

**SLOVENIA'S NATIONAL
DAY 2019**

&

**SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY
AWARDS 2018**

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019



PROGRAM

12.00pm

Arrival

12.30pm

Lunch

2.00pm

Introduction and Welcome

By Mr. Peter Krope

Triglav Sub-Committee President

2:10pm

National Anthems of Australia and Slovenia

Sung by Southern Stars Choir

2.15pm

Welcome to Guests and Award Recipients

By Mr. Peter Krope

Special Guest Speeches

Presenting the Old Vine Frame with Old Vine Toast"

By Mr. Kevin Ingram

Club Cultural Performances

Introduced by Branko Fabjancic

Slovenian Community Awards Committee President

Father & Son Jože & Rudi playing on the button accordion

The Slovenian of the Year Awards 2018

Introductory Address by Branko Fabjancic

Awards presented by Perina Brown & Stefanie Fabjancic

Entertainment

Dance with Alpine Echos

MEMBERS OF TRIGLAV MOUNTIES SUB COMMITTEE 2018 - 2019



Jason Woods - General Manager, Silvo Pahor, Walter Šuber, Louis Magajna, Branko Fabjancic, Peter Krope - President, Rita Vassallo and John Rapinette

SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS COMMITTEE 2018



Peter Krope, Father Darko Znidarsic OFM, Gary Brown, Perina Brown, Ivan Rudolf, Marija Rudolf, Emil Grosman, Zora Johnson, Martha Magajna, Branko Fabjančič, Marija Grosman

IN MEMORIAM

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY OF

DUŠAN SAVA LAJOVIC



Celebrating the life of Dušan Lajovic.

Born in Ljubljana, Dušan worked with his father and other members of his family in their family business. His legacy, the factory Tuba, is still there and his great dream of Slovenia as an independent and democratic country in the European Union is realized.

Dušan worked hard for so many years in his professional career, his company Impact International spans several countries, Slovenia, Australia, Philippines, Malaysia, Venezuela and New Zealand. He was a very proud Slovenian and Australian citizen, a dedicated supporter of the Slovenian Church, the community here in Australia and in Slovenia, where he greatly supported democratic process and press. For many years he also served as an honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in New Zealand. Both, Dušan and his wife Saša received the highest award and recognition of the Catholic Church in Slovenia – the Medal of Sts Cyril and Methodius, presented to them on 24th January 2016.

We do remember and honour his great love and work for Slovenia and Australia. May he now rest in God's peace.

PETER KROPE PRESIDENT OF TRIGLAV SUB COMMITTEE

Mounties Group is a widely respected Community club with 50 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 of six acquired clubs; Harbord Diggers, Fairfield Bowling Club, Manly Bowling Club, Club Italia - Italian origins, Mekong – Vietnamese origins and our Triglav - Slovenian origins. 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 aligning with Western Sydney's staunch support of Multiculturalism in recent years.



Triglav Mounties Group started with an agreement to continue with the special effort to preserve cultural and historical heritage of the 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.

These 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 the 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 the culture 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 Kroppe
President

PROPOSED CATEGORIES FOR 2019

OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN

OUTSTANDING TERTIARY
STUDENT OF THE YEAR

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER OF
SLOVENIAN BACKGROUND
IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY



In the 1960's Slovenian people gathered in local parks and picnic areas to celebrate their culture and heritage. Eventually a dedicated core of those people believed that they could strengthen relationships for in their community by forming a club. It would provide a home away from home where members could share stories of their struggle and celebrate their creation of a new life. In 1972 Triglav Klube was born out of that formative aspiration to provide a venue where Slovenian people could come together to preserve what they brought to Australia, and indeed share that with their new countrymen. In true Slovenian style people came together to create the reality. Thousands of hours were donated by generous builders of all professions and other helping hands to create this place for the people.

The members celebrated the opening in 1982. Just as the builders created the building, so too, volunteers came together to preserve the Slovenian community, their language and their culture. They grew a cultural family offering a language school, a folklore group, a Men's choir, a dance group, and a drama group, and of course the club supported a plethora of sporting activities. The Triglav Badge is a symbol of what this club means to all Slovenians in Australia. Triglav Mountain depicts the strength of Slovenia. The boomerang represents the transition of the culture to its new home in Australia. The Slovenian community have always gathered under this badge, comforted in the knowledge that both countries, have provided for the creation of this great club.

BRANKO FABJANCIC PRESIDENT OF THE NSW SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS COMMITTEE



The NSW Slovenian Awards, in conjunction with the Slovenian National Day, has been part of the Slovenian culture for the past 15 years. This day draws attention to the work and achievements performed by many individuals in the Slovenian community. Over the past 18 years, 136 awards have been presented to members of the Slovenian community.

What is most pleasing is seeing the 2nd and 3rd generation Slovenians becoming more actively involved in our Slovenian community, through reunions, sporting functions and family functions held at Triglav Mounties. It is hoped with the ongoing support from Triglav Mounties, that our future generation Slovenians will embrace some of the culture and traditions that have been very much part of the 1st generation of Slovenians.

For all those nominated, it illustrates what you as individuals have displayed in the work you have achieved in the category in which you have been nominated. Please join me in congratulating this years winners.

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

DR. TANIA GARDNER OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Tania has always had a strong affinity with Slovenia and her Slovenian relatives. She attended the Slovenian School of Community Languages and matriculated in the Slovenian Course. Following her high school graduation, she took a gap year and traveled to and lived in, Slovenia. She returned to Slovenia with her own family on numerous occasions, to ensure the connection continues with her own children.”

Tania completed her Bachelor of Physiotherapy at the University of Sydney in 1993. In 2000 Tania married

Peter, forming their own family with their children, Aidan and Charlise. She built her career in physiotherapy whilst juggling family commitments and is currently the Senior Physiotherapist in the Department of Pain Medicine at St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney. Here she has been an educator and mentor for other healthcare professionals in the specialty of chronic pain and an integral member in the development of new chronic pain services, including access to specialty clinical services across Australia. Tania also teaches and lectures at the University of Sydney and Australian Catholic University as an expert in management of chronic pain.

Most recently Tania successfully graduated from a PhD at the University of Sydney. Her doctorate allowed her to lead the way in research investigating patient led intervention for chronic low back pain. This research has resulted in several peer reviewed scientific publications and is now the interest of national and international research project team collaborations. She would love to one day collaborate with academics and clinicians in Slovenia.

Tania is a remarkable young woman and we are proud of her contribution to society and happy to call her our own.

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

TONE MARKOČIČ OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN



In 1970, the Slovenian Australian club Planica Wollongong was founded, and Tone joined and became a member of the committee. Immediately he was taking part in the preparation of all social events, the Wollongong Show, the various parades and the Kmečka ohcet in 1975 and 1977, and also in all regular social gatherings in different hired halls. In the year 1983 Planica bought the present club’s premises in Figtree. Tone helped when the premises were rebuilt, improved and expanded and Slovenian Church of All Saints reorganised.

For 35 years, Tone and his wife, often made sure that the church was decorated and cleaned for the monthly Sunday services. They took turns in preparing and serving food at festive occasions and when various performers, singers and musicians and church dignitaries visited the club and the little Church of All Saints next door.

Tone helped build the bocce courts. For many years he was responsible for the Bocce section and for the regular bocce competitions. Even now in his mature years he still does a lot of the maintenance of the courts and tries to play the game as often as his health permits. Over the years, Tone has visited Slovenia 7 times, often with his children and grandchildren who share his love of the old country and enjoy visiting relatives there. Recently Tone and Zorka celebrated 60 years of married life and we wish them many happy years together!

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

NICOLE KOZELJ SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING TERTIARY STUDENT



A high achiever and passionate about social welfare, it was therefore not surprising that Nicole would choose to study at the Western Sydney University doing a Bachelor of Community Welfare. Due to her dedication to her studies she had been awarded the prestigious Michael Cusack Memorial Award in 2015 and 2017 for the most outstanding student enrolled in the degree. She had also received the Dean's Merit Award in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for placing in the top [10%] of the degree.

Nicole hopes to continue her studies with a post-graduate qualification focusing on inclusive education and disability studies. Whilst studying, Nicole did an internship with Salesforce, a multinational IT marketing company, where she was involved with working with the APAC Services team on projects for different clients. In addition to this, she was invited to join two youth leadership programs run by Telstra and Commonwealth Bank. These programmes focused on bringing together young people with Cerebral Palsy to network with members of the organisation and build awareness of CP within the workplace. Nicole is an advocate and role model for the disabled community participating in many initiatives that seek to build awareness of people with a disability. She has been a speaker for the 'Just like You' programme which is coordinated by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and run at primary schools in NSW to increase children's knowledge of people with disabilities and has also done fundraising for them through their 'September' challenge.

This passion for community and hard work stems from Nicole's heritage and cultural ties, her closeness to her grandparents who have educated her on the Slovenian tradition, values and beliefs. An exceptional young woman who has achieved a great deal in her life and is a worthy recipient of this award.

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

GABRIELA NITSOLAS-PIRC SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Gabriela Nitsolas-Pirc was born in Fairfield in 1979, to Milan and Jelka Pirc. She is married to Dimitrios and is the proud mother of two young children Jelka and Nikolas. Raised in a loving home where pride and traditional Slovenian values were instilled, Gabriela studied the Slovenian language at the Bankstown School of Community Languages where she excelled, finishing 1st in the state.

Gabriela studied at the University of Western Sydney where she achieved a double degree and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours. Admitted as a Solicitor in 2003, she continued her education including a Management Certification with Distinction in 2006 and a Graduate Diploma in Family Dispute Resolution in 2017.

She began her career as a solicitor in private practice but moved to work for the NSW's Attorney General's Department in 2004 becoming the Director responsible for helping those less fortunate gain access to fair and equitable treatment with the justice system. As a published author in the area of Restorative Justice and its application in practice she has had the chance to give back to the education sector by teaching Business Law. Within the former Department of Family and Community Services, Gabriela's changes to the child care sector were passed into law. In 2015 she was in the role of Manager and Solicitor in Charge of the Family Dispute Resolution unit with Legal Aid NSW. Happily married she is a committed wife, mother and daughter who can often be found baking and cooking traditional Slovenian food with her children. She has traveled to Slovenia and visited her family in Maribor and Prekmurje, discovering where her ancestry originates. She is proud of her Slovenian heritage and proud to represent it throughout her life.

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

ST RAPHAEL'S SLOVENIAN MISSION MERRYLANDS IVAN AND CLARA BRCAR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER



Both Ivan and Clara were born in different regions of Slovenia. They met and married in Australia. With their three daughters they were all very much part of the St Raphael's community here. Ivan was involved with carpentry and cabinet making and there seems to be a piece of his work in every part of the St Raphael's complex. Much of the work was done gratis as well as having donated materials. Ivan's successful career spanned many decades, his work included kitchens as well as custom made fine furniture and French polishing.

Initially a deli manager, Clara got a calling to be a volunteer teacher of scripture (S.R.E.) and embraced this ministry in our state schools. After twenty years of service Clara received a Papal blessing, an award for 25 years of service by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and most recently an award by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. for 30 years of service. Having completed a Diploma in Formation and Pastoral Ministry, then training for Extra Ordinary Minister of Communion, Clara caters to the needs of our Slovenian community and is involved with the Pastoral committee working on how to keep the decreasing parishioners together. Both were involved with World Youth Day, Clara as a volunteer and was on a committee here in Sydney and Ivan organised the breakfast for the overseas pilgrims who stayed at St Raphaels.

The family likes to visit Slovenia as often as possible. Very much focused on their heritage Ivan and Clara even partook of a folk dancing practice when a teacher came to visit from Slovenia.

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018

JOŽE ŠIREC SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER



Raising a family with 4 children, Jože and his wife Irena worked extremely hard splitting day and night shifts to ensure the family had everything they needed. Jože was extremely passionate about maintaining the Australian/Slovenian culture within his family and the local community. This passion led to his strong affiliation with the Triglav Club from 1977-1983.

Jože lived on site with his ever-growing family as a caretaker in the downtime of the club's social activities. His dedication to the club was appreciated very much and he was selected for the

position as manager of the club and was recognised as one of the best managers they'd ever had. In the early years when all work at the club was done by volunteers,

Jože was organising weekly gatherings, buying provisions, organising volunteers to cook, clean and maintain the temporary Club premises, whilst working full time. As part of raising his family, Jože instilled the importance of acknowledging and embracing one's cultural heritage. The family always stayed in close contact with their relatives in Slovenia and have visited as often as possible.

After the new club premises were built, the need for volunteer work was mostly replaced with paid workers and Jože, Irena and their family moved away. A regular at Slovenian functions he has kept close contact with the Slovenian /Australian community and its social networks. The way he has adopted life and culture in Australia is nothing short of amazing as he has never forgotten where he had come from as so many immigrants often do. Thank you Jože for your dedication and hard work, all of which has made a difference on many levels.



The highest peak of the Julian Alps, Mt. Triglav, which rises to 2864 m, was respected by several peoples (Celts, Romans, Lombards and Slavs) crossing the territories of Slovenia. Mt. Triglav was just a border area until the Enlightenment period in Slovenia. Mt. Triglav became the inspiration to several poets, writers, travelers, painters, politicians and it became the symbol of Slovenians. Ever since the 19th century, when mountaineering in the Alps became popular, the Triglav Mountain Range has attracted numerous visitors. Through fables connected with it and the beautiful landscape surrounding it, Mount Triglav is one of the most prominent peaks in the eastern Alps. From spring to autumn it is visited by entire processions of mountain lovers. No wonder it is said that “you are not a true Slovenian until you have climbed Triglav”.

Photo: Jože Mihelič, Slovenija

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2017 PRESENTED IN 2018



TONE MARKOČIČ
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER, WOLLONGONG

GABRIELA NITSOLAS-PIRC
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER OF SLOVENIAN BACKGROUND
IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

DR. TANIA GARDNER
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IVAN AND CLARA BRČAR
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS, ST RAPHAEL'S MERRYLANDS

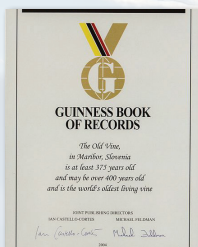
JOŽE ŠIREC
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER, TRIGLAV MOUNTIES GROUP

THE OLD VINE WORLD OLDEST VINE

Maribor - Slovenia

In the heart of the oldest part of Maribor, on Lent, grows the oldest vine in the world. Growing in front of the Old Vine House, the "Žametovka" or "Modra Kavčina" vine is estimated to be over 450 years old.

It holds a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest noble vine in the world still bearing grapes. The Old Vine is a symbol of the rich wine culture of Maribor, Styria, and all of Slovenia.



The Old Vine was planted towards the end of the Middle Ages, during the Ottoman invasion. It survived furious fights between the invaders and the defenders, as the Old Vine House used to be part of the city wall. In the face of fires and the vine lice that destroyed many others, the Old Vine survived.

The resilient plant even withstood the bombardment of the Allied forces during World War II that partly destroyed the Old Vine House. In paintings of Maribor dating back to 1657 and 1687, the Old Vine is evident.

It has been determined that the Old Vine in paintings dated 1657 was already at least 100 years old. These pictures are exhibited at the Styrian Provincial Museum in Graz. Scions of the Old Vine can now be found growing throughout Slovenia and in almost all continents worldwide. The Old Vine was brought to Australia by Vinko and Elica Rizmal, and gifted to the Shire of Yarra Ranges on behalf of the Mayor of Maribor. It can be found at Burringa Cultural Centre, Upwey in the Yarra Ranges, as well as throughout Australia.

It is considered a gesture of friendship when the Old Vine is planted on public land and represents for Slovenian Australians the strong cultural connection between Maribor, Slovenia and Australia.



IN SLOVENIAN DESCENDANTS OF THE WORLD OLDEST GRAPE VINE ON THEIR WAY TO AUSTRALIA MARCH 1999

One year-old rootling and six newly cut grafts were sent to Australia in March 1999. Two years later in May 2001 with a clean bill of health, the plants were released from Quarantine and presented to the project initiators Vinko & Elica Rizmal.

The oldest plant was finally handed over to the Shire of Yarra Ranges as a gift from the City of Maribor, Slovenia in June 2001 at a Gala night celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Slovenian Republic, organized by the Slovenian National Council of Victoria Inc. The plant was formally handed over to the then Mayor of the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Ms Di Moore, represented in the hand-over ceremony by the then deputy Mayor Mr. James Merlino, today an MP and Deputy Premier in the Victorian Government.

The vine was handed over by Mr. And Mrs. Razdevšek, official representatives of the Mayor of Maribor Mr. Boris Sovič. On the same night, the gifted plant was entrusted to Mr. Max McWilliams, director of McWilliams Lillydale Vineyards, to be planted at a later date. International and local representatives witnessed the handover of the 400-year-old grape vine from the Mayor of Maribor to the Mayor of Shire of Yarra Ranges.

Many discussions and changes were carried out to increase the presence and significance of the descendants of the world's oldest vine in Australia. The latest very promising discussion was between Old Vine project initiator Vinko Rizmal and the current Mayor of Shire of Yarra Ranges Cr Toni Stevenson on 26th April 2019.

Additional interesting information can be found on www.theoldestvine.com

Vinko Rizmal
Old Vine Project Coordinator



AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2016 PRESENTED IN 2017



EMIL HRVATIN
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN

JAMES KOZELJ
OUTSTANDING YOUNG SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR

MARK STARIHA
SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

REBEKA HALL (NEE RUDOLF)
SLOVENIAN AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SILVO PAHOR
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

ŠTEFAN ŠERNEK JR.
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN ART & CULTURE



AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2014 PRESENTED IN 2015



LEON KARBIČ WARREN, Secondary Student, STEFANIE FABJANCIC, Tertiary Student, TONČKA STARIHA, Outstanding Senior Citizen, FR. DARKO ŽNIDARŠIČ OFM, Award for outstanding Pastoral, Social and Cultural work, DANICA AND ALOJZ MOGE, Life Time Achievement Award, ANTON URŠIČ, Outstanding Volunteer, SOUTHERN STARS CHOIR, Award for Outstanding Work in the Field of Culture

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2013 PRESENTED IN 2014



DANIEL ŠUBER, NSW Outstanding Academic Achievements, IZIDOR KARBIČ, Outstanding Volunteer, LOJZKA IN LOJZEK HUSAREK, Outstanding Volunteers, THE HON. TANYA PLIBERSEK MP, Outstanding Achiever of Slovenian Background in Australian Politics, FLORJAN AUSER, Outstanding Australian Achievements in Media and Preserving Slovenian Heritage

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2012 PRESENTED IN 2013



BRANKO FABJANČIČ, NSW Outstanding Volunteer 2012, KRISTINA CAR, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, PAULA FABIAN, Slovenian Outstanding Senior Citizen, HELEN MAURIČ, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer, DYLAN JAMES KOPRIVEC, Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year, ANDREW ŠUBER, Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2011 PRESENTED IN 2012



DANIEL SAMSA, Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year, ZORA JOHNSON, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the year, MARTHA KODELA, Slovenian Volunteer of the Year, JANEZ ČERNE, Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award, VINKO IN TEREZA KROPIČ, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteers of the Year, JOŽE PAHOR, Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award, MARIJA MATEŠIČ, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, IVANKA ŽELE, Slovenian Senior Citizen of the Year, PERINA KEEN, Slovenian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, SIMON KOŠTRICA, Slovenian Secondary Student of the Year, SLAVKO PRINČIČ, Slovenian Volunteer of the Year

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 2011



Twenty years later, we solemnly celebrated two decades of independence and sovereignty of our home, Slovenia. This photo: Honorary Consul General for the Republic of Slovenia for New South Wales, Alfred Brežnik; Charge d'Affairs Republic of Slovenia, Zvone Žigon; Ivan Rudolf, President of Planica Club, Wollongong; Maria Grosman, President Australian-Slovenian Association Tivoli, Newcastle; Mayor of the City of Fairfield, Nick Lalić MP; Martha Magajna, President HASA NSW; Peter Krobe, President of Club Triglav Panthers; Štefan Šernek, President Slovenian Association Sydney; and Frank Čulek, President of the Slovenian-Australian Association, Canberra.

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2009 PRESENTED IN 2010



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, TANJA SMRDEL, Australian Slovenian Achievements, KARLO SAMSA, Life Time Achievement

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2008 PRESENTED IN 2009



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 Achievement Award in Art and Culture, DANILO IN SOFIJA ŠAJN, Slovenian Life Time Achievement Award

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2007 PRESENTED IN 2008



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2006 PRESENTED IN 2007



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2005 PRESENTED IN 2006



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2004 PRESENTED IN 2005



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2003 PRESENTED IN 2004



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2002 PRESENTED IN 2003



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

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2001 PRESENTED IN 2002



STEPHANIE ŠUBER - Slovenian Primary Student of the year, BRIGITA BEZJAK, Slovenian Tertiary Student of the year, DRAGO OSTRIČ, 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

SLOVENIAN NSW & ACT AWARDS 2020

Nomination Form

The awards will be presented at the celebration of Slovenian Independence at Club Triglav on Sunday 14 June 2020.

CATEGORIES

- SLOVENIAN PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR
- SLOVENIAN SECONDARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR
- SLOVENIAN TERTIARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR
- SLOVENIAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
- SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
- SLOVENIAN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
- SLOVENIAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NOMINEE DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Contact Number: Email:

NOMINATOR DETAILS

Organisation/Individual Name:

Address:

Contact Number: Email:

THE SLOVENIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS COMMITTEE appeals to all Slovenian organisations and individuals to nominate members amongst your organisation, family or friends who you believe deserve to be recognised for their achievements and exceptional work within the community. Please send the completed nomination form along with the nominee's biography and achievements to:

SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS COMMITTEE

Mail: 80-84 Brisbane Road, St Johns Park NSW 2176

Email: pkrope@bigpond.net.au or marthamagajna104@gmail.com

Closing Date: Saturday 25 April 2020



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SLOVENIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

SLOVENIAN

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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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.

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