



Annual Report 2014

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About this report

The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2013/14 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

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 PO Box 12337 A'Beckett Street VIC 3000.

Message from the President

Namaste (नमस्ते) and Season's Greetings!

On behalf of Nepalese Association of Victoria executive committee, it gives me an enormous pleasure to present you the annual report of NAV.

As we all know, Nepalese community in Victoria has grown 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, have tried their best to fulfilled their obligation and expectations.

On behalf of the current executive committee, I would like to congratulate immediate Past President Mr Bom Yonzon and his team for the magnificent contribution made to the organisation and our community during 2013/14.

NAV organised several programs in the financial year 2013/14. NAV organised Annual Bal Diwas (Children's Day) Program focusing on our children; Annual Gurkhas Cup Cricket Tournament and several sports activities to promote sports and friendship within the youth community members; Dashain and Tihar program to share our culture diversity and strengthening with VMC, ECCV and other Australians community; Teej Festival for Nepalese women; Nepalese New Year program to introduce the new executive committee and Bal Chautari program to engage our children in cultural activities.

On of the key achievement of our community this year is the establishment of Nepalese Books Collection in Moreland City Council Coburg Library 15 April 2014. This project is full funded by Moreland City Council. Credit for this achievement goes to Past Presidents Ranjan Vaidya and Bom Yonzon, Advisor Raju Shakya, Peshal Luitel, Anupam Sayar and all Sahityik Sangit Jamghat team.

Another achievement for our community this year is the establishment and incorporation of a not-for-profit organisation: Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC). ANMC is a joint initiative of NAV and NRNA Australia (VIC) supported by all Nepalese community organisations and passionate individuals. ANMC will undertake the responsibility of establishment, operation and management of our own community centre.

Let's not forget our own radio program Melbourne Chautari, the first Nepalese language Radio program. My team and I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Lok Rai, Rupesh and their team for their unparallel commitment to keep the radio program operational.

Our programs and activities wouldn't have been successful with the support of our community, volunteers and our sponsors. NAV would like to extend our gratitude to Nepalese Consulate of Victoria, VMC, ECCV, Moreland City Council, Darebin City Council, NRNA Victoria, other community associations for their ongoing support. NAV would also like to thanks all its sponsors, media teams, 3CR radio management team for their continued support. We are confident that your contribution will remain robust as ever. And most importantly, sincere thanks to all NAV members and members of our community, whom we thrive to serve. Our Community, Our Strength.

Thank you and Namaste (नमस्ते)

Sudhir Shakya
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
- Promote and preserve Nepalese language, culture and heritage through various community project and programs
- Contribution to the Victorian multiculturalism by showcasing Nepalese culture and traditional festivities such as Dashain & Tihar, Nepalese New Year, Teej (women's festival)
- Facilitate & support establishment of facilities like Nepalese culture centre, language school & library
- Foster unity, inclusiveness and social harmony by building stronger ties with other CALD communities in Victoria
- Represent and advocate interest of Nepalese community to councils, other ethnic communities and relevant government bodies
- Provide a support mechanism for members of Nepalese community at times of need

Executive Committee 2014/2015

President:	Sudhir Shakya
Vice President:	Surendra Sedhai Deepa Rai
Secretary:	Manisha Rai
Treasurer:	Ranjan Shrivastav
Joint Secretary:	Fom Thapa Magar
Committee Member:	Bishnu Dabadi Gautam Lamichhane Keshav Kandel Tara Gaire Kusum Pokharel Ram Kadel Sunil Bhandari
Advisors:	Bam Gurung Bhola Giri Bom Yonzon Chandra Yonzon Dr Jagadish Timilsina Durga Acharya Ganesh Bhakta Shrestha Jog Limbu Mahesh Bhandari Raju Shakya Ram Kumar Shrestha Rishi Kandel Tonnou Gurung
Presidential Council:	Dr Raju Adhikari Ranjan Vaidya Dr. Deepak Pant Bom Yonzon

Executive Committee 2013/2014

President:	Bom Yonzon
Vice President:	Mahesh Bhandari
General Secretary:	Bijaya Budhathoki
Treasurer:	Mahesh Mainali
Joint Secretary:	Saroj Sharma
Committee Member:	Saroj Koirala Sunil Ranjit Sunil Bhandari Krishna Neupane Mahadev Dhanuk Saurab Baid Om Prasad Upreti Surya Mani Pandey Hariram Soni Dipesh Chaulagain
Advisors:	Chandra Yonzon Dr Raju Adhikari Ranjan Vaidya Dr. Deepak Pant Jog Limbu Bharanser Rai Raju Shakya Tonnou Gurung Ganesh B Shrestha Laxmi Adhikari Diwakar Basnet Sudhir Shakya Bhola Giri Madan K Dhungel Rajan K Basnet

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) Activity 2013/2014

Children's Day (Baal Diwas) 2013

The Children's Day (Baal Diwas) 2013 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. 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.

NAV Teej Mela (Festival) for Women 2013

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 women from around the Victoria. The whole evening was fully entertained by dances, songs and music by female DJ Archana Tamang. The main sponsor was AECC & the program included professional photography by Solangture, delicious foods was supply by Down Under Curry & BAPS Catering.

NAV Gurkhas Cup Cricket Tournament 2013

The NAV Gurkhas Cup Cricket Tournament 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. The Himalayan Club was the winner of the NAV Gurkhas Cup Cricket 2013.

New Year Celebration 2071: Meet and Greet Program

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) organised the New Year 2071: Meet & Greet program in Melbourne on Sunday 27th of April 2014 to celebrate Nepalese New Year 2071. The program was an opportunity to exchange New Year greetings with the Nepalese Community and the leaders & members of other communities and organisations and to meet the new NAV team to the community.

The program was attended by the guests Chairman of the Victoria Multicultural Commission (VMC) Mr. Chin Tan, Assistant Commissioner of Victoria Police Mr. Andrew Crisp, Superintend Mr Mick Hermans, President of the Non Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) Mr. Shesh Ghale and the CEO of Australian Vietnamese Women Association (AVWA) Ms Cam Nguyen. The past presidents of NAV and the leaders of the various ethnic Nepalese communities were among the special guests. This was the first official program organised by the newly elected Executive Committee

Nepali collection in Moreland City Council Library

Moreland City Council launched the Nepali Collection section in the Coburg Library in Coburg (Victoria) amid an official inauguration program held at the library on Tuesday, 15 April 2014. As an inaugural collection, five hundred books, periodicals, DVDs and local Nepalese newspapers have been made available for borrowing from the library. The initiative comes as a result of a year long perseverance of Nepalese Association of Victoria, Bhutanese Senior Citizen Club and some community individuals. The facility now attributes to the large number of Nepalese living around Moreland City Council.

NAV would like to thank Moreland Council, Rita Hardy Past Presidents Ranjan Vaidya and Bom Yonzon, Advisor Raju Shakya, Peshal Luitel, Anupam Sayar and all Sahityik Sangit Jamghat team. for their collective effort in making this happen, he added.

People with Nepalese origin occupy over one percent of total population of Moreland city council and the Nepali collection at Coburg Library is expected to be instrumental in keeping them connected to Nepali language and literature.

Community Sports Activities

NAV organized several sports events in collaboration with local sports clubs in the first half of 2014.

The 4th Annual Victorian Badminton tournament hosted by the Nepalese Association of Victoria in collaboration with Eastern Warriors concluded with grand success. The two-day Badminton tournament, organized with the purpose of encouraging youth to play sports and to bring together the Nepalese community, was held at Vermont South Sports Link. The tournament held on 12th and 13th of April this year had Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles disciplines. The competition had over 70 enthusiastic participants over 40 and under 14 years of age.

The 2014 NAV-TWGG International Golf Tournament organised by Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) took place at the Morack Public Golf Course from 29th-30th April 2014. It was a successful tournament, with a total of 19 players taking part. Since its inception in 2011, the tournament has grown from just a handful of senior players participating, to a flurry of new young talent taking the reins in an ever growing sport in the Nepalese community in Victoria.

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) Ongoing Projects & Activities

Melbourne Chautari Radio

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).

Bal Chautari & Culture Class

NAV ran Bal Chautari & Culture Classes for the children of Nepalese heritage. The program aims to engage children in cultural activities like Nepalese songs, dances and languages. The program is funded by the grant from Darebin City Council for venue at Darebin Intercultural Centre Preston. The Program is run every Saturdays. Children from this program have performed in several programs organised by NAV.

Nepalese Cultural Centre in Victoria

The committee form under the NAV continued its discussion forum to materialise the vision of Nepalese Cultural Centre in Victoria. In 2013, a broader committee was formed presenting key representatives from the community, including NRNA Victoria, to move this forward this project. In 2014, NAV and NRNA Australia (Victoria) jointly announced the establishment and incorporation of a not-for-profit organisation: Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC). ANMC is a joint initiative of NAV and NRNA Australia (VIC) supported by all Nepalese community organisations and passionate individuals. The sole objective of ANMC is to undertake the responsibility of establishment, operation and management of our own community centre. It is very important to clarify that ANMC is NOT another parallel community organisation but a mutual collaboration and aspiration of the whole community with distinct objectives.

Summary of Financial Statement

Annual Financial Report for the period 1 July 2013- 30 June 2014

INCOME	
Membership	5,050.00
Baal Diwas 2013	715.00
Teej Festival 2013	11,700.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiothone 2012	800.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2013	5,127.00
Nepal New Year 2071: Meet & Greet	1,000.00
NAV Sports Activities	4,900.00
TOTAL INCOME	29,292.00
EXPENSES	
Events Expenses	
Baal Diwas 2013	1,075.00
Teej Festival 2013	11,350.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiothone 2013	1,400.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2013	5,350.00
NAV Sports Activities 2013	5,181.00
Nepal New Year 2071: Meet & Greet	1,959.00
Total Events Expenses	26,315.00
Administrative Expenses	
Bank Fees	144.00
NAV Insurance 2013	769.00
ECCV Membership 2013-2014	55.00
Consumer Victoria- Annual report lodgement	49.00
Community Radio Federation	175.00
3CR Membership	265.00
Total Administrative Expenses	1,457.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	1,520.00
FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2013	4,731.00
Surplus from programs	1,520.00
VMC Grant for Nepal Festival 2014*	6,000.00
Closing Balance as at 30 June 2014	12,251.00
<i>*payable to NRNA VIC</i>	
Net Cash Asset as at 30 June 2014	6,251.00

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.

