

### ***Marijan Peršič***

Mum maintained an ever presence in the Slovenian community. Where she worked and met Marijan Peršič. They finally were able to get married in 1970 after living together, where they worked harder than ever for the Slovenian Association Melbourne (it has moved from Parkville to Eltham). During this time, as before, Marijan wrote for "Vestnik" with Jana Lavrič for years and later with Darko Hribnik, my husband to be. Darko was already dragged into behind the scenes activities for our plays. Then later he and his friends made plays for 3EA radio. Mum and Marijan moved to Blenheim Street Balaclava and dad stayed on in the house, then moved to Moreland Road Coburg with my brother John. I moved in with mum and Marijan. Marijan was a wonderful, intelligent support for my aspirations. He was full of encouragement, a good listener and worked hard for the Slovenian club.

Mum worked behind the scenes with the other ladies of Eltham Slovenian Club, making cakes, often five at a time, and worked behind the counter serving and selling the coffee. Many kind women contributed to the oncoming and up keep of the club. It was the Mecca for meeting friends and where importantly language could be spoken. People were once again connected to what they loved and valued.