



**Nepalese  
Association of  
Victoria**

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# **Annual Report**

## **April 2007**

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## About this report

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The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2006-07 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the year ending April 2007.

Any queries in relation to the activities and information provided on this report can be forward to NAV executive committee by email [info@nav.org.au](mailto:info@nav.org.au) or by mail GPO Box 2537 Melbourne 3000.



## Message from the President

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Namaste,

On behalf of Nepalese Association of Victoria executive committee, I would like to wish you all very happy New Year 2064- *"Naya barsa ko Subha kamana"*

As we all know, Nepalese community in Victoria has grown a lot, and, so is the various requirements and expectation of the community. With the support of the broader community, the NAV executive committee, which is the team of volunteers, tried it's best to meet all those requirements and expectations.

Establishment of Melbourne Chautari radio program for mass media in Nepalese language, Annual Bal Diwas event focusing on our children, annual NAV Cricket championship cup to promote sports and friendship, raising profile of Dashain program to share our culture with other Australians, Nepalese language and culture centre pilot projects to promote language and culture, numbers of cultural programs and forums are some of the important things the team has succeeded to deliver.

Obviously, there are much works that remains to be done. As I look ahead, for me and the team in particular, institutionalisation of emergency fund, establishment of Nepalese culture centre with religious facilities, periodic discussion forums, further improvement of Melbourne Chautari radio program, continuation of Bal Diwas and NAV cricket championship cup and getting a part-time secretary for the association are strong priorities. We all will be happy to share our experiences with the new executive team.

Personally, serving as NAV President for four years (two years in this term and two years in previous term) have been one of the most rewarding. It gave me opportunities to serve the community and understand group psychology of people. It also gave me opportunity to meet nice friends and interesting people who I otherwise would have never met.

However, I must admit, the community work was not always easy and rewarding. We were put to the test quite a few times by some, but, I am quite fortunate to have great executive team, advisors and supporting members, whose support and understanding made possible projects we delivered.

I personally would like to thank serving office holders and dear colleagues Raju Shakya, Sudhir Shakya, Surendra Sedhai, Tonnou Gurung, Pramod Khatiwada, Parsuram Sharma-Luitel, Shiva Neupane and ex-officeholders Deepa Rai, Tshring Gurung, Raja Ram Thapa and Depika Sherchan who contributed immensely to NAV. Thanks to advisors Jog Limbu, Raju Adhikari, Chandra Yonjan, Madhu Pokharel, Diwakar Basnet and Ganesh Bhakta Shrestha. Thanks also to Anamika Rai, Bishnu Adhikari, Sachin Yonjan, Bom Bahadur Khadka and Mahendra Karki.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Nepalese Consul Simon Hills, VMC chairman George Lekakis, our regular sponsors Shesh Ghale, and NRN Australia President Mana K.C. and Melbourne Chautari team member Lok Rai. The list of names goes on. There are many more people who have contributed greatly to enable us to deliver services to Nepalese Community in Victoria. You know who you are.

I would also like to extend our gratitude to our sister organizations Help Nepal Network Australia and Nepal Australia Friendship Association, Gurkha Association and Yeti Soccer Club in Victoria, associations in NSW and Queensland and NRN Australia for opportunities to work together. Big thanks to VMC, VicHealth and 3CR radio management team.

## Message from the President

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And most importantly, sincere thanks to all members of the community, whom we thrive to serve.

In parting, I request all members of community to please support volunteers, who have committed themselves to serve you. Please extend your fullest support to the new executive committee, because, if they succeed, we all succeed. It is very important for everybody to give up bit of self interest to achieve greater community interest.

Now, last but certainly not the least, I would like to thank my dear wife Jony Vaidya and dear daughter Aisha Vaidya for their support and understanding for me to follow my passion to serve the community. And, I would like to express my appreciation to partners and children of all NAV executive members, advisors and volunteers. With you all, association is where it is today.

As ever, every New Year brings new hope of peace and prosperity. Viewing recent developments in Nepal, this year is extra important to all the people of Nepalese origin in Nepal and Nepalese Diaspora around the world. May this New Year bring peace and prosperity in Nepal. May this year also bring prosperity to Australia and world.

Once again, Naya Barsa ko Suva kamana.

Ranjan Vaidya  
President  
Nepalese Association of Victoria

## About Nepalese Association of Victoria

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Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) was established in 1997 with an aim to represent Nepalese (or people of Nepalese origin) living in Victoria and to provide them an opportunity to meet and mingle with their fellow citizens by organising various social events.

### Key objectives of NAV include:

- To establish NAV as a peak body representing Nepalese community in Victoria
- To provide a platform for all members to gather and work together to achieve common objectives
- To promote and preserve Nepalese culture, language and heritage
- To organise events to celebrate important festivities of Nepal such as Dashain, Nepalese New Year
- Be a contact point for all residents, new migrants, students and visitors
- To develop cultural ties and goodwill between Australia and Nepal
- Work for betterment of community & foster multiculturalism and social harmony

## Executive Committee 2006/2007

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President:	Ranjan Vaidya
Vice President:	Deepa Rai
Vice President:	Raju Shakya
General Secretary:	Sudhir Shakya
Treasurer:	Surendra Sedhai
Joint Secretary:	Tonnou Gurung
Public Relations Co-ordinator:	Parsuram Sharma-Luitai
NRN Coordinator:	Pramod Khatiwada
Committee Member:	Shiva Neupane
Advisors:	Jog Limbu Raju Adhikari Chandra Yonzon Diwaker Basnet Ganesh B Shrestha Madhu Pokhrel



## **Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2006/2007**

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### **New Year Celebration 2063 & AGM**

NAV organised a barbeque to celebrate Nepalese New Year 2063 on Saturday, 15 April 2006 at Caulfield Park in Caulfield, Victoria.

The program commenced with a formal proceedings of NAV's Annual General Meeting (AGM). President Ranjan Vaidya welcomed all members and attendees with his opening speech. General Secretary Sudhir Shakya and Treasurer Surendra Sedhai both presented their reports to the members for ratification.

President Vaidya concluded the AGM with highlight of upcoming activities.

The AGM and New Year BBQ was attended by approximately 70 people.

### **Bal Diwas: Children's Day**

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) celebrated Bal Diwas 2006 on Saturday, 20 August 2005 (B.S. Bhadra 4, 2062) to mark Bal Diwas in Nepal. The program, held in a community hall in Melbourne, was attended by hundreds of Nepalese including mostly children and their parents. The program which was organised for the second time in Melbourne, Australia, was aimed at bringing together children of Nepalese families living in Melbourne and to nurture Nepalese culture amongst the ever-growing new generation of Nepalese.

To keep the children busy for the day, various games and activities were organised including art drawing, picture colouring, passing the parcel, musical chair and mini-football. Children wearing Nepalese costume showed their catwalk skills in the first ever Kids Fashion Parade.

### **Raju Lama: Live in Melbourne**

NAV in association with Non Resident Nepali (NRN)- National Coordination Committee in Australia organised a live concert "Raju Lama: Live in Melbourne" on Sunday, 30 April 2006 in Brunswick, Victoria. The objective of the concert was to promote the role and activities of NRN Australia in Victoria.

### **Dashain Tihar 2006: Recreating Memories of Nepal**

Dashain and Tihar (festival of light) are two such auspicious national festivals in the Nepalese annual calendar, celebrated by Nepalese of all caste and creed throughout the country. To mark the occasion, NAV organised the event "Dashain Tihar 2006" on Saturday, 22 October 2006 at Hawthorn Town Hall in Hawthorn. The festival this year is themed "Dashain Tihar 2006: Recreating Memories of Nepal."

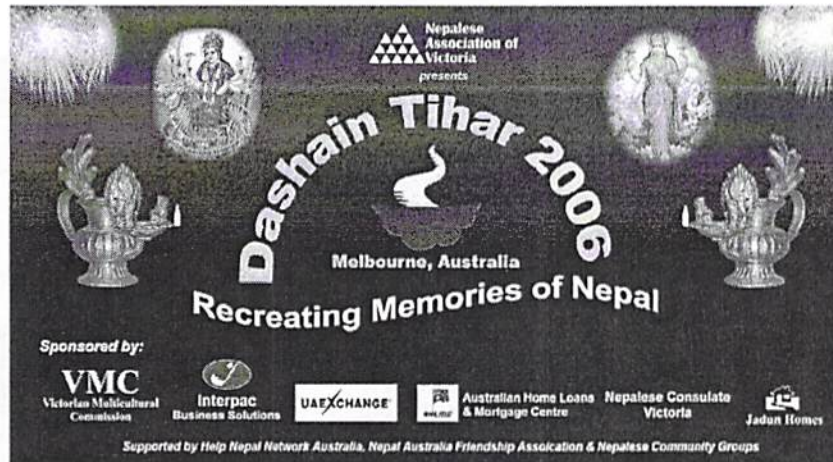
The highlight of the day-long festival was colourful, vibrant and powerful cultural performances by various artists in Victoria. The program included Indigenous dances, traditional Nepalese dance performed by local artists. The cultural program was clearly aimed to celebrate rich multiculturalism in Victorian.



## Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2006/2007

The festival also included Ethnic Fashion Parade, handicraft stalls, Puja Room (Worship room) and Nepalese Food Stalls.

The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr Simon Hill, Honorary Nepalese Consul (VIC & TAS).



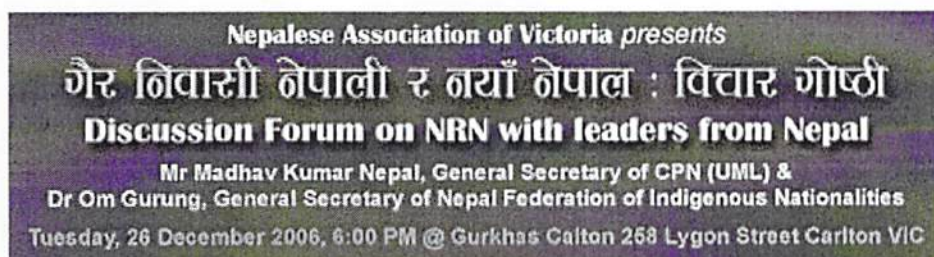
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NAV Cup Cricket Championship

The second NAV Cup Cricket Championship was held on Saturday, 10 April 2005 at Clifton Park, Victoria Street, Brunswick. The match was organised to coincide with the celebration of Nepalese New Year 2062. The match was held between Brunswick Blues and Melbourne Titans (otherwise known as rest of Melbourne). The Brunswick Blues claimed the victory after a nail-biting finish. NAV president Ranjan Vaidya presented winners with the NAV cup and medals.

### Discussion forum with leaders from Nepal

Well known political figure and General Secretary of Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Mr Madhav Kumar Nepal and intellectual figure General Secretary of the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities, Dr Om Gurung visited Australia in December 2006.

During their visit, Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) welcomed the prominent leaders to Melbourne and organised a **Discussion Forum** between the visiting leaders and the Nepalese Community in Victoria on **26th December, 2006**. The objectives of the discussion forum is to show solidarity to issues raised by NRNA regarding NRN issues such as dual citizenship, property rights in Nepal and more, and to receive fresh news from Nepal on the landmark peace deal between alliance of Seven Party and the Maoists.



## Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2006/2007

### Help Nepal Network Australia Tour 2007: Melbourne Concert

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) in association with Help Nepal Network Australia (HeNNA) organised a live concert in Melbourne titled "Help Nepal Network Australia Tour 2007" on Sunday, 17 September 2006. The concert is a showcase of popular music artists and musicians from Nepal who were touring Australia to raise funds for HeNNA and to promote tourism in Nepal.

Nepalese Association of Victoria

Help Nepal Network Australia

**AUSTRALIA TOUR '06**

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Report presented by: Sudhir Shakya, General Secretary, April 2007



## NRN Activities

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### Involvement of NAV in Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) Australia Activities

NAV has shown its commitment to support the cause of NRN Association and made its present since the first National NRN-Australia conference held in Sydney on 10 July 2005.

Following activities were held in Melbourne for the cause of NRN:

- Discussion Forum to identify the direction for NRN-movement in Melbourne and to establish ways for Nav to actively participate in NRN-Australia at national level
- Raju Lama concert to increase awareness of NRN in Melbourne
- Discussion with the prominent leaders of Nepal in the context of giving political recognition to NRN movement in coming constitutional assembly
- Expression of interest to hold the next national conference of NRN-Australia in Melbourne.

There is a representation of following positions in NRN-Australia from State of Victoria.

Vice President	1
Members	3
Advisors	3

This will be the allocation of quota in NRN-Australia for Victoria in coming 2 years term as well.

The next national NRN-Australia meeting is taking place in Sydney around on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Focus of the conference will be on the election of the NRN Australia Executive Committee, nomination/selection of Australian representatives to NRN International Coordination Committee (ICC), discussing the draft NRN acts, the dual citizenship, initiating NRN project in Nepal and discussing issues to be raised during the NRN ICC Third Global Conference which will be held on October 2007 in Kathmandu.

Also there will be an update on the establishment and operation of Nepalese Embassy in Canberra.

Any member of the Nepalese Community in Australia is welcome to attend the conference. Contact persons from Victoria for the conference are:

- Mr. Chandra Yonzon, NRN Australia Vice President (VIC)
- Mr. Promod Khatiwada, NRN Australia Exec. Member (VIC)

## Ongoing Activities

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### Melbourne Chautari

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Melbourne Chautari is managed by a team of volunteers, who are members of Nepalese Association of Victoria.

**Melbourne Chautari now runs for an hour.**

## Summary of Financial Statements

Annual Financial Report for the period April 2006- March 2007

Prepared by: Surendra Sedhai, Treasurer

### Income

#### A. Government Grants

VMC \$ 1,000.00

#### B. Events

Membership \$ 670.00

Raju Lama Concert \$ 4,050.00

Bal Diwas Program \$ 2,660.00

Dashain Festival Celebration \$ 6,678.00

**Total Income** \$15,058.00

### Expenses

#### C. Events

New Year 2063 \$ 2,249.00

Raju Lama Concert \$ 3,265.60

Bal Diwas Program \$ 1,896.00

Dashain Festival Celebration \$ 4,203.69

#### D. Administrative cost

Stationary & others \$ 249.00

Post Box renewal \$ 159.00

Webcity website hosting \$ 175.00

Public liability insurance \$ 575.00

Bank Charges \$ 120.00

Telephone bill \$ 350.00

CAV annual report \$ 36.70

#### E. Radio Related Expenses

Radio 3CR \$ 760.00

#### F. Others

Moreland city council \$ 100.00

Discussion forum \$ 259.85

Eastern warrior cricket club \$ 400.00

Umpire fee Sydney vs Melbourne Cricket Match \$ 80.00

**Total Expenses** \$14,878.84

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**Total Surplus Revenue** **\$ 179.00**



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### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Balance carried forward from 2005/06		\$ 3,791.20
Total Surplus Revenue 2006/2007	(+)	\$ 179.00
Total		<b>\$ 3,970.20</b>
Cash Receivable	(-)	\$ 500.00
(Australian Mortgage Insurance)		
<b>Total Cash with NAV</b>		<b>\$ 3,470.20</b>

Cash in Bank		\$ 3,018.20
Petty Cash	(+)	\$ 452.00
Total Assets		
(Jewellery, Artist cloths, Diyo etc)	(+)	\$ 3,019.00
<b>Total Asset with NAV (Cash + Assets)</b>		<b>\$ 6,489.20</b>

## Acknowledgements

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We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our event sponsors for their support and financial contribution. Their ongoing assistance is highly appreciated.

Most importantly thank you to all members for their continuous support.

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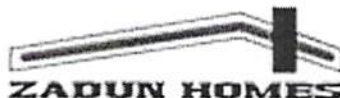
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