozelj, Mihelca became a member of the Slovenian drama group, joining in 1962 and is still today a performer.

Mihelca plays a major role in the co-ordination of the drama group, within the wardrobe department, as well as being the procurer of the group's various requirements. She also does the bookwork, promotional activities and is instrumental in the planning of the events and the invitation of its guests.

Since 1964 she is also been involved with the collecting of funds for various charities from the various cultural events around Sydney. As a member of Slovenian Association Sydney she has helped with the various cultural events, celebrations and presentations throughout the years, one being the 45th Anniversary celebrations of the club in 2002.

In 1990 she assisted with collecting money and assistance for a new Slovenia, and was one of the first members of the Slovenian Narodni Svet.

Mihelca has always been involved with the Slovenian Church at Merrylands St. Rafael, assisting with various presentations throughout the years. She was a part of the 10th anniversary of the Slovenian independence, the Golden Jubilee Mass for Father Valerijan and 50th Anniversary of the Slovenian / Religious magazine Misli "Thoughts".

In 2002 Mihelca assisted with the Creation of HASA, which is the Slovenian Archives of the Australian/ Slovenian for NSW, where she is still active, as a volunteer, researching and obtaining information for the archives.

This year Mihelca has also taken on the position of volunteer weekly bookkeeper for the Slovenian Church at St. Rafael's Merrylands.

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Leta 2002 je postala ustanovni član Historičnega arhiva za slovenske Avstralce v NSW, HASA na kratko, kjer še danes pridno sodeluje kot raziskovalka in delavka pri zbiranju in urejanju arhivskega gradiva. Istočasno vodi blagajniška dela HASE. V zadnjem letu dela tudi kot delna računovodkinja cerkve sv. Rafaela.

Mihelca Šušteršič was born in Ljubljana and grew up at Lesce in the Gorenjska region.

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Mihelca has also been involved with the St. Rafael Slovenian Church at Merrylands,. She took part in putting together every major Exhibition or celebration, like the 10th anniversary of the Slovenian independence Exhibition, the Golden Jubilee Mass for Father Valerijan and 50th Anniversary of the Slovenian Religious magazine "Thoughts".

In 2002 Mihelca was instrumental in the establishment of HASA, the Historical Archives for the Slovenian Australian for NSW, where she is still active as a volunteer researcher and collector of the information for the archives. She is also acting treasurer for HASA.

This year Mihelca has also taken on the position of volunteer weekly bookkeeper for the Slovenian Church at St. Rafael's Merrylands.

Mihelca is one of those essential quiet forces, who keep our community going and we wish she will keep doing this for a long time.



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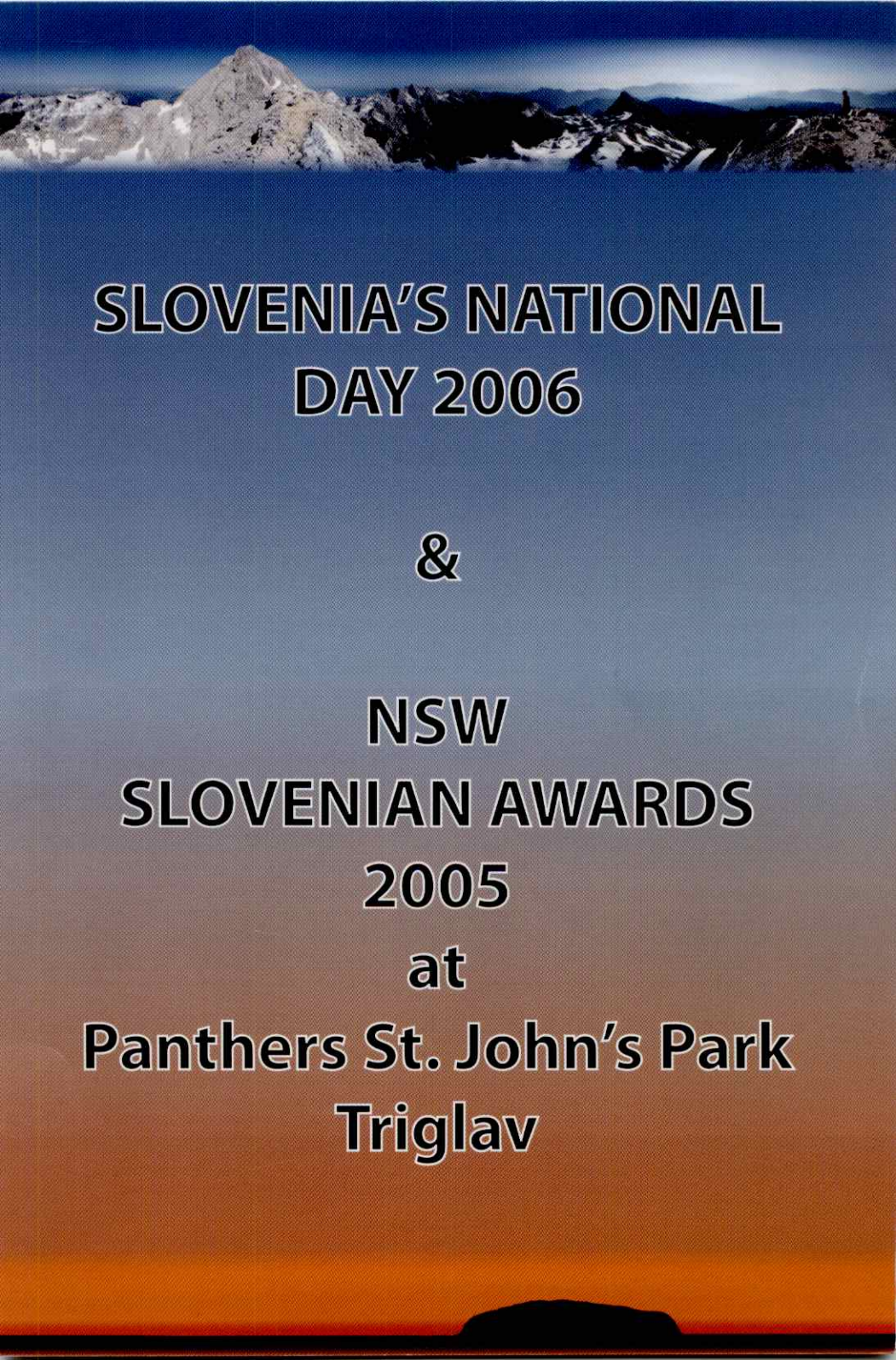
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at

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PROGRAM

12.30pm

Arrive

1.00pm

Lunch is served

2.20pm

Slovenian Male Choir "Rosemary Under the Southern Sun " sings

Slovenian National Anthem

Australian National Anthem

2.30pm

Welcome and introduction by

Mr. Peter Krobe

Chairman of the Advisory Board for

Panthers St. John's Park - Triglav

Address by Mr. Alfred Brežnik

Honorary Consul - General of the Republic of Slovenia

Walter Šuber,

president of the the Slovenian of The Year

Awards Committee, introduces the awards

Presentation of the Awards

Awards video

Slovenian Male Choir

"Rosemary Under the Southern Sun "

Sings three songs

Entertainment By "The Masters".

In Memoriam



IVAN KOŽELJ

**This year Awards are dedicated to
the memory of**

IVAN KOŽELJ

**a tireless worker for the
Slovenian Community and
The winner of
The Outstanding Volunteer Award 2004**

SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2005

WINNERS

NSW Tertiary student of the year

NSW Slovenian outstanding Volunteer of the year

NSW Slovenian Senior Citizen of the year

NSW Award for Australian - Slovenian Achievement

**NSW Special Award for Life work in the field of
Slovenian Culture and Heritage.**

Judging Panel



Igor Poch, Martha Magajna , Walter Suber, Marija Grosman, Peter Kroke in Perina Keen

President of the Slovenian Of the Year Awards Committee



Walter Šuber

The NSW Slovenian Awards have been an inspiration to me and the wonderful people that took the time to be a part of it for the last 4 years.

This will be our 5th year, a milestone in itself.

A truly community based and independent awards event that came about like all great ideas around the table with a glass of wine in the hand, asking the question how do we recognise all the wonderful people in our community and thank them for the efforts and acknowledge their hard work.

These awards are a positive initiative, that has been widely advertised to all the Slovenian Australian associations in NSW and ACT, encouraging these associations to nominate their members for the awards, and as in past years asking individuals to nominate their family member and friends.

These are our community's awards, they are for everyone. The Awards will only grow and expand into other states if the community embraces them and sees the value.

Let's celebrate the achievements of these wonderful Slovenian Australians and share their success as a proud and united community.

With every initiative there has to be a partner supporting and sponsoring. I would like to thank the Advisory Board, Management and Staff of the Panthers St. Johns Park - Triglav for their ongoing help and support of the Slovenian Australian community.

PRESENTED IN THE YEAR 2005

THE WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2004



DANICA PETRIČ

NSW Slovenian outstanding volunteer of the year

MARIA GROSMAŃ

NSW Slovenian outstanding senior citizen of the year

REBECCA KEEN

NSW Slovenian secondary student of the year

DANIEL ŠUBER

NSW Highly commended secondary student of the year,
(accepted by his mother, Kristina Šuber on his behalf)

STEPHANIE ŠUBER

NSW Slovenian primary student of the year

ROBERT MIKULETIČ

NSW Slovenian Tertiary student of the year

STEPHANIE ŠUBER



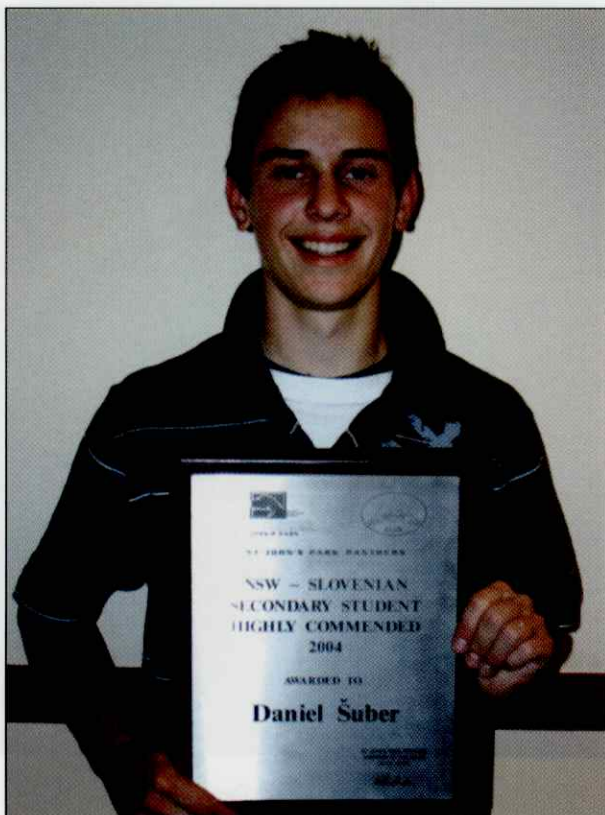
*Stephanie Šuber and Peter Krobe,
Chairman of the Advisory Board for Panthers St. John's Park-Triglav Club*

Stephanie attended Newbridge Hights Primary school in Chipping Norton. She was an outstanding student academically and in the sporting field. She received the highest reward for her academic excellence and also for her sporting achievements. She represented her school in number of sports, tennis, swimming, soccer, softball, cricket, athletics and cross-country. Her results gained her a place in the regional team and also in state team. Stephanie is also a part of an entertainment dance group, attends Slovenian Slomškova Šola and has other extra hobbies. She is a kind and helpful young lady that strives for perfection.

NSW SLOVENIAN SECONDARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2005

HIGHLY COMMENDED

DANIEL ŠUBER



Daniel was attending St.Gregory's College at Campbelltown. He achieved a high standard academically and has represented his school at the Royal Easter Show and the Moss Vale Show with excellent results in competitions. At Presentation Day Daniel received a medallion for his hard work and effort through the year. As a part of the Air Force cadets he also received the trophy for excellence. Within the Air Force cadets he has flying lessons and hopes to get his pilot's licence at 16. He enjoys tennis and has won various competitions. He also does community service, helping disadvantaged and disabled children. Daniel also takes part in any activity or presentation at the club, whenever there is a call for participation of the younger generation. He is very well liked for his kindness and good heart.

REBECCA KEEN



Andrew Gardner, General Manager of Panthers St Johns Park-Triglav Club and Rebecca Keen

Rebecca was a student at Terra Sancta College and she achieved a high standard of excellence in all academic areas. She participated in the school choir, rock eisteddfod, school performances, masses and liturgies. Rebecca is also involved with many community events such as Salvation Army, Red Shield Appeal, World Vision 40 Hours Famine and other worthy charities.

She was also a part of the Slovenian Folkloric Dance Group, sings in the Young Ladies Choir "Juzne zvezde" and takes part in the Slovenian Drama group.

She is also a tutor for the Kumon learning program for children and works part time as a receptionist in a medical centre.

ROBERT MIKULETIČ



***Nick Vickers, President of Slovenian Australian Institut
and Robert Mikuletič***

Robert was in his 2nd year of Bachelor of Applied science degree with a distinction average. In year 2002 he completed a Bachelor of Education degree (Physical Education and Mathematics) with credit average. He was also strongly involved with a traditional Slovenian sport-Bocce. First as a junior and later as an under 23's player and most recently as a senior he represented NSW and Australia in many national and international competitions in Australia and overseas. He was placed 5th in the world in singles and he achieved Australian championship in 3 separate disciplines. He qualified as NSW Bocce representative 10 times and Australian representative 7 times, including last year. He also served in NSW Bocce Federation Committee as well as a coach to junior teams for national and international competitions. Robert also spent time in Slovenia, training with the Slovenian Bocce team.

DANICA PETRIČ



Martha Magajna and Danica Petrič

Danica was very active in Slovenian Community since her arrival in Australia in 1972. She was the editor of Slovenian Newsletter »Novice« at Slovenian Association Sydney. Soon after that she had aligned with Marjan Peršič from Melbourne and they edited joint newsletter »Vestnik« for both clubs in Sydney and Melbourne.

Since then she contributes poetry and prose for monthly »Misli«.

Danica was also involved for 6 years in Slovenian radio, known first as 2EA and later as SBS as an announcer and helping to prepare the Slovenian programs. She also helped to prepare and take part in many cultural programs for various occasions at SDS and Slovenian church in Merrylands. She was also a member of the mixed church choir for a number of years and for many years she was - and still is - a member of the Slovenian Drama Group.

She was instrumental in establishing the Slovenian Prayer Group, organising weekly prayers and providing assistance to the sick and elderly and occasionally organising social meetings with lunches and outings for them.

Danica also writes poetry and prose and she has already published two books of poetry.

MARIA GROSMAN



***Bojan Bertonecelj, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy RS
and Marija Grosman***

Maria got involved in the Slovenian Association Tivoli in Newcastle in early 1959, soon after her arrival to Australia to the Bonegilla camp in 1958. She was elected secretary and is still serving as such now, combining it with a duty as a treasurer.

Over 47 years of history of the Tivoli organisation she was a major organiser of various social and cultural functions, like social gatherings, concerts with out of town and overseas visitors, visiting drama performances, visits to the other Slovenian clubs around the country etc; most often providing accommodation for visitors.

She also took part in Slovenian program for the Elderly, providing advice and help with paperwork, transport to doctors and social events and generally giving help, when needed.

She designed, compiled and prepared chronicles, exhibitions, newspaper reports for Newcastle region and also helped with any major project for the Slovenian community at large, like exhibitions for Building blocks for Olympics, HASA etc, beside doing occasional reports for radio and MISLI.

Maria also serves as Justice of the Peace and she received a score of Awards for her outstanding work with community, from NSW Premiers Award, Slovenian Franciscans, Olympic Committee, Sport Federation, Federation of Disabled of Slovenia and also from the newspaper »Glas Slovenije« She is also one of the foundation Members of HASA and holds a position of Secretary in HASA, while working as sole archivist in the Newcastle region.

SLOVENIAN MALE CHOIR

"ROSEMARY UNDER THE SOUTHERN SUN"



From left: Franc Danev, Damian Fortuna, Štefan Šernek, Lojze Husarek, Lojze Magajna, Mirko Godec, Jože Lah, Jože Modrijančič, Rudi Jakšetič, Ivan Koželj, Karl Lukežič in Mirko Lukežič



*Uroš Ergaver
the Choirmaster*



SLOVENIAN ANTHEM

Prijat`lji, obrodile
so trte vince nam sladko;
Ki nam oživlja žile,
srce razjasni in oko;
Ki vtopi vse skrbi,
V potrlih prsih up budi,

Žive naj vsi narodi,
ki hrepene dočakat dan,
Da koder sonce hodi
Prepir bo iz sveta pregnan
Da rojak prost bo vsak
Ne vrag le sosed bo mejak!





AUSTRALIAN ANTHEM

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.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands.
To make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas
we've boundless plains to share.
With courage let us all combine
to Advance Australia Fair.



**PRESENTED IN THE YEAR 2002
THE WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2001**

STEPHANIE ŠUBER

Slovenian Primary student of the year

BRIGITA BEZJAK

Slovenian Tertiary student of the year

DRAGO OSTRIC

Slovenian Young Entrepreneur of the year

DR. SEAN PARSONAGE

**Slovenian highly commended
young entrepreneur of the year**

ELEONORA WHITE

**Slovenian Outstanding
Senior Citizen of the year**

MILKA STANIČ

**Slovenian highly commended
Senior Citizen of the year**



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

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 2004
THE WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2003**

CHERIE ŠAJN

Slovenian Primary student of the year

ROBERT RUDOLF

**Slovenian Tertiary
student of the year,**

IVAN KOŽELJ

**Slovenian outstanding
Volunteer of the year,**

ANTHONY TOMAŽIN

**Slovenian
Entrepreneur of the Year**

MARK KOBAL

**Slovenian/ Australian
Achievement Award**

FATHER VALERIJAN JENKO

**Slovenian Outstanding Senior
Citizen of the year**

SONJA FIŠER

**Slovenian Highly Commended
Volunteer of the year,**

SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NSW
ST. JOHN'S PARK PANTHERS - TRIGLAV for The Year 2006

OFFICAL PROPOSAL FORM

Closing date 18th May 2007

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- ☐ NSW – Slovenian Primary student of the Year
☐ NSW – Slovenian Secondary student of the Year
☐ NSW – Slovenian Tertiary student of the Year
☐ NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year
☐ NSW – Slovenian Entrepreneur of the Year
☐ NSW – Australian Slovenian Achievements
☐ NSW – Slovenian Outstanding NSW Slovenian Volunteer
- (Please tick to indicate the Award Category you are nominating for)*

Name of person nominated:

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