

# **TRIGLAV PANTHERS AWARDS 2010**

## **NSW SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR WINNERS OF 2009**

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Outstanding Volunteer of the Year,

**MARGARET HATEŽIČ**

Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year,

**CILKA PRINČIČ**

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Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year,

**TEJA IN IVO BAVČAR**

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**TANIA SMRDEL**

Australian Slovenian Achievements,

**KARLO SAMSA**

Life Time Achievement



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# ANDREW ŽIČKAR

## NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2009

### PLANICA – WOLLONGONG



Andrew Žičkar is a second generation Slovenian Australian. He was born in Wollongong in 1966 as the youngest child in the family. When he was 12, his father died and his mother had to bring up four children on her own.

Andrew was involved in the Slovenian community from early on. He attended Slovenian school, taught by Sister Mirjam who would visit from the Slovenian Mission Merrylands. In 1979 he started playing keyboard at the Slovenian Holy Services, held then, at Villa Maria in Wollongong. He was also a member of the youth choir "Zlati Glas" (Golden Voice). After their own church was acquired in 1983 by Club Planica - Wollongong, Andrew continued helping at the church, playing at the services, helping the priest when needed, and also taking care of the church and the surroundings.

Andrew is very good with electronics and takes care of anything needed at the Club Planica in this field. For the last four years, he has been a member of the Club's Committee. He is a very good organiser, taking care of functions and visitors, such as the 2008 World Youth Day visitors from Slovenia. He organised the accomodation, transport and entertainment for them, while they were staying in Wollongong.

He likes to wear his national costume for special occasions at both the church and club functions. He is always available to help, whenever needed.

Andrew Žičkar je eden od mladih avstralskih Slovencev druge generacije, ki jih naša skupnost nad vse potrebuje: združuje spoštovanje do slovenske zgodovine in tradicij s poznavanjem moderne tehnologije in je tudi pripravljen uporabiti to svoje znanje za dobro slovenske skupnosti v Wollongongu. V ta namen je pripravljen darovati skupnosti svoj čas, trud in znanje, kar ima neizmeren pomen za Slovence v Wollongongu.



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- NSW and ACT - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year

Xxx NSW and ACT - Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year  
for Planica Wollongong

- NSW and ACT - Australian Slovenian Achievements
- NSW and ACT - Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award.

*(Please tick to indicate the Award Category you are nominating for)*

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# MARGARET HATEŽIČ

## NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year 2009

### PLANICA – WOLLONGONG



Margaret Hatežič was born in 1944 in Maribor, Slovenia. The life in Maribor just after the war was not easy. The whole family, mother, father, Margaret and her two sisters crossed the border into Austria in 1957, and they decided to go to Australia. They arrived in Melbourne on 2nd November 1957.

Margaret's father found work at the ironworks in Port Kembla, while Margaret worked in a restaurant in Melbourne. After her father built a house in the Wollongong area, Margaret joined the family there.

At that time Slovenians in the Wollongong area were organised as the Slovenian Association »Danica«. Margaret's family joined in the activities, attended Slovenian Holy Masses, social gatherings and other functions.

In 1965, Margaret married Marjan Hatežič. They had two daughters and a son, who were all brought up in the Slovenian tradition, attending Slovenian school and speaking Slovenian at home. The whole family was very active in the current Slovenian club »Planica« and the original association »Danica«. The children performed in the club's choir and at club functions and celebrations. Margaret was at first the club's treasurer and later their secretary for ten years, up until 2009, when her health problems forced her to quit her work.

Margaret also started the archives for the Slovenian Community in Wollongong and gathered a great number of histories of Australian Slovenians from the Wollongong area. To do her archivist job well, she also attended the archivist seminar in Slovenia.

In 2008, when the Slovenian church of All Saints in Figtree celebrated its 25th anniversary, Margaret compiled the history of the church and wrote a book »V zavetju vseh svetnikov«, which included a great number of photos and stories of the events and of people involved with the church. The book, written partly in English and partly in Slovenian, was a great success among Slovenians in Australia and brought Margaret a lot of recognition in the circles of historians in Slovenia.

Margaret Hatežič je dobra, zavedna Slovenka, ki nikoli ni pozabila svojih korenin in je tudi svoje otroke vzgojila v slovenskem duhu. S svojim delom v društvu Planica in z zbiranjem in ohranjanjem slovenske zgodovine v Australiji, je napravila neizmerno delo za slovensko skupnost, za katero res zasluži posebno spoštovanje in priznanje.





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Wollongong

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- NSW and ACT - Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award.

*(Please tick to indicate the Award Category you are nominating for)*

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**Mrs**

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# CILKA PRINČIČ

## NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2009

### TIVOLI – NEWCASTLE



Cilka Princic, born Jamar, was born in Jesenice, Slovenia, to father Ciril Jamar and mother Franciska. After finishing primary and secondary school and 3 years of trade school, she became a qualified gents and ladies hairdresser.

On 10th February 1962 she married Richard Princic by proxy and arrived in Australia in October 1962 on the ship "Roma." To comply with Australian law, she officially married Richard Princic on 22nd December 1962 at the St. Laurence O'Toole church at Broadmeadow. They made their home at Mayfield on the outskirts of Newcastle. Their three children have all completed university degrees and now have their own families.

Cilka became involved with the Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli", Newcastle Inc, soon after she arrived in Australia. She joined her husband, who was involved with "Tivoli" from the beginning. When he passed away in June 1999, she replaced him as a committee member, later becoming vice-president, and in 2008, as acting president. She always did more than her share of work. She especially helped with the preparation of exhibitions, assisted in the kitchen and in preparing the hall at times of celebrations such as the 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of "Tivoli". She is also a committee member of HASA-NSW and has been helping, mainly in the kitchen, at the last three reunions.

Cilka does a lot of quiet community work and over the years has helped many people regardless of their nationality, colour or creed. She has often visited people in hospitals or nursing homes, accompanied many people to a doctor, Centrelink, banks or other places, helping people with language difficulties. Although, initially she had problems with the language herself, she was never afraid to go into any office to find out whatever she needed to know to help someone. If someone was lonely, they didn't have to come to her, she would get on a bus and find them. Often she would spend hours talking on the phone just to make someone feel better.

Cilka Prinčič je poznana in spoštovana v slovenski skupnosti v Newcastleu zaradi pridnosti, zanesljivosti in sočutja do ljudi, ki so pomoči potrebni. Vedno delovna in skrbna, prime za vsako delo, naj bo to v slovenski skupnosti ali drugje, kjer so ljudje potrebni pomoči. Pripravljena je pomagati tudi drugod, ne samo v domačem Newcastleu, kot na primer pri proslavah "Zlatih srečanj" v Sydneyu, ali drugih posebnih dogodkih v slovenski skupnosti. Slovenci v Newcastleu spoštujemo njeno delo, se ji zahvaljujemo in ji iskreno čestitamo ob prijemu tega priznanja.





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- NSW and ACT - Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award.

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CILKA PRINCIC

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Maria Grosman

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# CILKA PRINCIC



Cilka PRINCIC roj. Jamar se je rodila na Jesenicah, Slovenija, 15. oktobra 1941 kot drugi otrok očetu Cirilu in materi Frančiški roj. Mubi. Brat Jože živi v domači hiši na Jesenicah. Po končani osnovni šoli in takratni nižji gimnaziji se je izučila frizerskega poklica, kar je delala vse dokler ni prišla v Avstralijo.

10. februarja 1962 se je v Jesenicah po zastopniku poročila z Rihardom Prinčičem, čeprav ga prej nikoli v življenju ni videla. Postala je tako imenovana »proxy bride,« kar se je v tisti dobi veliko dogajalo, saj je marsikateri mlad slovenski fant pripeljal dekle v Avstralijo. Cilka je prišla v Avstralijo oktobra 1962 na ladji »Roma« in se po avstralskem zakonu uradno poročila 22. decembra 1962 v katoliški cerkvi sv. Lovrenca O'Toole v Broadmeadowu. Dom in družino sta si ustvarila v Mayfieldu, predmestje Newcastla. V zakonu so se rodili trije otroci: Lilianna, Diana in Edward. Vsi trije so dokončali univerzo in imajo danes svoje družine. Po Rihardovi smrti, 29. junija 1999, za rakom, se je Cilka preselila v Lambton, kjer še danes živi blizu hčerke Diane.

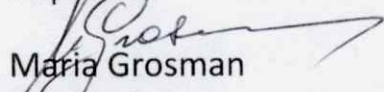
Rihard Prinčič je bil delaven pri društvu od tistega prvega večera, 19. oktobra 1958, ko se je Slovensko društvo v Newcastlu ustanovili, in vse do njegove smrti. Dolga leta je bil odbornik. Ko je prišla Cilka, se je ravno tako vključila v dejavnost društva in sodelovala, kjer koli je bilo potrebno. Po Rihardovi smrti je postala član odbora in pozneje prevzela podpredsedniško mesto. Po smrti g. Klopčiča 2008, je začasno prevzela predsedniško mesto. Leta 2004, je postala tudi član odbora Zgodovinskih arhivov za slovenske Avstralce za NSW. Veliko je sodelovala predvsem pri pripravi večjih društvenih obletnicah, posebno ob 50. letnici društva, kjer je poleg drugega, pomagala tudi pri pripravi slikovne razstave. Pri vseh večjih proslavah, je oblekla narodno nošo, tudi v Sydneyu, kadar je bilo potrebno. Je dober organizator in oseba, na katero se človek vedno lahko zanese 110 procentno.



Cilka Prinčič pa ne deluje samo v slovenski skupnosti. Njeno največje delo skozi vsa leta je bila pomoč velikemu številu ljudi, ne glede na narodnost, religijo, bogastvo ali siromaštvo. Niti pomisli ne, a je človek Slovenec, Hrvat, Srb, Filipinec, Kitajc, ker za njo je vedno važen le človek sam. Šla je z ljudmi na banko, na občino, na Centrelik, skratka vsepovsod. Nikoli se ni ustrašila iti v katero koli pisarno, čeprav ji je bil angleški jezik na začetka tudi težaven. Tako dolgo je govorila, da so ljudje dosegli, kar so želeli. Če je bil kdo osamljen ali razočaran, je včasih prebila ure, da je potolažila človeka v stiski. Veliko je obiskovala ljudi po domovih, tudi po bolnicah in domovih za ostarele. Njena družina niso samo njeni otroci in sorodniki, temveč veliko več. Za njo so družina vsi, ki jih je kdaj koli v življenje vzela pod njeno okrilje, jim darovala čas, trud in pomoč. Z njemim dobrodelnim delom še danes nadaljuje.

Cilka si vsekakor zasluži predlagano priznanje – NSW Slovenian of the Year Award – Volunteer of the Year 2009 - Newcastle.

Pripravila:



Maria Grosman

Predsednica

Slovensko društvo »Tivoli« Newcastle Inc

## CILKA PRINCIC



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Cilka became involved with the Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli", Newcastle Inc, soon after she arrived to Australia. She joined Richard, who was involved with "Tivoli" ever since it was establish in 1958. She helped with whatever help was required. When Richard passed away, she replaced him as the committee member, later becoming the vice-president. In late 2008, she also became acting president. She always did more than her share of work. She especially helped with the preparations of the exhibitions, assisted in the kitchen and preparing the hall at times such as 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Tivoli. She is also a committee member of the Historical Archives for Slovenian Australian for NSW and has been helping, mainly in the kitchen, at the last three reunions. She had often visited people in hospitals or nursing home.

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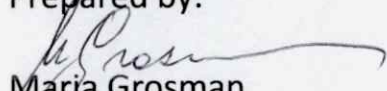


office to find out whatever she needed to know. If someone was lonely, they didn't have to come to her. She would get on a bus and find them. Often she would spend hours talking on the phone just to make someone feel better.

Cilka deeply loves her family, but she also considers part of her family all those people she has taken into her fold over a period of 48 years and has dedicated time, effort and support to ease their life's ups and downs.

Cilka is highly recommended for consideration to receive the NSW Slovenian of the Year Award as the Volunteer of the Year 2008 – Newcastle.

Prepared by:



Maria Grosman

President

Austral Slovenian Society "Tivoli" Newcastle Inc



TRIGLAV PANTHERS



## The Independence Day of Republic of Slovenia 2010 NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2009

29 May 2010

Mrs Cilka Princic  
29 Drysdale Rd  
Lambton NSW 2299

Dear Mrs Princic

Members of the Selecting Committee for the NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2010, in conjunction with the program's organiser the Triglav Panther Club, are happy to advise you that you have been selected as one of the finalist for the work you have done up to and including the year 2009.

The announcements and the presentations of the awards will be held on SUNDAY, 20 JUNE 2010, at the Triglav Panthers Club, 80 – 84 Brisbane Road, St. Johns Park, at 12.noon, starting with a lunch no later than 12.30 PM.

Two free tickets are enclosed for you and your partner. If members of your family or friends also wish to attend, the cost of the 3-course lunch is \$20 for members of Triglav Panthers, \$30 for non-members, and \$10 for children. Due to limited space, it is absolutely essential that you confirm your bookings before Friday, 10th of June 2010, by contacting Mrs. Martha Magajna on 02 9609 6057 or direct to Triglav Panthers on 02 9426 1000.

Also enclosed is a Nominee Release Form. Please sign it and return it to Triglav Panthers as soon as possible or bring it with you on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010. This will allow Triglav Panthers to publish your photo and/or story in media.

Members of the Selecting Committee for the NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards, on behalf of the organizer, the Triglav Panther Club, congratulate you on your finalist's selection and hope you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Branko Fabjancic  
CHAIRMAN of Selecting Committee  
NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2010

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CILKA PRINCIC roj. JAMAR

me JESENICAH GOR. SLOVENIJA 15. 10. 1941.

OČE CIRIL

MATI FRANČIŠKA roj. MUŠI

BRAT JOŽA

PO KONČANI ŠOLI SE IZUCILA FRIZERSKEGA  
POKLICA

10. 2. 1962 SE POROČILA NA JESENISKI OBČINI  
(PROKSI) Z RIHARD PRINCIC.

OKTOBRA 1962 PRISPELA V SYDNEY Z LADJO  
FLOTTA LAURO "ROMA". PONOVO SVASE.

POROČILA CERKVENO 22. 12. 1962. V CERKVI  
ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE BROADMEADOW

VSA LETA ŽIVELA V MAYFIELDU PRI NEWCASTLU

RODILI SO SE 3 OTROCI LILIANNA, DIANA, EDWARD.

VSI TRIJE IMAJO ZDAJ SVOJE DRUŽINE.

VSI SO ZAVRŠILI UNIVERZO. PO RIHARDOVI

SMRTI 29. 6. 1999. ZA RAKOM SE PRESELILA

V LAMBTON BLIZU HČERKE DIANE KJER SE  
DANE ŽIVIM.

How I remember my mother .

As we were growing up in the 60`s and early 70`s, mum was always helping others. In those days language was a barrier to many migrants as they were having trouble grasping the language ,fortunately mum took it upon herself to learn and she learnt well. She was able to engage most appointments wether they be legal , medical or of a social nature. Mum was able to effectively interpret for those in need despite the fact that she was only relatively new to the language herself.

Her compassion for other people was endless and to this day she maintains a high profile for those in need within her community. Our dinner table was always available to anyone that popped in even when I myself invited someone who was left alone on holidays and special occasions . It was my mother who as a tireless worker helping those less fortunate people that inspired my own view of the world and sharing what we had with others.

The giving that I refer to is multifaceted ,the emotional support she is able to provide to others comes from experience and living life to the fullest. If she didn`t know something she would certainly find out. If someone was lonely she would spend hours on the phone taking time out of her day to make sure that they were ok. If they wouldn`t come to her she would get on a bus and find them .The world held no boundaries to anyone needing my mother.

My mothers thoughtfulness and efforts have always been a quiet contribution to many .She was never one to advertise her efforts and was just happy knowing that she could do something to help others. There were no accolades and fanfare ,just the knowing .

I think if you ask yourself what is your greatest achievement in life hers would be her family . This family is large. It is not only what we consider to be a traditional family, hers would be those throughout her lifetime that she has taken into her fold and has dedicated time ,effort and support and certainly easing life`s ups and downs to those in need.



# **ROBERT FISHER**

## **NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2009**

### **SLOVENIAN ASSOCIATION SYDNEY**



ROBERT FISHER is a second generation Australian Slovenian, son of Ludvik and Sonja Fisher. His father Ludvik arrived in Australia in 1964 after finishing trade school in Maribor. Robert's mother, Sonja, arrived in Australia in 1971, married Ludvik and they bought a house in Merrylands, where they still live today.

Robert was born in 1978. The family regularly attended the Slovenian church in Merrylands. Robert became an altar boy at the age of 8 and served for nine years. At the same time he was attending Saturday Slovenian school - Slomškova šola - at the church, and also took jazz dancing classes.

At the age of 12, Robert joined the SDS folk dancing group and performed with them for many years at the club's cultural and social events and celebrations. He also joined the Slovenian Drama Group in Merrylands, starting with the junior parts and later progressing into the roles of the main characters as young lovers in Slovenian comedies, performed in Sydney, Melbourne and elsewhere.

During the 2000 Olympics, he provided sound equipment and electronic support for the Slovenia House, Sydney. He also helped other Slovenian clubs with their sound systems. Robert performed at the Slovenian Youth Concerts with the band "The Big Bang Theory" and for number of years with the Slovenian Dancing Group..

In January 1999, Robert joined the Committee of the Slovenian Association Sydney and worked first as a voluntary secretary/licensee till November 2005, he was then elected the president /licensee of the Club, a position he held till November 2006.

In the mean time, he finished his studies and got a Diploma in Financial Services (Insurance), Tier 1 Insurance Broking Qualification - QPIB (Qualified Practicing Insurance Broker) and got a job at Cowden Insurance Brokers as a Broker Manager. Recently he married a Slovenian lady Diane and they are making a home together. Robert is an exceptional young man and he has contributed a lot to the Slovenian community.

Robert prihaja iz druge generacije avstralskih Slovencev, iz družine, ki je veliko prispevala k ohranitvi slovenske skupnosti v Sydneyu in tudi sina Roberta so vzgojili, da je prispeval več kot svoj delež v slovenski cerkvi, v slovenskih organizacijah in pri ohranjanju slovenske glasbe, kulture in slovenske dediščine. V današnjih časih ni veliko mladih ljudi, ki bi bili pripravljeni vložiti svoj čas in trud v ohranitev dediščine svojih staršev, zato si taki mladi posamezniki kot je Robert Fisher, resnično zaslužijo vso pohvalo in priznanje.



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- NSW and ACT - Australian Slovenian Achievements
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# HERMAN ŠARKAN

**NSW – Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year 2009**

## **SLOVENIAN MISSION MERRYLANDS**



HERMAN ŠARKAN was born in the village Domojinci in Prekmurje, Slovenia, as the youngest of five children. The village was almost completely destroyed during the war. After the war, he found work in various places in Slovenia and in 1956 he crossed the border to Austria with a group of friends. After a short stay in the camp in Austria, the group came to Australia in early 1957. First they were sent to camp Greta, then to Villawood, and later to another camp in Unanderra.

Herman found work in Sydney and 1961 married a girl from his home area by proxy. Gizela arrived in Australia in 1963. They bought a house in Merrylands, where Herman still lives with his son Peter. Gizela died after a long illness in 2007.

The whole Šarkan family have been and still are involved with the Slovenian community, first with the Slovenian Association Sydney and later with the Slovenian Mission in Merrylands. Herman helped with the building of the church and the church hall. For more than 30 years he has been acting as an usher in the church, collecting the contributions every Sunday. He has always helped with repairs, especially with metalwork as well as other work around the place - preparing the hall, serving in the bar, taking an active part in processions, preparing the church's periodical Rafael, or any other voluntary duty as needed. Herman and his wife Gizela, often provided food for official visitors to the church and for years provided flowers from their own garden for special occasions like weddings, christenings and funerals. Herman also acted as a driver, using his own car and at his own expense, for the priests and visiting dignitaries. Herman still helps as much as he can at the Slovenian Mission Merrylands and has never refused help to anyone in need.

Herman and Gizela also brought up their son Peter to be active in the Slovenian community, attending Slovenian school, acting as an altar server at church for many years, being part of the Dance group and the Slovenian Drama Group.

Družina Šarkan se je hitro po prihodu v Avstralijo vključila v slovensko skupnost. Pomagali so pri Slovenskem Društvu Sydney, še bolj pa pri Verskem Središču Merrylands, kjer še danes Herman prime za vsako delo, pa naj je to priprava dvorane, strežba v baru, sodelovanje v procesijah in drugih sprevodih, ali pri zlaganju in pripravi časopisa Rafael. Odkar obstoja slovenska cerkev v Merrylandsu, Herman pobira denar pri svetih mašah in sodeluje pri drugih aktivnostih v cerkvi, pri procesijah in raznih svečanostih. Vseskozi je bil in je še danes, v veliko pomoč našim duhovnikom v Verskem središču Merrylands.

Herman, naj bo to priznanje v zahvalo tebi in tvoji družini za vse, kar ste naredili za slovensko skupnost v Sydneyu.





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Sredisce Merrylands**

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# TEJA IN IVO BAVČAR

## NSW- Slovenian Outstanding Volunteers of the Year 2009

### SLOVENIAN MISSION MERRYLANDS



Ivo Bavčar was born in Ajdovščina in Primorska region, which for many years belonged to Italy. After the World war II, he spent two years in Germany and Italy, then came to Australia. At first, in 1949, he worked in the forests of West Australia and later joined his parents Ivan and Franciska in Sydney.

In 1960 he returned home to find a Slovenian wife. With luck on his side, he fell in love with Doroteja in his home town. They married at the end of 1960 and came to Australia with the intention to stay just ten years.

They lived in Farfield and became involved with the Slovenian Association Sydney, helping a lot. Ivo even became a president for a while.

With their three children, Mirjam, Judith and Bogdan, the whole Bavčar family also became very much involved with the Slovenian Mission at Merrylands. Teja was for many years a member of the church mixed choir until she had to stop for health reasons. She still takes part in the prayer group, specially at the meetings of the group, and at funerals. Their daughters were members of the youth choir and often organised fundraising functions, races and shopping trips and other activities. Mirjam also played organ for the church choir when needed, sang in a Slovenian band and was a presenter of the Slovenian TV program at Channel 31. Even the grandchildren are already involved in Slovenian school - Slomskova šola. They also act as servers at the church and take part at different presentations and functions.

Ivo and Teja are still taking part in all church activities, specially at preparing the church periodical «Rafael» and organising decorating of the church on special occasions with wreaths and greenery. They also assist in the kitchen, when required.

For almost four decades, Ivo and Teja have been accompanying the priests on their trips to Newcastle, with Ivo often being the driver, and Teja helping organise the readings and singing during the Mass.

Ivo in Teja Bavčar vedno sodelujeta pri aktivnostih molitvene skupine, pri zlaganju lista Rafael, že davno pa sta prevzela odgovornost za okrasitev cerkve in dvorane s pripravo in pletenjem vencev, katere vedno organizirata po potrebi za vse velike svečanosti. Njuni otroci in vnuki še vedno organizirajo in nastopajo pri cerkvenih svečanostih in cela družina se lahko šteje za ene od najmočnejših stebrov naše verske skupnosti. Vsakih nekaj let tudi obiščeta domovino, vendar se vedno vračata v Australijo, na katero jih vežejo otroci in vnuki.

Ivo in Teja že skoraj štirideset let spremljata patre v Newcastlu za službo božjo, kadar je ta na sporedu. Ivo pomaga kot šofer, Teja pa skrbi za čitanje beril in prošenj ter za petje med mašo. Za vso trdo delo in pomoč slovenski skupnosti skozi desetletja, si današnje priznaje resnično zaslužita.





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# **TANIA SMRDEL**

## **NSW – Slovenian-Australian Achievements Award**



Tania Smrdel was born in Blacktown in 1978, the daughter of Mira and Miro Smrdel. Tania's involvement within the Slovenian community began early in life. She attended "Slomska šola" as a child, learning the Slovenian language and even at that time participated on stage in Slovenian cultural functions and mother's and father's day celebrations.

Later, for a decade or so, she was part of the Folkloric Dance Group at SDS and has been frequently the Master of Ceremonies at various cultural performances in the community.

During this time Tania attended Bankstown School of Community Languages and very successfully graduated in the Slovenian language. In 1992 she also joined the Slovenian Drama Group Merrylands of which she is still part of and has performed many leading roles in countless Slovenian stage productions. Post graduation she became a member of the Slovenian School Committee serving as a secretary and vice-president respectively.

In 1996 Tania started her radio broadcasting career with sports contributions to the Slovenian program on SBS Radio. Regularly she was heard on radio with youth supplements and later her contact thru radio increased until mid 1999, when she became an official broadcasting co-worker under the leadership of Mariza Ličan. She produced her first independent broadcast in March 2000. In the past decade she has collaborated with the Melbourne team and organized the broadcasts from Sydney. In 2008 she became a temporary editor of the Slovenian radio program on SBS, and she has continued doing so but now with a more youthful team.

Tania is also a Founding Member of the Historical Archives for Slovenian Australians for NSW or HASA-NSW, of which she was initially a secretary, then president for two years and later a committee member. Between 2002 and 2006 she was also a member of the organizing Committee of the Slovenian of the Year Awards.

Alongside her contributions to the Slovenian community Tania finished her university education as a CPA or Certified Practising Accountant and now holds a demanding job as a Commercial Manager with "Campari Australia". She still finds time to help other people and organizations with her expertise as an accountant, with her computer skills and her experience at organising the cultural and social programs at Slovenian events and celebrations. She is very proud of her Slovenian heritage and still gives a lot of her time to Slovenian community.

Tania Smrdel je bila aktivno vključena v slovensko skupnost vse od njenih šolskih let naprej. Sodelovala je v slovenski šoli, pri proslavah, kulturnih akademijah, nastopih folklorne skupine, v komedijah na odru v Merrylandsu in drugih krajih, pri Zlatih srečanjih, katere je organizirala HASA-NSW, še posebno pa kot glas preko radijskih valov, ki nam prinaša novice iz naše skupnosti in iz domače dežele. Velik del svojega življenja je posvetila domovini svojih staršev, na katero jo vežejo njene slovenske korenine. Spoštujemo njeno delovanje v slovenski skupnosti in za njeno delo in trud smo ji iskreno hvaležni. Hvala, Tanja!





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# **KARLO SAMSA**

## **NSW- Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award**



Karlo Samsa came from village Prelože in the Primorska region of Slovenia. He arrived in Australia in 1966 with his wife Hedvika, baby daughter Yolanda, his mother Karolina and younger brother Vinko at the invitation of his two older brothers who had come to Australia years earlier.

Clever and hard working, Karlo soon found work. Their second child Dusan was born in 1967. A little later, they built a house and next to the house a bocce court, where a great number of other men from Primorska started gathering on Sundays. His house became a social centre for Slovenians, until a friend mentioned the newly founded Club Triglav at St Johns Park in 1972.

After his first visit to the new Triglav Club, Karlo took with him his truck, his brother Vinko and a few other helpers. They brought sand there and built bocce courts at Triglav, an attraction that brought more and more people to play on Sundays.

Karlo became a member of the Club's Committee from the start. He was also the president of the club from 1977 to 1984. He organised the building of the club and anything else that needed to be built. Without his leadership and expertise the Club Triglav might not exist today.

When they planned the club's proper building, they had to change the layout of the bocce courts. Karlo and Vinko personally built six courts, with proper foundations, concrete floors and then brick by brick. Later other volunteers joined them and built fences around the courts. The club was finished in 1982. A year later, they decided to put a roof over the bocce courts. The work was finished with a great opening in 1983, when bocce players from all around Australia took part in the opening competition. Soon after, when all the planning and building was finished, Karlo decided, that his work was done. For a while he worked as a manager of the newly built club and then he decided to let others do their turn, and to spend more time with his family.

They bought a caravan at the lake in the Snowy Mountains and even then Karlo spent half of his free time helping his friends build annexes and improving their holiday cabins.

Karlo Samsa je še vedno zvest član kluba Triglav Panthers, kakor se kliče sedaj, Še vedno je zaposlen, v prostem času pa pomaga vsem prijateljem pri gradnjah in izboljšavah njihovih hiš z strokovnimi nasveti in spretnimi rokami, zraven pa še balina, lovi ribe ali preživlja čas z družino in vnuki. Večkrat pa je tudi dobil nagrado v klubu za svoje doma pripravljeno vino. Karlo je cenjen in spoštovan od vseh ki ga poznajo in si zasluži priznanje in pohvalo.



**From:** MariaGrosman  
**Date:** 30-Apr-10 5:45:11 AM  
**To:** Herman Kozelj  
**Subject:** Slovenian of the Year Awards 2010

Dear Mr. Kozelj,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Organizing Committee of NSW-ACT Slovenian of the Year Awards 2010, which represents all Slovenian organizations in NSW, including Drama Group Merrylands and HASA-NSW, and of which I am also a member.

Since you were unable to receive an Award last year, I would like to ask you to consider a nominations for the award this year.

It was very unfortunate last year that you yourself were overseas, and your wife was unable to attend, yet there was always the intention of the Committe to nominate you again for the award this year.

We would like to ask you to re-consider your nomination for this year and, if you accept it, please let the Committee know no later than **14 May 2010**. You can either e-mail Triglav Panthers at [triglav@panthers.com.au](mailto:triglav@panthers.com.au) or e-mail Maria Grosman on [emgrosam@aanet.com.au](mailto:emgrosam@aanet.com.au).

Regards and best wishes,

Maria Grosman  
on behalf of  
Members of the Organizing Committee  
NSW-ACT Slovenian of the Year Awards

19-May-10



# TRIGLAV PANTHERS

15 March 2010

Mrs. Carmen Austin  
c/o St. Raphael Slovenian Mission  
PO Box 280  
MERRYLANDS NSW 2160

Dear Carmen,

At the Triglav Panthers Club an Organizing Committee has been selected recently to organize now almost traditional yearly Slovenian of the NSW and ACT Awards presentation, which will be held this year at the Triglav Panthers Club on **SUNDAY, 20 JUNE 2010, starting no later than 12.30PM.**

The Committee would like to ask you and your group "**Southern Stars**" would you be willing to sing the Slovenian and Australian national anthems and two other songs at this ceremony.

At the same time, would it be possible for you to sing national anthems at the **Anzac Day ceremonies on Sunday, 25 April 2009.** This celebration is usually held at 5PM.

On both occasions we would like you all to be our guests for lunch - or dinner respectively.

Your confirmation will be much appreciated.

Regards,

Branko Fabjancic  
President Organizing Committee  
Slovenian of the NSW and ACT Awards  
**Email: [brancof@bigpond.com.au](mailto:brancof@bigpond.com.au)**





## Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the NSW and ACT Slovenian of the Year Awards 2010

**Date:** 9 March 2010  
**Venue:** Triglav Panthers – St Johns Park  
**Time:** 7.10 PM – 8.10

**Present:** Peter Krobe, Branko Fabjancic, Martha Magajna, Erica Zizek, Fanika Zafosnik, Florjan Auser, Perina Keen, Ivan Rudolf, Mihaela Sustersic, Maria Grosman.

**Absent:** p. Darko Znidarsic

The following points were discussed:

**Branko Fabjancic:** welcomed all and asked for the opinion about the last year's Awards presentation.

**Peter Krobe:**

- It is becoming financially harder to organize such events.
- Each organization should select their own candidates on their merits. A person, which already had received an award, should not be nominated again.
- Last year Awards were well organized, the texts were short and to the point; the whole presentation was well presented and people were very happy. The book is becoming more and more professional each year and thanks must go to Florjan Auser, Martha Magajna, Perina Keen and Maria Grosman.

**Martha Magajna:**

- To enliven the afternoon, it would be good to find a singer, dancers or another form of entertainment.
- The function should start on time.

**Other points:**

- Branko Fabjancic will organize a photographer.
- The catering should be same 3 courses.
- The band is already booked.
- Decoration will be the same.
- A letter is ready to be send out to the Southern Stars Choir to sing the national anthems.

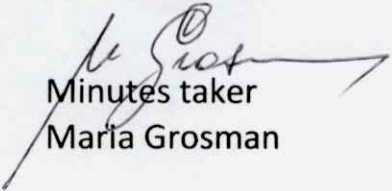
- Ivan Rudolf will ask Caitlyn Koprivec to sing a couple of songs.
- Martha Magajna will ask flamingo dancers, who are practicing at the Triglav Panthers, would they participate in the program.
- Peter Krobe will invite special guests, Maria Grosman will write to presidents of the Slovenian Association in NSW and ACT. If there is no answer from ACT, there will be no further correspondence with them.
- Tickets will be same as last year except for a date.
- Branko Fabjancic will organize an interview with Tania Smrdel on SBS Radio and specially invite previous winners of the awards.
- Plaques should be made same as last year. Must keep in mind that Florian Auser will be absent from the 9 June 2010 and needs all names by 1 June 2010.
- Nomination close by 16 May 2010.
- Couples may be nominated for an award but not people who already have received an award previously.
- It would be nice to see some people in national customs.
- Branko Fabjancic and Perina Keen were once again selected as presenters .
- Michelle Sustersic also reported that she is not representing the St. Raphael Mission. Pater Darko must select a person and delegate.

#### **Florjan Auser:**

- In the past, each year's awards have been dedicated In Memory of the past Slovenians who had devoted most of their time and efforts for the benefits of the Slovenian community. Florian suggested to dedicate this year's awards to a group such as Triglav's Bocce team.
- After a short discussion, it was decided, in view of the St. Raphael Slovenian Mission celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to dedicate this awards to the Franciscan paters, who had served the Slovenian community since 1952.
- Peter Krobe will discuss this further with p. Ciril Bozic.

Branko Fabjancic will contact and ask The Honorary Consul General of Republic of Slovenia, Alfred Breznik, to write a foreword for this year's book. It is 10 years since the awards have started.

Next meeting: 18 May 2010

  
Minutes taker  
Maria Grosman





**TRIGLAV  
PANTHERS**



# **NSW SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN AWARDS COMMITTEE**

## **Nominee Release Form**

This Agreement is made on the \_\_\_\_\_ date)

**Between  
Triglav Panthers  
and**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Triglav Panthers is to use the Award recipients Photo and story as required in  
the production of website and promotional materials.

I consent for Triglav Panthers to use (my) image(s) in all forms of public information

Signed by Award Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Triglav Panthers Representative : \_\_\_\_\_