



**Nepalese  
Association of  
Victoria**

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# **Annual Report**

## **2013**

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## About this report

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The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2012/13 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the financial year ending June 2013.

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 take this opportunity to warm welcome to this historic AGM 2013 to all members.

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.

First of all, I would like to start with 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Melbourne Chautari radio program to give token of appreciation and thank you to founder and all serving volunteers for their tireless service to first Nepalese language Radio program "Melbourne Chautari".

Annual Bal Diwas event focusing on our children, Annual Gurkhas Cricket Cup organised by NAV to promote sports and friendship within the youth community members, NAV Community Excellence Awards and Gala Dinner to solute all community volunteers all the year without tireless sacrifice their valuable times away from family and home, raising profile of Dashain and Tihar program to share our culture diversity and strengthening with VMC, ECCV and other Australians Society, 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 and ongoing addition with an initiative and support of NAV is weekly Nepalese Cultural Dance Class run by Ms. Prativa Mishra and Nepalese Language class by Medina Dahal in CAC, West Footscray, Rajnu Shrestha in Moreland City Council & Usha karki Dhamala in Darebin City Council for our young children.

This is my opportunity to share and announce a good and excited news of our long waited Nepalese Books Collection corner in Moreland City Council Library is in final stage and will available by November 2013. This project is full funded by Moreland City Council. Obviously the credit goes to Ex President & Advisor Ranjan Vaidhya, Advisor Raju Shakya, Ex Member Pesal Luitel & coordinator Anupam sayar and all "Sahityik Sangit Jamghat" Team to strong voice of our language and literature advocacy in community.

Obviously, there are much works that remains to be done. As I look ahead, for me and the team in particular, Federation of Australian Nepalese Association (FANA) to advocate all Nepalese in Australia, institutionalisation of emergency fund with NRNA (Welfare Fund) mainly focus to overseas Nepalese students, establishment of Nepalese Culture Centre in Victoria (NCCV) and Temple with religious Teacher & facilities, NAV Excellence Awards and its continuation, 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, my colleagues and advisors for their continued support in my four and half years presidency in NAV. Without your trust and support, I wouldn't be able to get this golden opportunity to serve my community. I would also like to extend our gratitude to Nepalese Consulate of Victoria, VMC, ECCV, Moreland City Council, Darebin City Council, other Community associations, Event management Teams, Media Teams, 3CR radio management team.

And most importantly, sincere thanks to all members of the community, whom we thrive to serve. Lets make one voice "Our Community, Our Strength"

Thank you

Bom Yonzon  
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 2011/2012

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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
	Sunil Bhandari
	Krishna Neupane
	Mahadev Dhanuk
	Saurab Baid
	Om Prasad Upreti
	Surya Mani Pandey
	Hariram Soni

Advisors:	Hon. Con. Mr. Chandra Yonzon
	Dr Raju Adhikari
	Mr. Ranjan Vaidya
	Dr. Deepak Pant
	Mr. Jog Limbu
	Mr. Bharansar Rai
	Mr. Raju Shakya
	Mr. Tonnou Gurung
	Mr. Ganesh B Shrestha
	Mr. Laxmi Adhikari
	Mr. Diwakar Basnet
	Mr. Sudhir Shakya
	Mr. Bhola Giri
	Mr. Madan K Dhungel
	Mr. Rajan K Basnet

## **Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) Activity 2012/2013**

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### **New Year Celebration 2013 with NAV Excellence Awards & Gala Dinner 2013**

NAV celebrated New Year with Excellence Awards & Gala Dinner on 12 May 2013 at Thornbury Theatre, Thornbury with around 200 attendees. The highlight of the evening program was awarded to community volunteers from various areas of exceptional outstanding performance throughout the year and cultural dance by local artists.

The program commenced with the short history of NAV since its inception and President Bom Yonzon welcoming invited guests, seniors members, all members and attendees with his opening speech.

The event was fully managed by Solangtute and main sponsor was AECC.

### **Community Sports Carnivals 2013 in and around the Victoria 2013;**

The sports event was organized throughout the month January to April like Volleyball, Basketball, Table Tennis, Golf, Cricket etc where there was participation of both youth, women, Children and seniors. About 350 players were took parts in sports and more than 1000 spectators were whiteness in all sports events. Prizes distribution of each sport was concluded at the end of event. Thank you to Sujit Basnet of Westside United, Jog Limbu & Madhu Pokhrel of Eastern Warriors, Sunod Shrestha of S Events & Multimedia, Mahesh Shrestha of United Football Club, Tara Gaire & Fom Thapa of Northern United Club, Prakash Moktan of Tamang Society, Machhindra Limbu of Gurkha Nepalese Community of Victoria & Dinesh Pun of Kanchha kanchhi to coordinate the events successfully.

### **NAV Gurkhas Cricket Cup Championship 2013**

The NAV Gurkhas Cricket Cup Championship was held on Sunday, 04 March 2013 at Fleming Park Oval Cricket ground, East Brunswick. The event was held with BBQ to all the players and attendees. NAV President Bom Yonzon & senior members of the community presented the NAV cup and medals to the winners.

### **NAV Teej Mela (Festival) for Women 2013**

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, 20 September 2013 at 859 High Street, The Thornbury Theatre. The highlight of evening was Special guest appearance Erin Holland Miss World Australia with more than 500 colourful women from around the Victoria. The whole evening was fully entertain in high pitch swing with dance, song and music of first ever women DJ Archana Tamang. The main Sponser was AECC & the program included Professional photography by **Solangtute**, Delicious foods was supply by Down Under Curry & BAPS Catering.

### **Children's Day (Baal Diwas) 2013**

The Children's Day (Baal Diwas) 2012 was organized by Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) once in a year since 2003 to pay respect, care and attention to our very young children in our community. According to the Nepali Calander UNICEF Nepal Celebrates 23rd National Children's Day during the mid of September this year. The program was successfully conducted



in 43A De Carle Street, Brunswick on 21 September 2013, Saturday from 12-5pm. The highlight of program was face painting, talent show, quiz and sports activities with prize and certificate presentation by Chief guest Deputy Mayor Lita Gillies from Moreland City Council, Nepalese Consulate general of Victoria Mr Chandra Yonzon, senior members of the community, organising committee members and parents were in full support to sacrifice one day to their children. NAV provided free BBQ, drinks prizes and certificate to all participants children. The program, venue, date and time are as follows.

## **Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) Ongoing Projects & Activities**

### **Melbourne Chautari Radio (MCR)**

Melbourne Chautari Radio 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 NAV with a team of volunteers, who are the advisors, ex committee members & members of Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV).

### **Nepalese Language & Culture Class (NLCC)**

Nepalese Language & Culture Class is managed by NAV with the team of volunteers, who are the advisors, ex committee members and volunteer member of the community. There are three different classes currently running on weekly and forth nightly basis in West Footscray, Coburg & Preston. Sincere thanks goes to the trainers Ms Prativa Mishra, Mohini Dahal, Ranju Shrestha, Usha Dhamala karki & Fom Thapa for their voluntary contribution to the community for their service. This chapter can't be concluded without extend our big thank you to Sachin Yonzon CEO of CAC College, Moreland City Council & Darebin City Council to sponsor the venue and resources we need to run the classes.

### **Nepalese Cultural Centre in Victoria (NCCV)**

The committee formed under the NAV has second phase discussion forum concluded to make the concert vision of Nepalese Cultural Centre in Victoria (NCCV). The committee is continuing its program to make excess and put each and every member forward his/her opinion to final approval of the project. It will make its dream in reality within 2-5 years with Mandir with Pujari in Nepalese Cultural Centre in Victoria (NCCV).

### **Federation of Australian Nepalese Association (FANA)**

Due to the fast growing community members in Victoria alone around 15 Thousand and in whole Australia around 60-70 Thousand, NAV executive Team and senior members of the community has realised a Australia wide organisation in last eighteen months. Due to the results, NAV conducted two workshops with Federation of Australian Nepalese Association (FANA) concept. The committee will form in near future under the NAV and will come to the dream in reality within the year ahead. The senior members and expertise will work hard to establish this organisation to lead all Nepalese leaving in Australia to advocate language, culture and one voice of all Nepalese in Australia.

### **Community Sports for Health and Wealth (CSHW)**

Prevention is better than care. If you are healthy and active, you can make other more active. The community sports carnivals proved that it is only the medicine of day to day healthy, active and happy life. All groups and ages, women and men, children and old, everyone can enjoy the sports to make healthy, happy and active life for ever in you experience throughout the life. NAV will continue those events from Jan-April each year to conclude with Nepalese New Year for NAV Excellence Awards & Gala Dinner.

## Summary of Financial Statements

Annual Financial Report for the period 01 July 2012- 30 June 2013

Prepared by: Mahesh Mainali, Treasurer and Bom Yonzon, President

### INCOME (in AU dollars)

Membership	620.00
Baal Diwas 2012	850.00
Teej Festival 2012	13,450.00
Melbourne Chautari Radio Thorn 2012	1,152.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2012	8,050.00
Registration Fees & Sponsorship from Sports Activities	1,525.00
NAV Excellence Awards & Gala Dinner 2013	8,500.00
VMC Grant 2012/2013	4,500.00
Bring Fd from previous Year (Current Bank Balance)	2,128.19
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$40,775.19</b>

### EXPENSES (in AU Dollars)

<b>Events Expenses</b>	
Baal Diwas 2012	740.00
Teej Festival 2012	8,060.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiothon 2012	1,800.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2012	7,841.00
NAV Sports Event/Prizes -2013	5,523.00
NAV Excellence Awards & Gala Dinner 2013 (Nepal New Year 2070)	6,090.00
<b>Total Events Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,054.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
NAV Insurance 2013	760.00
ECCV Membership 2013-2014	55.00
Administration Cost	3,886.00
Consumer Victoria- Annual report	44.00
Miscellaneous	87.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,832.00</b>
Late Pradeep Family's Help Fund	1,500.00
Total Income	40,775.19
Total Expenses	36,386.00
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>4389.19</b>

**Current Bank Balance on 30.06.2012**

**\$2128.19**



## Acknowledgements

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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.