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## **BRANKO FABJANČIČ**

## Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer Triglav Mounties Group Sydney



Branko Fabjančič je avstralski Slovenec druge generacije. Oče Anton je prispel v Avstralijo leta 1954. Kot izučen mizar je delal v Queenslandu in na Warragamba Dam-u. Mati Marija je prispela v Avstralijo 1960. Naslednje leto sta se poročila in si ustvarila dom v Bankstownu. Oktobra 1963 se jima je rodil sin Branko. Vsa družina se je že zgodaj vključila v slovenski Klub Triglav, kjer so delali kot prostovoljci, Branko pa se je vključil v vse mladinske dejvanosti v klubu. Branko je služil tudi kot ministrant pri mašah medtem ko je obiskoval nižjo šolo St Brendan, kasneje, v višji šoli De Salle v Bankstownu in Ashfieldu, pa se je posvetil športu. Igral je tenis in nogomet dokler se ni

vključil v Slovensko sobotno šolo, ki jo je končal na HSC ravni z odličnim uspehom. Sodeloval je v Mladinski dramski skupini, ki je nastopala na prireditvah v domačem klubu, s predstavo Sneguljčice pa so gostovali tudi v Melbournu. Po končanem študiju na TAFE je Branko diplomiral v računovodstvu. Že med študijem je v Klubu Triglav prevzel kot prostovoljec za več let delo blagajnika, kar je nadaljeval tudi po poroki. Kot član odbora pa nadaljuje delo v klubu že 25 let.

Branko's whole family became part of the Slovenian community from the very beginning and became specially active at Triglav Club. Branko was involved in most activities of the younger generation and played tennis and soccer. He attended Slovenian Saturday School and received an exceptional mark for Slovenian language for his HSC. In those times, Branko and his later wife Julie also performed in the Junior Drama Group. After finishing TAFE and completing an Accountancy Certificate he accepted a voluntary job as the treasurer of the Triglav Club. Later he also became a member of the club's Committee, a position he has been holding for the past 25 years. Family circumstances resulted in Branko's re-evaluation of his work and life. He decided to quit his job as a Senior Manager of an International manufacturing company to care for his aging parents who were dealing with serious health issues. However, his former boss, who once called Branko "a true gentleman", understood Branko's need to support his family, but also appreciated his skills, knowledge and his commitment to his job. He allowed him to do a part time work with the flexibility to care for his parents. Although Branko was extremely busy caring for his ailing parents and his own family, he has continued his active role at the Club Triglav during the amalgamation with the Panthers and now with the Mounties. He always tries to ensure club's continual success and future. Branko Fabjančič is truly worthy of this award.

## The Independence Day of Republic of Slovenia NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2013

14 May 2013

Mr. Branko Fabjancic 10 Phar Lap Cl, Casula NSW 2170

Dear Mr. Fabjancic,

Members of the NSW Slovenian Awards Committee for Year 2013, in conjunction with the program's organiser, the Triglav (Mounties Group), are happy to advice you that you have been selected as one of the finalist of the yearly Awards being presented to most deserving Slovenians for their work in the Slovenian community. The Awards are for the work you have done up to and including 2012.

The announcements and the presentations of the awards will be held at the Club Triglav (Mounties Group), 80 – 84 Brisbane Road, St. Johns Park, on

### SUNDAY, 16. JUNE 2013 at 12.noon,

starting with a lunch no later than 12.30 PM.

Two free entry tickets for yourself and your partner will be provided at the entry foyer on the day. If members of your family or friends, who will be most welcome, also wish to attend, the cost of the 3-course lunch is \$10 for children under 12 years of age, \$20 for Triglav (Mounties Group) members and \$25 for non members. Due to limited space, it is absolutely essential that you confirm your bookings before Friday, 8th of June 2013, by contacting Mrs. Martha Magajna on 02 9609 6057 or direct to Triglav (Mounties Group) on 02 9426 1000.

Please read and sign the enclosed **NOMINEE RELEASE FORMs** and return it to the Triglav (Mounties Group), before or on the day of the awards presentation.

Members of the NSW Slovenian Australian Committee on behalf of the Triglav (Mounties Group) congratulate you on your finalist's selection and hope you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

NSW Slovenian Australian Awards Committee 2013

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## KRISTINA CAR

## Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer - St Raphael Slovenian Mission Merrylands



Kristina Car, rojena Kuhelj, je bila rojena 6.10.1940 v Gornjem Križu pri Žužemberku na Dolenjskem. V Žuženberku je končala osnovno šolo in nižjo gimnazijo, nato v Ljubljani vajeniško šolo in se izučila za šiviljo. V Ljubljani se je zaposlila in spoznala svojega moža Jožeta Car, ki je doma iz kraja Griče pri Ozalju na Hrvaškem. 1965. sta se poročila. Rodila sta se jima dva otroka, sin Jože leta 1966 in sin Mario leta 1967. Mož Jože je leta 1969 odšel za kruhom v Avstralijo in leta 1970 so prišli za njim Kristina in otroka. Z letalom so prispeli v Sydney. Najprej so stanovali v Regents Parku v garaži pri moževih sorodnikih. Kristina si je kmalu našla zaposlitev kot šivilja v tovarni

pohištva Fairland Furniture. Mučilo jo je domotožje, neznanje angleščine, vendar so se kmalu spoznali z drugimi slovenskimi družinami in začeli obiskovati staro cerkvico v Merrylandsu, kjer se je prav takrat začela redna slovenska služba božja. Kristina je vključila otroka v Slomškovo šolo in otroški pevski zbor. V Verskem središču so matere oziroma družine sodelovale pri različnih prireditvah, pekle so pecivo in pripravljale drugo hrano. Sestra Mirjam Horvat je naučila Kristino voziti avto, kar je življenje olajšalo. Kristina se je vključila v delovno skupino, ki jo je takrat vodila Tončka Stariha, z njo so bile še Marija Kužnik, Teja Bavčar in druge. Matere te delovne skupine so spremljale otroški pevski zbor na nastope doma, v Canberro, Melbourne in drugam ter skrbele zanje. Pripravljale so različne prireditve doma, ko so gradili cerkev, dvorano in drugo. Ko so se članice začele starati in zaradi zdravja odstopati, je Kristina prevzela prvo skupino, ki jo je vodila osem let.

Kristina Car came to Australia in 1970 from her native Slovenia with her two sons, Jože and Mario, to join her husband Jože Car. She was very homesick, couldn't speak English and the little family lived for a while with her husband's relatives. She soon found a job in a furniture factory and with both working, they managed to save for a deposit on the house at Wetherill Park, where they still live today. They also found contact with the Slovenian community, gathering around the Slovenian Mission at Merrylands, where the first Slovenian church was located. They helped with the work, while the new church was being built, entered their children into Slovenian school there and the children's choir. With other mothers, Kristina worked at the Mission's social functions, gatherings and children's concerts, cooking, baking, cleaning and other work that needed to be done. Kristina was a part of the working group, sharing the duties for the past 40 years, the last eight years as a leader of the first working group.



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#### PAULA FABIAN

#### Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen - St Raphael Slovenian Mission Merrylands



Paula Fabian se je rodila 29. junija 1933 kot sedmi od osmih otrok. v naselju Bate pri Gorici. 14. oktobra 1958 je iz Genove z ladjo Neptunia prispela v Sydney, kot "proxy bride" - poročena v Sloveniji z osebo, ki je nadomeščala ženina Slavka Fabiana. 27.decembra 1958 se je v Sydneyu po avstralskem zakonu ponovno poročila s Slavkom Fabian in si ustvarila dom pri moževem očetu na farmi v Mona Vale. V zakonu sta se rodila hčerka in sin. Delo na farmi je bilo zelo težko, zaslužek skromen, poleg tega je bolehal mož za posledicami vojne. Po nekaj desetih letih trdega dela, je družina farmo razdelila na gradbene parcele in med lepimi in modernimi stanovanjskimi hišami le kratka, zaprta ulica spominja na družino, saj se imenuje Fabian Place. Paula živi danes v eni od teh hiš s sinom.

Fabianovi so se spoznali z drugimi Slovenci in se udeleževali svetih maš in prireditev v Paddingtonu in kasneje v Merrylands. Paulina hčerka se je od mladih nog učila igrati klavir in je bila ena od nastopajočih na prvem Slovenskem mladinskem koncertu. Ti koncerti še dandanes povezujejo slovenske talente širom Avstralije. Paula je bila zelo dejavna v slovenski skupnosti. Predvsem je skrbela za redno pripravo stojnic v Merrylandsu in za garažne prodaje pri cerkvi. Vedno je prinesla rože za prodajo in za okrasitev cerkve. Vsa leta je rada priskočila na pomoč tudi pri drugih delih.

Pri 80. letih, ki jih bo praznovala konec tega meseca, je sicer omejena zaradi oddaljenosti in zaradi zdravja od Merrylandsa, še vedno pa redno prihaja v našo cerkev sv. Rafaela ali pa v svojo farno cerkev, kjer živi in kjer prav tako pomaga, če je pomoč potrebna.

Paula Fabian was born in Slovenia near Nova Gorica during the Italian occupation. She arrived in Australia in 1958 as a proxy bride of a fellow Slovenian immigrant Slavko Fabian. They got married, settled down on his parents' farm in Mona Vale and had two children. Many years of hard work later the family subdivided the land and built a home in a section that now bears their name – Fabian Place. Paula and her family had become connected to the Sydney Slovenian Community very early on, by attending Slovenian mass and social events organised by Slovenian priests in Paddington and later at St Raphael's Slovenian Mission in Merrylands. Paula's daughter played the piano as an act in the first Slovenian Youth Concert. Paula actively participated in many fund raisers for the Mission, she also provided flowers for the church, stalls and garage sales.. Her consistent support of our mission has been much appreciated through the decades and even though she has had to slow down due to age, she still comes around and helps as much as she can.

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Helen Mauric was born 23 rd August 1959 in Newcastle to Albina and Andrea Mauric. Her parents were both Slovenian from the Pri Morska region. They immigrated to Australia settling in Newcastle to raise their family. Helen completed her education at Hunter Girls High then she went on to become a triple certificate nurse. Moving to Sydney for 8 years she specialized in paediatrics. She moved back to Newcastle to follow her dream to become a primary school teacher completing her double degree Ba Teach/Ba Arts in 2000 at Newcastle University. She is currently working as a teacher.

Her chosen sporting hobby is paddling both dragon boats and outrigger canoes. She has represented Australia twice as a paddler in Poland 2003 and then in China the following year. Helen has also been state champion numerous times travelling all around Australia to compete. She also competes at club level and her club has been chosen to compete in Italy next year to represent the masters mixed division in dragonboating Australia.

She has inherited a love of all kinds of needle craft including quilting. One of her quilts was included in a Slovenian exhibition at Merrylands . She is also a talented artist and especially enjoys drawing, painting and making pottery. Being a teacher means she has ample opportunity to express her love of art and craft with her students. They thrive on making things.

Helen has been involved in the Newcastle Slovenian Club all her life and is the current Vice President. She has followed her parents to many celebrations and has helped out whenever required including helping with supper after Slovenian mass.

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družine objskal Slovenio in ima tesne stike z družino in sorodniki v domovini svoji starih staršev. Z zanimanjem tudi sledi novicam na družbenem in gospodarskem področju Slovenije. Ima tudi velike zanimanje za delo na dobrodelnem področju in se redno udeležuje pri akcijah za nabiranje sredstev za različne dobrodelne namene. Ena takih akcij je vožnja s kolesom Sydney-Wollongong za dobrobit bolnikov multi skleroze. Sodeluje tudi v programu za Duke of Edinburgh nagrado. Vse to opravlja z veseljem in prostovolino.

Andrew is a high achieving student of St Gregory's College and is very involved in the school life of the college. He is a successful member of the College Show Cattle Team participating in various competitions. Andrew was also the Team Manager of the Formula 1 In Schools Challenge: introduction to the engineering process, business planning, developing budgets and raising sponsorships to support materials needs and team travel to regional and national competitions, to design, manufacturing, analysing and marketing and to racing. It was the first St Gregory's College team to achieve 1st place (State Champions). Andrew's love of music earned him a Scholarship to be a part of the College Band playing the saxophone and the piano. He is also an active member of the College debating and Public Speaking team. 2012 saw Andrew became a Minister of the Eucharist. In 2012 Andrew started his own successful test/tag business - the process of ensuring your electrical equipment and appliances are safe to use in the workplace done by a certified person. He also works at the Liverpool Catholic Club Ice Rink as a resident DJ on a Saturday night. 2012 also saw Andrew becoming a partner of the Microsoft Partner Network as well as other IT development programs. He was also offered traineeship for accounting and financial services. Andrew is a very capable and enterprising young man and deserves our admiration and recognition.

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## The Independence Day of Republic of Slovenia NSW Slovenian of the Year Awards 2013

14 May 2013

Master Andrew Suber 14 Culverson Ave Denham Court NSW 2565

Dear Andrew,

Members of the NSW Slovenian Awards Committee for Year 2013, in conjunction with the program's organiser, the Triglav (Mounties Group), are happy to advice you that you have been selected as one of the finalist of the yearly Awards being presented to most deserving Slovenians for their work in the Slovenian community. The Awards are for the work you have done up to and including 2012.

The announcements and the presentations of the awards will be held at the Club Triglav (Mounties Group), 80 – 84 Brisbane Road, St. Johns Park, on

#### SUNDAY, 16. JUNE 2013 at 12.noon,

starting with a lunch no later than 12.30 PM.

Two free entry tickets for yourself and your partner will be provided at the entry foyer on the day. If members of your family or friends, who will be most welcome, also wish to attend, the cost of the 3-course lunch is \$10 for children under 12 years of age, \$20 for Triglav (Mounties Group) members and \$25 for non members. Due to limited space, it is absolutely essential that you confirm your bookings before Friday, 8th of June 2013, by contacting Mrs. Martha Magajna on 02 9609 6057 or direct to Triglav (Mounties Group) on 02 9426 1000.

Please read and sign the enclosed **NOMINEE RELEASE FORMs** and return it to the Triglav (Mounties Group), before or on the day of the awards presentation.

Members of the NSW Slovenian Australian Committee on behalf of the Triglav (Mounties Group) congratulate you on your finalist's selection and hope you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Branko Fabjancic Chairman NSW Slovenian Australian Awards Committee 2013

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