



Slovenia's National Day
& NSW Slovenian
Community Awards



The image features two overlapping flags: the Slovenian flag (white top, blue middle with a red shield, red bottom) and the Australian flag (blue field with white stars and the Union Jack canton). They are positioned diagonally across the middle of the poster.

12.00PM - SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2014

PROGRAM

ARRIVE: 12 PM

12.30pm

LUNCH IS SERVED

2pm

NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF AUSTRALIA AND SLOVENIA
Sung by "Southern Stars" Choir.

2.15pm

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

By Peter Krobe, President of the Sub Committee Triglav Mounties

SPECIAL GUEST SPEECHES:

*Former Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia
Alfred Brežnik AM*

*The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Kevin Ingram, Mounties Group president*

CLUB CULTURAL PERFORMANCES:

*Introduced by Branko Fabjančič, Sub Committee Member
"Southern Stars" Choir.*

They will sing two songs:

G.G.Y School Of Dance

Will be performing Flamenco Dance

THE SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2013

*Introductory address by: Branko Fabjančič,
Video about Pavla Gruden, Slovenian-Australian poet*

AWARDS CEREMONY, CONDUCTED BY:

Branko Fabjančič, Stefanie Fabjančič, Perina Keen, Danica Šajn

ENTERTAINMENT

Dance with "The Masters".

Members of Triglav Mounties Sub Committee



Silvo Pahor, Representing Bossley Sports Club, Emil Fabjančič,
John Rapinette, Representing Wetherill Cricket Club,
Peter Krobe, President of SUB Committee, Lojze Magajna, Representing Club Sport Bocce,
Branko Fabjančič, Alice Tan and Public Relation Officer Martha Magajna.

Members of Slovenian Community Awards Committee for Year 2014



Gerry Brown, Perina Keen, Branko Fabjančič, Marija Grosman, Ivan Rudolf,
Zora Johnson, Peter Krobe, Martha Magajna, Florjan Auser

In Memoriam

This year Awards are dedicated to
The Memory of

PAVLA GRUDEN

***14. 02. 1921 + 26. 01. 2014**



Pavla was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia in a middle class working family and received her lasting love for the written word from her father.

He had taught her to read by the time she was six years old before he died. Clever, talented and outspoken she got into trouble at the beginning of the war, was jailed and sent into forced labour in Germany.

Having a talent for languages and speaking a number of them enabled her to get a job in Trieste as a translator. This helped her also post war, when she moved to Australia in 1948. She was a very industrious woman capable of anything from farming, cooking, cleaning, social work, translating and much more, all whilst looking after her family and raising her son Dusan.

In between the hard work she wrote poems in different languages, essays on a wide range of issues, newspaper articles, and even started a magazin "Svobodni Razgovori".

She published three collections of her poetry while she contributed to various Slovenian newspapers and magazines and was also planning a novel – but she just ran out of time.

She is missed incredibly by all her family, friends and co-workers.

President of Sub Committee

Peter Krope



Mounties Group is a widely respected Community club with more then 40 years old tradition of supporting a great variety of Australian and different ethnic communities in the area, making a special effort to preserve the cultural and historical contributions of different groups.

Apart from the original Mounties Community Club, Mounties Group consists from six acquired clubs; Harbord Diggers, Fairfield Bowling Club, Manly Bowling Club, Club Italia- with originally Italian population, Mekong – with Vietnamese members and our Triglav – originally Slovenian members. The boundaries or ethnic distinction of each club are becoming less distinct, since every club's door is wide open to welcome the local community members, regardless of their ethnic origin.

Triglav- Mounties Group started with an agreement to continue with the special effort to preserve the cultural and historical heritage of Slovenian nation and all the components they brought to their new home in Australia, their music, food and also their religious and cultural customs etc.. We must not forget the sport – in this case "bocce", something that plays a very important role in the life of Slovenian seniors, a passion they share with their Italian and Croatian friends and neighbours.

Those activities will continue as long as Triglav members are willing and able to participate and support it.

Triglav –Mounties Group is also supporting the needs of wider Slovenian community in Sydney, like the Slovenian Mission, Slovenian Newsprint and Radio and Slovenian Archives etc, even if we are very much aware of the fact that with the assimilation of the second and the third generation of Australian Slovenians into the wider Australian population the number of factual Slovenians in Australia is diminishing. There are many opportunities and the means for continuous support are available, we just need the Slovenian Community support and cooperation to keep cultural and other treasures we were working so hard to preserve, so we can remain like a precious colour in the rich tapestry of the nations who now call Australia home.

Peter Krope, President

Proposed Categories for 2013

HIGH ACHIEVER OF SLOVENIAN BACKGROUND
IN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN SLOVENIAN ACHIEVEMENTS
IN MEDIA AND PRESERVING SLOVENIAN HERITAGE



Mounties Group president Kevin Ingram, presenting Original Triglav Badge as a gift to Members of Triglav Club, which is going to be proudly displayed and preserved for generations to come.

Branko Fabjančič



The NSW and ACT Slovenian Awards, in conjunction with the Slovenian National Day, have been part of the Slovenian culture for the past 12 years, a day in which Slovenians recognise the work and achievements performed by many individuals in the Slovenian community. It is a wonderful blend of ages and talented individuals who make these awards so special.

All nominated candidates have played some part in shaping what it means to be a Slovenian in Australia today.

For all those nominated, it illustrates what you as an individual have displayed in the work you achieved in the category in which you have been nominated. Please join me in congratulating this year's nominees and winners.

Branko Fabjančič

NSW Outstanding Volunteer 2012
Triglav Mounties Group



Branko's family joined the Slovenian community in Sydney soon after arriving here. They became especially active at the Triglav Club. Branko attended Slovenian Saturday School and was exceptional in the Slovenian language for his HSC. He also performed in the Junior Drama Group. After completing an Accountancy Certificate, he accepted a voluntary job as the treasurer for Triglav Club and for the next 25 years has remained a member of the club's Committee. Family circumstances resulted in Branko's resignation from his regular job as a Senior Manager of an International manufacturing company.

Due to his former boss understanding Branko's need to support his family, but also appreciating his skills, knowledge and his commitment, Branko was able to work part time. Caring for his ailing parents and his own family, he continued to be an active participant of the Triglav Club, even when the club was amalgamated with Panthers and now with Mounties.

He always tries to ensure the club's continual success and future and he is always to be depended on for special Slovenian events at the club. Branko Fabjančič is truly worthy of this award.

Kristina Car

Slovenian outstanding volunteer for 2012
St. Raphael Slovenian mission, Merrylands



Kristina Car came to Australia in 1970 from her native Slovenia with her two sons to join her husband Jože Car. Initially they lived with her husband's relatives. Not being able to speak English, she became very homesick. She was a trained seamstress and soon found a job in a furniture factory, making upholstery. This helped them to save a deposit for a house at Wetherill Park. They also made contact with the Slovenian community, gathering around the Slovenian Mission at Merrylands, where the church was located.

They helped with the work while the new church was being built, whilst their children attended Slovenian school and choir. Along with other mothers, Kristina assisted with the Mission's social functions, gatherings and children's concerts. As a part of a working group for the past 40 years, the last eight years saw Kristina as the leader of the group.

She is still helping on the duty roster for homemade cakes for after Sunday church services and preparing lunches for seniors and invalids with the prayer group.

Paula Fabian

Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen 2012
St Raphael Slovenian Mission Merrylands



Paula Fabian came to Australia from Slovenia in 1958 as a “proxy bride” to marry a fellow Slovenian, Slavko Fabian, who lived on a farm with his father at Mona Vale which was also shared with other relatives. After many years of hard work, they subdivided the land and built a home, where Paula still lives today. The cul-de-sac street bears the family name - Fabian Place.

The family first attended the Slovenian Mass at Paddington and later at Merrylands where Paula soon became involved with the Slovenian community by attending the functions and activities and helping out where ever she could. Paula was active in a number of fundraising actions. She was organising garage sales and providing flowers for the church and for sale.

Her consistent support was much appreciated throughout the decades and even if she had to slow down due to her age, she still comes around and helps as much as she can.

Good on you, Paula! We wish there were more like you!

Helen Maric

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer 2012
Austral Slovenian Society Tivoli - Newcastle



Helen Maric, whose family was always very active in the Slovenian community in Newcastle, is a second generation Australian Slovenian. For the last few years she has been the vice-president of the Australian Slovenian Society Tivoli and very involved with the Slovenian functions there.

Aside from her love of anything Slovenian, she also has an unusual sporting hobby - paddling dragon boats and outrigger canoes.

She has represented Australia as a paddler in Poland 2003 and in China 2004. As a state champion she has travelled all around Australia to compete. Her club has been chosen to compete in Italy in 2014 representing the masters mixed division in dragon boating.

Helen is also a talented artist, who enjoys drawing, painting and making pottery and also all kinds of needle craft, including quilting. As a teacher, she has a lot of opportunity to express her love of art and craft with her students. She is kind and helpful and we all love and admire her for that.

Congratulations Helen, you deserve it!

Dylan James Koprivec

Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year 2012
Planica - Wollongong



Dylan is a third generation Slovenian Australian, born into the Koprivec family of Wollongong. His family has been involved in Slovenian community activities for three generations, especially with the Slovenian club Planica, Wollongong. As a student at Edmund Rice College in Wollongong, Dylan was one of the top 5% of students in his year for all his subjects over the past 2 years. He was conscientious and hardworking and excelled in all his subjects. For his academic achievements Dylan received "Headmasters Medallion" and for his voluntary charitable work he received "Christian Service Learning Medal".

Dylan further excels in the sports field, especially cricket, basketball and swimming. Dylan has played cricket since he was 9 years old and had been selected by the Mac Killop Sydney Diocesan team where he received the best batting award for all of NSW. At only 14 years of age in 2012, he was selected to play cricket with the under 16's in Engadine, was a Representative Player for Sutherland and was also chosen to play for the Under 16's Green Shield Team, which is recognized as the best competition/ tournament in the world for that age. He was one of the youngest players chosen at the highest level of cricket that any junior can play. His team reached the Grand Final and they were also the T-20 NSW State Champions.

Dylan is currently a year 10 student at Edmund Rice College. This year he represented NSW in the national all schools cricket championship where NSW were the champions.

Congratulations Dylan !

Andrew Šuber

Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year 2012
Triglav Mounties Group Sydney



Andrew, a third generation Australian- Slovenian, was a high achieving and very active student of St Gregory's College. He was a successful member of the College Show Cattle Team participating in various competitions and also the Team Manager of the Formula 1 in Schools Challenge Team - a very challenging program with which the St Gregory's College team won the State Championship for the first time.

Andrew's love of music earned him a Scholarship and he played saxophone and piano in the College band. He was also a member of the College debating and Public Speaking team. In 2012 Andrew also became a Minister of the Eucharist. In the same year, as well as working at the Liverpool Catholic Club Ice Rink as a resident DJ he started his own successful test/tag business - a process which ensures electrical equipment and appliances are safe to use in the workplace. Andrew also became a partner of the Microsoft Partner Network and is involved with other IT development programs. Since completing his HSC in 2013 Andrew has gained early entry into a Bachelor of Commerce at Wollongong University.

Between University and working, Andrew continues with his keen interest in shares and investment and is also an active member of the Triglav junior Bocce team where he recently competed in the Bocce National Championships.

Way to go, Andrew!



Logarska Valley

Slovenia is the only country in Europe that combines the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Plain and the Karst. The changing landscape is constantly surprising, time and again. You can have one eye on the sea, then look in the other direction and be surrounded by high mountains. Heading up into the forests, you can see the green plains below you. From upland meadows your view stretches into river gorges. This proximity of opposites and contrasts is a hallmark of the country.

In Slovenia you can still walk through virgin forest, or watch the grapes ripen on the oldest vine in the world. You can hear tales of bears, and eat forest fruits that you have foraged yourself on a brief walk out of town. Here you can uncover the secrets of the land, and what lies beneath it. Here you are part of nature.

Slovenia has numerous sites of special natural interest, with features of all four main areas: the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Karst and the Pannonian Plain. It also has a wealth of diverse architecture and urban design. You can truly feel at home in Slovenia's towns.

Slovenia is a land of greenery, which offers great opportunities for activity holidays. Its high-quality accommodation guarantees a comfortable stay. It is perfect for a summer holiday, a winter break or a weekend away.

Slovenia is famed for its excellent food, accompanied by one of its fine wines.

The friendly, hospitable and attentive locals will guarantee you a pleasant stay. You can feel Slovenia.



DANIEL SAMSA,

Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year - Sydney,

ZORA JOHNSON,

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the year, for HASA-NSW and Slovenian Com. Syd.

MARTHA KODELA,

Slovenian Volunteer of the Year - Austral Slovenian Society "TIVOLI" Newcastle Inc.,

JANEZ ČERNE,

Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award - Canberra - ACT ,

VINKO IN TEREZA KROPIČ,

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteers of the Year - Planica Wollongong,

JOŽE PAHOR,

Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award,

MARIJA MATEŠIČ,

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, St. Raphael Slovenian Mission Merrylands,

IVANKA ŽELE,

Slovenian Senior Citizen of the Year, St. Raphael Slovenian Mission Merrylands NSW,

PERINÁ KEEN,

Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Drama Group and Slovenian Com. Syd.

SIMON KOŠTRICA,

Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year - Canberra,

SLAVKO PRINČIČ,

Slovenian Volunteer of the Year - Slovene Association Sydney NSW



ANDREW ŽIČKAR
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year,
MARGARET HATEŽIČ
Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year,
CILKA PRINČIČ
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year,
ROBERT FIŠER
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year,
HERMAN ŠARKAN
Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year,
TEJA IN IVO BAVČAR
Outstanding Volunteers of the Year,
TANIA SMRDEL
Australian Slovenian Achievements,
KARLO SAMSA
Life Time Achievement



IMOGEN OVIJACH - Primary Student of the Year, VERONIKA KONDA - Secondary Student of the Year, SKYE KUNSTELJ - Tertiary Student of the Year, ANDREJKA ANDREJAŠ - Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, ERIKA ŽIŽEK - Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, FRANC TEHOVNIK, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, LADISLAVA HOZJAN - Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, OLGA LAH - Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, VLADO KUNSTELJ - Slovenian Australian Achievements Award in Art and Culture, DANILO IN SOFIJA ŠAJN - Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award



CHELSEA OVIJAČ - Primary Student of the Year, STEPHEN ROŽANC - Tertiary Student of the Year, EMA MAILOW - Outstanding Volunteer, DORA HRVATIN - Outstanding Volunteer, ŠTEFAN and ANA ŠERNEK - Outstanding Senior, EMIL GROSMAN - Outstanding Volunteer, ELIZABETA KOCIPER - Outstanding Volunteer, MARIJA NEMEŠ - Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, CILKA ŽAGAR - Slovenian Australian Achievement, EMILIJAN KUKOVEC - Slovenian Life Time Achievement

Presented in the year 2007, The Winners for the year 2006



KATELIN KOPRIVEC - Primary Student of the Year, LOREN DRUŽINEC - Secondary Student of the year, ROBERT GROZNIK - Slovenian Entrepreneur, MARIJA OVIJAČ - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen, ALEKSANDRA LAJOVIC - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen, BARICA BRODNIK - Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, ALBINA MAVRIČ - Slovenian Volunteer of the year, STANE and MARTA TOMŠIČ - Slovenian Volunteer Highly Commended, PETER KROPE, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, ALFRED BREŽNIK, Australian Slovenian Achievements Award In Slovenia, VINKO OVIJAČ - Achievement Award For The Life Work In The Slovenian Community

Presented in the year 2006, The Winners for the year 2005



LOJZE MAGAJNA - Slovenian Australian Award for Achievement in the Field of Sports and Culture, MIHAELA ŠUŠTERŠIČ - Special Award in the Field of Slovenian Culture and Heritage, IVAN KLOPČIČ - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen, MIRA SMRDEL - Equal winner for Slovenian Volunteer, IVAN RUDOLF - Equal winner for Slovenian Volunteer, NATALIE BRCAR - Slovenian Tertiary Student

Presented in the year 2005, The Winners for the year 2004



STEPHANIE ŠUBER - Slovenian Primary Student, REBECCA KEEN - Slovenian Secondary Student, DANIEL ŠUBER - Highly Commended Secondary Student, MARIA GROSMAN - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen ROBERT MIKULETIČ - Slovenian Tertiary Student, DANICA PETRIČ - Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer,

Presented in the year 2004, The Winners for the year 2003



CHERIE ŠAJN - Slovenian Primary Student, ROBERT RUDOLF - Slovenian Tertiary Student, IVAN KOŽELJ - Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, ANTHONY TOMAŽIN - Slovenian Entrepreneur, MARK KOBAL - Slovenian Australian Achievement Award, SONJA FIŠER - Slovenian Highly Commended Volunteer, FR. VALERIJAN JENKO OFM, OAM - Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen,

Closing date: 21th April 2015



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, JOŽE 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 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

- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Primary Student of the Year
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Tertiary Student of the Year
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Entrepreneur of the Year
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer (of each participating org.)
- ◇ NSW AND ACT Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award

Name of person nominated:.....

Address:.....

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Business/Organization/Individual proposing:

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Send the proposal to "Slovenian of the Year" Awards

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Australian Anthem - Avstralska himna



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.

Slovenska himna - Slovenian Anthem



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

God's blessing on all nations,
Who long and work for that bright day,
When o'er earth's habitations
No war, no strife shall hold its sway;
Who long to see
That all men free,
No more shall foes, but neighbours be!



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