

## **SLOVENIAN CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT IN MILDURA**

Through my close involvement, lobbying and support for the Slovenian independence, and while being a member (and secretary) of Slovenian National Council of Victoria and secretary of Australian Slovenian Conference and vice-president of Slovenian World Congress for several years, I was also closely involved with bringing and organising many cultural groups from Slovenia to Australia in early '90 to 2010. Many of these groups also visited Mildura on the way from Melbourne to Adelaide, or Adelaide to Sydney. We were hosting some most successful concerts enjoyed and admired by the wider Mildura community.

Unforgettable and most successful was the »**Big Ben**« concert, »**Jakob Gallus-Petelin**« from Klagenfurth concert and tour and **Slovenian oktet** from Trieste under the leadership of great music maestro Danilo Čadež, also **Štajerskih 7** etc.