

## **SLOVENIAN RADIO BROADCASTING MILDURA - "SLOVENIAN TIME"**

Local radio station 3MA has offered me and my Croatian friend Vera Klaric in 1985 to continue with the Yugoslav Radio Program, after the retirement of long time presenter late Ivan Dolenc, which he presented only in Medimurski dialect. We wished to separate our radio time into Croatian and Slovenian time, but the local radio station manager was not agreeable to have any nationalistic involvement, therefore we did it ourselves, even if we had to continue under the name of »Yugoslav program«. At the end of 1990, a new HOT FM radio station opened up with the wide multicultural program and here we had finally an opportunity to separate into independent Croatian and Slovenian Radio Time.

Despite being a small local community, our Slovenian Radio program in Mildura lasted from 1985 to 2000, lead by volunteer Jozica Gerden with occasional helpers (Metoda in Frank Štrubelj, Nada Plut, Diana Tonc), until we were able to connect with national wide Slovenian broadcasting service - SBS from Melbourne and Sydney.

Slovenian Time was a part of the multicultural Radio Broadcasting Service of "Sunraysia Community Radio Program" on frequency 106.7 FM Mildura, Victoria, 90.7 FM Wentworth and Robinvale in NSW. Since 2000 it broadcasts automatically national SBS.

There are some well known Slovenian families in Mildura, such is our talented art teacher Marie Plut, while their parents are one of the best honey producers in the district, Daniel and Stefan Golobic are running most successful work safety & security business »Dantere« and David Gerden is running family business Wentworth Grande Resort. Slovenian in Mildura are known as hard working and well respected amongst our local community.