



**Nepalese
Association of
Victoria**

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Annual Report

2012

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About this report

The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2011/12 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the financial year ending June 2012.

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 or by mail GPO Box 2537 Melbourne 3000.

Message from the President

Namaste,

On behalf of Nepalese Association of Victoria executive committee, I would like to wish you all very happy Dashain & Tihar.

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.

Continuation of Melbourne Chautari radio program for mass media in Nepalese language, Annual Bal Diwas event focusing on our children, Annual Gurkhas Cricket Cup organised by NAV to promote sports and friendship, raising profile of Dashain and Tihar program to share our culture with other Australians, Teej Festival for Nepalese women ,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.

New addition with an initiative and support of NAV is weekly Nepalese Cultural Dance Class run by Ms. Prativa Mishra and Nepalese Language class by some volunteer for our young children.

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, Teej Festival and Gurkhas Cricket 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.

I personally would like to thank serving office holders and advisors for their continued support. I would also like to extend our gratitude to our sister organizations Help Nepal Network Australia and Nepal Australia Friendship Association, Gurkhas Association and Yeti Soccer Club in Victoria, other Community associations, 3CR radio management team and Solangture.

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

Thank you

Bom Yonzon
President
Nepalese Association of Victoria

About Nepalese Association of Victoria

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 2011/2012

President:	Bom Yonzon
Vice President:	Mahesh Bhandari
General Secretary:	Bijaya Budhathoki
Treasurer:	Mahesh Mainali
Joint Secretary:	Saroj Sharma
Media Coordinator:	Dipesh Chaulagain

Committee Member:	Saroj Koirala
	Sunil Ranjit
	Hari Khadka
	Krishna Neupane
	Mahadev Dhanuk
	Jitendra Singh Niraula
	Om Prasad Upreti
	Surya Mani Pandey

Advisors:	Naresh Poudel (Vacant)
	Hon. Con. Mr. Chandra Yonzon
	Dr Raju Adhikari
	Mr. Ranjan Vaidya
	Dr. Deepak Pant
	Mr. Jog Limbu
	Mr. Bharanser Rai
	Mr. Raju Shakya
	Mr. Tonnou Gurung
	Mr. Ganesh B Shrestha
	Mr. Laxmi Adhikari
	Mr. Diwakar Basnet
	Mr. Sudhir Shakya
	Mr. Bholu Giri
	Mr. Madan K Dhungel
	Mr. Rajan K Basnet

Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2011/2012

New Year Celebration 2069 and Gala Dinner 2012

NAV celebrated New Year with a Gala Dinner with sports prize distribution on 14 April 2012 at Laila Reception, Brunswick with around 150 attendees.

The sports event was organized throughout the month January to April like Basket ball, Tennis, Golf, Cricket etc where there was participation of both youth and old. Prize distribution of whole sports events was included in Gala Dinner.

The highlight of the evening program was Concert from renowned singers **Uday and Manila Solang** from Nepal and cultural dance by Prativa and Group.

The program commenced with the President Bom Yonzon welcoming all members and attendees with his opening speech.

Annual NAV Gurkhas Cup Cricket Championship 2011-2012

The NAV Cup Cricket Championship was held on Sunday, 04 February 2012 at Fleming Park Oval Cricket ground, Brunswick. The event was held with BBQ to all the players and attendees. NAV Vice president Mahesh Bhandari presented the NAV cup and medals to the winners.

Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2069

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 and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh" on Sunday, 23 October 2011, at Coburg Town hall, 99 Bell Street, Coburg VIC 3058 from 3:00 pm.

Also Program highlight was colourful, vibrant and powerful cultural performances by various artists in Victoria, delicious Nepalese Food and Dj at the end. The cultural program was clearly aimed to celebrate rich multiculturalism in Victorian.

Teej Festival 2011

Teej is the fasting festival of women in Nepal. It falls in the month of August or early September. Married women observe Teej fast to honour Lord Shiva and for long and healthy life of their husband. Unmarried girls also observe fast on this day for a good husband.

NAV organised Teej Festival Program on Saturday, 27 August 2011 at Cyprus Community Hall, 495 Lygon Street.

Program included Professional photography by **Solangture**, Delicious food and Dance floor with Teej local music.

Ongoing Activities

Melbourne Chautari

Melbourne Chautari is the only Nepalese language radio program in Victoria. The program runs every Thursday from 9:00 PM –10.00 PM on 3CR community radio station on the frequency 855 AM. Melbourne Chautari is committed to bring infotainment and entertainment to the Nepalese population living in Victoria.

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

Cultural Nepalese Dance and Language Class run by Ms. Prativa Mishra and volunteers regularly on Wednesday from 6:00 pm at 8-10 Cross Street, West Footscray, VIC in Central Australian College Premises.

Summary of Financial Statements

Annual Financial Report for the period July 2011- June 2012

Prepared by: Mahesh Mainali, Treasurer and Bijaya Budhathoki, Secretary

INCOME (in AU dollars)

Membership	670.00
Baal Diwas 2011	670.00
Teej Festival 2011	9520.00
Melbourne Chautari Radio Thorn 2011	1100.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2011	5060.00
Registration Fees & Sponsorship from Sports Activities	3013.00
Nepal New Year 2069 and NAV Gala Dinner 2012	7,600.00
VMC Grant 2011	2700.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$30,333.00

EXPENSES (in AU Dollars)

Events Expenses

Baal Diwas 2011	786.71
Teej Festival 2011	8060.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiothon 2011	1700.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2011	3557.80
NAV Sports Event 2011-2012	2324.16
Nepal New Year 2069 and NAV Gala Dinner 2012	11091.00

Total Events Expenses

\$27,519.67

Administrative Expenses

Bank Fees	72.00
ECCV Membership 2011-2012	55.00
Travel Allowances- Pratibha Dance	485.35
Consumer Victoria- Annual report	42.80
Miscellaneous	29.99

Total Administrative Expenses

\$ 685.14

Total Income	30333.00
Total Expenses	28204.81
TOTAL SURPLUS	2128.19

Emergency Fund Raised & Disbursed

Pratib Tuladhar Nakarmi

\$315.30

Current Bank Balance on 30.06.2012

\$2128.19

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our event sponsors, media partners, and local communities for their support, motivation, encouragement and financial contribution. Their ongoing assistance is highly appreciated.

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