

# Florijan Auser

## OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN SLOVENIAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN MEDIA AND PRESERVING SLOVENIAN HERITAGE



*Florijan se je rodil leta 1949 v Bohinjski Češnjici v Sloveniji. Po zaključenem šolanju je deloval kot komercialni fotograf in grafični oblikovalec.*

*Koncem devetdesetih let je svojo profesionalno pot nadaljeval v Avstraliji, kjer redno obnavlja znanje s področja foto-video tehnike in grafičnega oblikovanja.*

*S slovensko skupnostjo v Avstraliji se je prvič delovno povezal v letu 1994 in nato v letu 1996, ko je prevzel vodenje časopisa Glas Slovenije.*

*V letu 1998 je osnoval medmrežno spletišče Stičišče Avstralskih Slovencev ([www.glasslovenije.com.au](http://www.glasslovenije.com.au)), ki je namenjen slovenski skupnosti v Avstraliji in s katero skrbi za redno obveščanje naše skupnosti o dogajanjih doma in po svetu.*

*Od leta 2007 Florijan zastopa Avstralske Slovence kot član Sveta za Slovence po Svetu pri Vladi Republike Slovenije.*



In the late 1990's Florijan was one of the founders of Slovenian Media House, gathering and documenting life stories of Australian Slovenians, first on videotape and most recently in digital form. Early in March 1996 he presented to the Slovenian National Council an idea to establish Slovenian archives in Sydney. Although it took a few years HASA NSW was established in 2004, and over the next decade his professional assistance and guidance has been greatly appreciated. For special celebrations of important anniversaries of the various Slovenian organizations, he has produced video presentations and/or wall to wall exhibitions of historical photos and documents. This has been done with the cooperation of HASA NSW archivists and also from his own records. In the same formats he has helped to present the life stories of Slovenian community members to be preserved after events within HASA NSW archives. Some of his video presentations and exhibitions have also been exhibited in Ljubljana, Slovenia and broadcast on Slovenian TV. Also, Florijan has worked with ZRC Koper and Ljubljana at CRP 2002, with the first presentation of digital archives and video documentation of the life and work of Slovenian migrants in Australia. Due to his efforts and under his guidance a process of digitisation of the HASA NSW archives started in the year 2012. The Digital archive for Australian Slovenians and Slovenians around the globe, was published on 3rd May 2014 /[www.da-slo.com.au](http://www.da-slo.com.au), [www.da-slo.si/](http://www.da-slo.si/).

He was also the producer and broadcaster of the Slovenian program on TV Channel 31 in Sydney and Melbourne for a number of years and has produced many documentaries about Slovenians in Australia. Apart from the newspaper Glas Slovenije, Florijan designed, edited and produced a number of publications, booklets, pamphlets and posters to accommodate the needs of Slovenian organisations in Australia. Aside from his professional work he has a strong affinity for the needs of old, sick and vulnerable people and he always spends a lot of time and effort helping them, always avoiding the spotlight on his good works - and we respect him for that !