

NSW Slovenian Community Award 2013

Izidor Karbič

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER TRIGLAV- MOUNTIES GROUP



Izidor Karbič je bil rojen v vasi Orehek v občini Hruševje na Primorskem v družini z desetimi otroki, od katerih sta dva umrla ob rojstvu.

Tik po koncu vojne je umrla mati in družina se je raztresla na vse strani. Izidor je odšel k teti v Split, kjer se je izučil za orodjarja. Po končani odsluženi vojaški obveznosti se je zaposlil na različnih krajih v Sloveniji. Februarja 1956 je pobegnil v Italijo in se v campu v Udinah spoznal z Marto Barič, ki je prišla v Udine za bratom Andrejem. Po 18 mesecih čakanja sta dobila dovoljenje za odhod v Avstralijo in pred odhodom sta se poročila, da sta lahko potovala skupaj.

V Avstraliji sta obo imela sorodnike in na začetku sta našla stanovanje pri njih, medtem je Izidor lahko našel zaposlitev. Leta 1962 sta si napravila dom v Ingleburnu, kjer živita še sedaj.

V klub Triglav sta se včlanila takoj ob ustanovitvi kluba in sta še danes zvesta člana. Vsa leta sta pogosto obiskovala klubske prireditve in tudi pomagala pri pripravi začasnih prostorov kluba, pripravljanju hrane za piknike, postrežbi in čiščenju. Izidor je postal tudi član odbora Triglav Community Centra, katerega naloga je bila skrbeti za slovensko šolo, prireditve in nastope otrok, kot tudi mladinske športne skupine, v katerih sta sodelovali tudi njihovi hčerki Silvija in Suzana.



Izidor and his wife had many friends from the same area in Slovenia and the best way to meet them all was to come to the Triglav club, where their children attended the school of the Slovenian language and enjoyed numerous other activities.

Izidor was constantly very active within the club, helping with building, maintenance, cleaning, and even preparing food for weekend gatherings and especially serving on the Committee of Triglav Community Centre. Here he helped to take care of the Slovenian school and youth activities and also was a coach and liaison for youth sports groups, like basketball, where his daughters were members of the sports teams for years.

When circumstances changed at the club and there was no longer a need for volunteers, Izidor continued to attend all clubs functions. He is still an active member of the sports section of the club, playing Bocce, the favourite sport of people from the Primorsko region of Slovenia. He has never failed to enter his homemade wine in the club's St Martin's Day competition and quite often has won one of the first prizes.

Hard working and loyal people, like Izidor Karbič represent the foundations of our Slovenian community and we are grateful to have them.