



Annual Report 2016

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From NAV President

Dear members,

Nepalese Association of Victoria tried its best to live up to community expectation in the financial year 2015-2016 as well. On one hand it continued its tradition of maintaining various cultural activities and sporting activities, and on the other hand NAV has taken awareness, capacity building and support activities on the next level. In addition to that we supported our local artists in organizing a musical night and at the same time worked tirelessly with rest of the Victorian community to raise funds for support and redevelopment activities in Nepal in the aftermath of the massive earthquake in Nepal in April May 2015. NAV also recognized various members of society for their contribution to Nepalese Australian community as well as community at large.

NAV also conducted a series of workshop in the second half of 2015 to realign NAV's vision, mission and future directions to address community needs in the context of much larger Nepalese population in Victoria as compared to when NAV was formed a couple of decades ago.

More than three quarter of 2015-2016 saw contribution of the previous executive committee headed by Mr Sudhir Shakya. Current team of NAV expresses sincere gratitude to the previous team as well as the advisor body for 2014-2016 for giving us a sound foundation and direction. NAV also thanks its members for trusting us as the largest organization of Nepalese population in Victoria.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Anupam Pokharel
President,
Nepalese Association of Victoria
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1. About NAV

Nepalese Association of Victoria was established in 1997 with an aim to promote the interest of all the people of Nepalese origin living in Victoria (Australia) and promote Nepalese culture, heritage and goodwill between Australia and Nepal.

Our Objective

- Act as contact point for all residents, new migrants, students and visitors.
- Provide platform for all members to gather and work together to achieve main objective of the Association.
- Provide best possible assistance to members.
- Promote and develop links with other community associations in Victoria and establish cultural ties and goodwill.
- Enhance community awareness towards the Association.
- Run programs to promote goodwill between two countries.
- Work in close cooperation with the office of Honorary Nepalese consulate in Victoria.
- Establish amenities to flourish Nepali language and culture.

2. Governance

2.1. Executive Committee 2016-18

2.1.1. President	Dr. Anupam Pokharel
2.1.2. Vice-President	Tara Gaire
2.1.3. Vice-President	-
2.1.4. Secretary	Norgen Norboo Moktan
2.1.5. Treasurer	Santosh Pandey
2.1.6. Joint Secretary	-
2.1.7. Committee Member	Dhawa Lama Shweta Bohora Bharat Tiwari Resika KC Anup Rana Tilak Pokharel
<i>Manisha Rai (Vice-President) and Abhishek KC (EC) resigned</i>	

2.2. Advisory Committee 2016-18

*2.2.1. Presidential Council
(Council of Past
Presidents)*

Dr. Raju Adhikari
Ranjan Vaidhya
Dr. Deepak Raj Panta
Bom Yonzan
Sudhir Shakya

2.2.2. Advisors

Chandra Yonzan
Keshav Kandel
Deepa Rai
Jog Limbu
Ram Chandra Sapkota
Surendra Sedhai
Mohan Rana
Anamika Rai
Laxmi Pokhrel
Shree Pant
Sunil Bhandari
Bhim Neupane
Dr. Ugendra Regmi
Dikpal Dev Pangen

2.3. Executive Committee 2014/2015

<i>2.3.1. President</i>	Sudhir Shakya
<i>2.3.2. Vice President</i>	Deepa Rai Surendra Sedhai
<i>2.3.3. Secretary</i>	Manisha Rai
<i>2.3.4. Treasurer</i>	Ranjan Shreevastav
<i>2.3.5. Joint Secretary</i>	Fom Thapa Magar
<i>2.3.6. Committee Member</i>	Bishnu Dabadi * Gautam Lamichane Keshav Kandel* Tara Gaire Kusum Pokharel Ram Kadel Sunil Bhandari
<i>*Resigned Members</i>	

2.4. Advisory Committee 2014-16

<i>2.4.1. Presidential Council (Council of Past Presidents)</i>	Dr. Raju Adhikari Ranjan Vaidhya Dr Deepak Raj Panta Bom Yonzan
<i>2.4.2. Advisors</i>	Bam Gurung Bhola Giri Chandra Yonzan Dr Anupam Pokhrel Dr Chandra Deepak Pokharel Dr Jagadish Timsina Durga Acharya Ganesh Bhakta Shrestha Jog Limbu Dr. Mahesh Bhandari Raju Shakya Ram Kumar Shrestha Rishi Kandel Tonnou Gurung

2.5. NAV Subcommittees (2016-18)

2.5.1. Events Subcommittee

Chair: Manisha Rai Co-chair: Santosh Pandey
Members: Dhawa Lama, Abhisekh KC, Resika KC, Norgen Norboo Moktan

2.5.2. Sports subcommittee

Chair: Tara Gaire Co-chair: Abhisekh KC
Members: Bharat Tiwari, Anup Rana

2.5.3. Support and Awareness Subcommittee

Chair: Dr Anupam Pokharel Co-chair: Tilak Pokharel
Members: Santosh Pandey, Resika KC, Anup Rana, Shweta Bohora

2.5.4. Language and Culture Subcommittee

Chair: Tara Gaire Co-chair: Shweta Bohora
Members: Norgen Norboo Moktan
Members from outside the Executive Committee: Pitambar Koirala (Bal Chautari), Anupam Pathak (Sahityik Manch and Library), Lok Rai (Melbourne Chautari)

2.5.5. Media Management Subcommittee

Chair: Dr Anupam Pokharel Co-chair Dhawa Lama
Members: Manisha Rai, Tilak Pokharel, Norgen Norboo Moktan, Anup Rana
Spokesperson: Manisha Rai

2.5.6. Membership Subcommittee

Chair: Manisha Rai Co-chair: Norgen Norboo Moktan
Members: Santosh Pandey, Bharat Tiwari, Norgen Norboo, Shweta Bohora, Dhawa Lama

2.5.7. Policy and Procedure Subcommittee

Chair: Dr Anupam Pokharel Co-chair: Manisha Rai

Members: by invitation

3. List of NAV Activities 2015-2016

3.1. Celebrations and Cultural Activities

1. Children's Day (NAV Bal Diwas) 2015
2. NAV Teej Mela 2015
3. Fundraiser with CNN Hero Pushpa Basnet
4. Dashain Tihar Celebration 2015
5. NAV Awards Night

3.2. Working Together with ANMC

3.3. Sports

1. 11th NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament 2016
2. 5th NAV Badminton Tournament 2015
3. 3rd interstate Sports tournament in Brisbane
4. NAV Golf Tournament 2016

3.4. Support Activities

3.5. Capacity Building and Networking

1. Parents Workshop on Child Sex Abuse
2. NAV Future Direction Workshop
3. NAV Meet and Greet with community leaders
4. Information and Networking Session for Student Nurses and Recently Graduated Nurse
5. Melbourne Chautari Radiothon
6. Taxation and Small Business Support Seminar

3.6. Joint Programs/Supporting Community Endeavours by Other

Organizations

1. Sahityik Sangeet Jamghat Melbourne
2. Supporting local artists on Narayan Gopal Night 2015
3. Commemorating Nepal Earthquake Victims
4. NRNA Walk for Welfare
5. Cultural Performance at Vietnamese women's association Program

3.7. Ongoing Activities

1. Melbourne Chautari Radio
2. NAV Bal Chautari & Culture Class

3.8. New Initiatives

1. NAV Bal Chautari West Initiative
2. Youth (CALD) Political Awareness Program (2016-2018)
3. Multicultural Cricket
4. Useful information on NAV website: e.g. Nepali speaking doctors, accountants, Nepali restaurants etc.

4. NAV Activities

4.1. Celebrations and Cultural Activities

4.1.1. Children's Day (NAV Bal Diwas) 2015

NAV Bal Diwas 2015 was organized on 23 August 2015 at Coburg Town Hall. Attended by in excess of 300 children. There were at least equal number of parents. NAV Bal Chautari and Hamro Nepali Pathshala actively took part in the program.

4.1.2. NAV Teej Mela 2015

NAV Teej Mela was organized on 13 September 2015 at Coburg Town Hall. This year NAV Teej Mela had the presence of Ms Pushpa Basnet, the inspirational CNN Hero 2012.

4.1.3. Fundraiser with CNN Hero Pushpa Basnet

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) in association with NRNA Australia (SCC-VIC) and supported by SACLG presented "Fundraiser in Aid of Butterfly Home with CNN Hero 2012 Pushpa Basnet" in Melbourne on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at Estonian House, 43 Melville Road, Brunswick West 3055. Pushpa Basnet, founder of Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC), rescues children from jail cells throughout urban and rural areas of Nepal. ECDC helps children break the cycle of crime and poverty, and provides these children with the opportunity for an education, healthy development, and stability in life. Butterfly Home is a project to build a permanent residential home for the future of these children.

4.1.4. Dashain Tihar Celebration 2015:

Dashain Tihar Celebration 2015: Harmony (सद्भाव) Puja and Gathering was organized to mark the festive season Dashain, Tihar and Chhath. This program was organized on **Sunday, 8 November 2015** at 49 Nicholson street Brunswick East from 11am onwards. This was a joint program by NAV and ANMC (Australia Nepal Multicultural Centre), with proceedings of the puja going to ANMC fund.

4.1.5. NAV Awards Night

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) organised NAV Community Awards 2016 on Saturday, 9 April 2016 amid a grand fanfare in Collingwood in Melbourne. The program was attended by chief guest Minister for



Multicultural Affairs, Hon Robin Scott MP. Dignitaries at the program included Hon Consular General of Nepal for Victoria, Chandra Yonzon, Nepal's Special Envoy for National Reconstruction Fund & President of NRNA ICC, Dr Shesh Ghale, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon Inga Peulich MP, Assistant Commissioner of Victoria Police Andrew Crisps, Mayor of Moreland City Council, Darebin City Council and City of Yarra, leaders of community organisations, representatives from local government bodies and general public.

4.1.5.1. List of Awards Recipients:

4.1.5.1.1. Language, Art & Culture

Nepal Festival
Baal Chautari

4.1.5.1.2. Professional or Academic Achievement

Benu Adhikari
Tilak Pokharel
Sewa Rijal
Sunam Gautam

4.1.5.1.3. Initiation, Leadership or Advocacy

Samriddhi Adhikari
Jog Limbu

4.1.5.1.4. NAV Commendable Service to Nepalese Community

Seven Women
Royal Melbourne Hospital Rehabilitation team
Mosquito Foundation

4.1.5.1.5. Young Achiever Award

Dr. Rija Khanal
Ashim Pant
Drishyant Shrestha (Special Category)

4.2. Sports

4.2.1.11th NOV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament 2016

NAV RGIT Cup was organized in the months of January, February and March 2016. NAV RGIT CUP 2016 final was held on 6th of March 2016 and award presentation ceremony at Downunder Curry, Northcote the same evening. This tournament was organized together with The Himalayan Club and with the participation of 6 cricket clubs – Brunswick Blues Cricket Club, Eastern Warriors Cricket Club, Narre kings Cricket Club, Sagarmatha Cricket Club “Stars” & Sagarmatha Cricket Club “Renegades” and The Himalayan Cricket Club. RGIT NAV Cup Cricket Tournament has been successfully held annually for a decade. This year the total prize included more than AU\$ 2000.

4.2.2.5th NAV Badminton Tournament 2015

NAV Badminton Tournament 2015 was organized on 19 and 20 December 2015 in association with Eastern warriors at Vermont South, Victoria. There were 10 different categories of badminton and it was widely participated by Nepalese living across the state.

4.2.3.3rd interstate Sports tournament in Brisbane

Under the banner of NAV around 70 Victorian Sports personals and their families participated in 3rd Nepalese interstate sports tournament in Brisbane on 25-27th March 2016. Team Victoria worn Cricket tournament. In addition to that Victorian players won many individual titles.

4.2.4. NAV Golf Tournament 2016

NAV has successfully organised its 5th NAV Golf Tournament 2016 on 5th March 2016 at Yarra Bend Golf Course Fairfield and award presentation ceremony at Big Belly Restaurant, Coburg the same evening. Around 20 Golf players participated into different categories.

4.3. Support Activities

NAV led support for a cancer patient first when she was a victim of family violence and subsequent to that after she developed cancer. NAV also

coordinated when she was receiving treatment and after her untimely demise. In 2015-2016 as well, NAV provided support a number of women victim of family violence and provided practical and emotional support. While such service took several person-hours, due to confidentiality reasons it is not possible to write more details on this topic.

4.4. Capacity Building and Networking

4.4.1. Parents Workshop on Child Sex Abuse

A Parents forum was done on Child Sex Abuse during Bal Diwas (Children Day) Program on 23 August 2015. This program was run by Dr Anupam Pokharel, Psychiatrist, Dr Chandra Deepak Pokharel, General Practitioner and Ms Goma Khatri, Public Health Expert. This workshop generated a very good discussion and interaction and was widely appreciated by the attending parents.

4.4.2. NAV Workshop

Two workshops were conducted in the second half of 2015 to reassesses our role in the community and establish priorities and direction for future. The workshop also looked at institutionalising the foundation that has been built over all these years to allow future leaders and volunteers to drive this organisation even further.

4.4.3. NAV Meet and Greet with community leaders

NAV organized a meet and greet program on 15 May 2015 at Coburg, Melbourne. This program was organized to introduce the new NAV team to the community, to present an outline of NAV's program and activities for rest of the year and to get feedback and suggestions from the community members and leaders. On this occasion NAV also presented new Advisors for the years 2016-2018. This program was attended by Hon Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria Mr Chandra Yonzon, NRNA Vice President Mr Keshav Kadel, NAV past Presidents Dr Raju Adhikari, Mr Ranjan Vaidya, Mr Bon Yonzon and Mr Sudhir Shakya. Also in the attendees were leaders from various other Nepalese organizations in Victoria. Representatives from Nepalese Association of Geelong, Chitwan Samaj, Help Nepal Australia, Nepalese Youth Association, Jana Samparka Samiti, Overseas Nepalese Forum, Magar Samaj, Tamang Samaj, Eastern Warriors Sports Club, Himalayan Cricket Club, and Craigieburn Nepalese Community were among the participants, who provided valuable suggestions and advice. The program was also attended by local Nepalese business leaders and event organizers

4.4.4. Information and Networking Session for Student Nurses and Recently Graduated Nurse

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) was supported by Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria (DBSV) and Consulate General Office of Nepal to Victoria to conduct a very fruitful program for student and graduate nurses in Melbourne on 29 May 2016. Senior nurses of Nepali background Laxmi Pokhrel, Anamika Rai and Jamuna Parajuli provided very useful information for student and graduate nurses to plan their career ahead. The information shared was also useful for students in Nepal who are planning to study nursing degree in Australia. Dr Colleen Rolls, Nurse Educator provided valuable information on challenges faced by international nursing students. Cathering Wright, a representative of Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation explained various challenges student and registered nurses may face and various ways ANMF can help. Espandan Karki, a registered migration agent gave a succinct description of migration issues pertaining to nurses. The program was streamed live on facebook, which has already been viewed by more than 4000 viewers. Following is the list of contact persons as provided by the presenters for the purpose of further direction and general advice.

4.4.5. Melbourne Chautari Radiothon

NAV is associated with 3CR 855AM radio for over a decade now. NAV airs Melbourne Chautari every Thursday from 9 to 10 PM. 3CR radio is a community radio, who gets part of its running cost from the government and raises part of its running cost from its listeners in the form of donations. Every year 3CR Radio asks its community radio partners to raise certain amount of fund to keep this community radio station running. Every year NAV Melbourne Chautari approaches its listeners and community members to raise the fund to keep Melbourne Chautari running. A fundraiser on 9 June 2016 was organized to ensure continuation of the weekly radio program.

4.4.6. Taxation and Small Business Support Seminar

NAV organised Taxation & Small Business Support Meeting on 25 June 2016 at Coburg Library. This program was useful to those who want to know general taxation rules and our responsibilities. The topics and presenter for the program were: Self Tax Return: A consumer's perspective: Resika KC (NAV EC Member), Taxation Made Easy for Students and New Migrants: Rajesh Acharya (Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand), Business structures for Starters: Ramesh Chhatkuli (CPA Australia), Taxation and accountancy matters for Not For Profit Organizations: Gopal Pokharel (Institute of Public Accountants) and Superannuation: What do you need to know about it?: Kishor Rai (CPA Australia). This program is supported by Nepalese Youth Association.

4.5. Joint Programs/Supporting Community Endeavours by Other

Organizations

4.5.1. Sahityik Sangeet Jamghat

This endeavour by local Nepalese with interest in Nepali language has been supported by NAV to organize venue. Unfortunately, it was interrupted for a few months in 2015-2016, and will commence from July 2016.

4.5.2. Supporting Local artists on Narayan Gopal Night 2015

Narayan Gopal Night was organized by Nepalese Victorian artists with support from various other organizations. This program was organized to raise funds for Earthquake Victims. NAV's role was to assist the organizers and performers with accounting and promotion of the program.

4.5.3. Working together with Australian Nepal Multicultural

Centre (ANMC)

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. NAV actively supported the Gala Dinner organized to raise fund for the Nepal Cultural Centre. NAV also facilitated and coordinated auction on this program to raise funds.

4.5.4. Commemorating Nepal Earthquake Victims

On 25 April 2016 Victorian community remembered the devastating earthquake that engulfed half of Nepal in 2015. In a program jointly organized by NRNA Victoria, NAV and the Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria at the Consulate Office situated at the Melbourne CBD, the attendees paid homage to those who lost their lives and victims of the earthquake. Mr Rishi Kandel, NRNA ICC member did a presentation on the earthquake in general and also on funds collected from Australia for rescue and rebuilding activities in Nepal. More information can be obtained from NRNA website. The organizers also thanked all the supporters and donors who donated for the above cause. Special thanks was mentioned to the school children who collected gold coins, and homeless people in Victoria, who collected

\$200, evidencing giving nature of Victorians. NAV members including current and previous executive committee members actively attended this program.

4.5.5. NRNA Walk for Welfare

NAV actively participated on NRNA Australia organized Walk for Welfare: Welfare for Students on Sunday 17 April 2016 in Melbourne.

4.5.6. Cultural Performance at Vietnamese women's association Program

4.6. Ongoing Activities

4.6.1. 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).

4.6.2. NAV Bal Chautari & Culture Class

NAV continued to run and support 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 runs every Saturday. Children from this program have performed in several programs organised by NAV.

4.7. New Initiatives

4.7.1. Bal Chautari West Initiative

A grant of \$4000 has been received from VMC for the financial year 2016-2017. Nepali language and culture classes in Bal Chautari (Preston) Model is currently underway and we intend to start the classes soon.

4.7.2. Youth (CALD) Political Awareness Program (2016-2018)

A grant of \$4000 has been obtained for political awareness program for CALD youth.

4.7.3. Multicultural Cricket

NAV has received a VMC grant of \$5000 under community harmony to organize a multicultural tournament. This is a NAV attempt to encourage assimilation as well as quality enhancement of Nepali cricket players

5. Grant Support for 2015-2016

- Teej \$5000.
- NAV Award Program \$1800
- Administrative Grant \$3000
- Darebin City Council (DICC) \$6000 (inc. \$1320 cash grant)

Summary of Financial Statement

5.1. INCOME AND EXPENSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-2016

INCOME	A\$	EXPENDITURE	A\$
Organizational grant	\$3,000.00	Administrative Expenses	\$4,304.16
	\$16,525.6		\$19,463.1
NAV Award	4	NAV Awards Night	9
Bal Diwas 2015	\$2,220.00	Bal Diwas 2015	\$2,359.68
Dashain and Tihar	\$0.00	Dashain and Tihar 2015	\$493.50
	\$11,748.0		
Teej Festival 2015	0	Teej Festival 2015	\$9,776.39
	\$16,375.0		\$17,793.3
Narayan Gopal Night	0	Narayan Gopal Night	3
	\$10,103.9		\$10,883.1
Pushpa Basnet Program	9	Pushpa Basnet Fundraiser	2
Community Radio Support	\$2,271.00	Community Radio expenses	\$1,660.00
NAV RGIT Cup Cricket		NAV RGIT Cup Cricket	
Tournament	\$5,568.00	Tournament	\$6,589.29
Interstate sports Brisbane 2015	\$2,950.00	Interstate sports Brisbane 2015	\$3,890.00
NAV Badminton Tournament	\$1,424.00	NAV Badminton Tournament	\$818.74
Late Sharmila Tuladhar Assistance	\$5,521.00	Late Sharmila Tuladhar Assistance	\$5,654.30
Premier Gala Dinner	\$1,105.00	Premier Gala Dinner	\$1,700.00
Membership	\$1,240.00		
Donations	\$2,460.00		
NRNA Election Venue	\$450.00		
Other organizations deposits		Refunds	
Hamro Pathshala deposit	\$660.00	Hamro Pathshala Refund	\$660.00
Eastern Warrior deposit	\$2,700.00	Eastern Warrior refund	\$2,300.00
Bal Diwas 2016 MIT Donation	\$2,000.00		
	\$88,321.6		\$88,345.7
TOTAL INCOME	3	TOTAL EXPENSES	0
Balance on 1 July 2015	\$5,089.65	Balance on 30 June 2016	\$5,065.81

5.2. NAV Bal Chautari

Income (Carried forward minus exp.)	\$2,465.50	Expenditure	
(as of 19.5.2016)		Teachers fees	\$320.00
Parents fees	\$210.00	Bank Fees	\$10.00
Total income by 30 June 2016	\$2,675.50	Total expense	\$330.00
		Balance on 30 June 2016	\$2,345.50

<i>Balance sheet (As of 30 June 2016)</i>	
Asset	
Cash at Bank	\$ 7411.31 (\$2345.50+\$5065.81)
Total Asset	\$7411.31
Liability	
Account payable	\$ 0
Total Liabilities	\$0
Total Asset	\$7411.31

5.3. Major Sponsors

- Melbourne Institute of Technology
- RGIT Australia
- AECC Global
- Expert education and Visa services
- BigBelly Asian Restaurant
- Everest View Travel and Tours
- Buddha Travels
- Kandel Consultancy

5.4. Supporters:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ○ Melbourne Chautari | ○ Nari Nikunj |
| ○ NRNA | ○ Aussie Finances and Home Loans |
| ○ Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria | ○ Neplay Events |
| ○ Nepalese Youth Association | ○ Solangture |
| | ○ Chitrakar Gallery |

- Consulate Office
- Danphe hair and beauty salon
- Glitter and Glow
- GMH Rai
- Grace International
- JTW Business and Sports Consultancy
- Kangaroo Consultancy
- KTM Gardening
- Laliguras Grocery
- Lotus Smart Accountants
- Vutu Restaurant
- BAPS Restaurant
- The Himalayan Club

5.5. Media Partners

- Melbourne Chautari
- My Nepal Television
- Nepali Times
- Preet Creations
- SK Nepali Translation
- The Nepalese Post

5.6. Volunteers:

- Chandra Bahadur Shrestha
- Sujan Bharati
- Iraku Lama
- Usha Karki
- Usha Dhamala
- Yakindra Timilsena
- Deependra Ray
- Manij Hada
- Arpana Gautam
- Yamuna Gaire
- Peshal Luitel
- Anupam Pathak

(Our apology if we missed any supporters and volunteers)

6. Special Acknowledgement

6.1. Mr. Lok Rai for continuity of Melbourne Chautari

Melbourne Chautari went on air 13 years ago in Oct 2003 as the first Nepali Language Program in Victoria. When Nepalese community was starting to build, this was seen as a great milestone for our community to go forward.

In order to make this happen, a group of volunteers took training for months and managed to secure a time slot at 3CR Community Radio Station.

Since that day, despite many ups and downs Melbourne Chautari has remained on air until now and many volunteers have been involved to run this on a weekly basis. The passion shown by all these volunteers is admirable. The role of Melbourne Chautari is to be the voice of Nepali community in Victoria and serve the community and also preserve our language, culture and music.

Nepalese Association of Victoria would like to commend and thank Mr. Lok Rai for his continuous involvement on Melbourne Chautari. He has been running the program for over a decade.

We would also like to thank Mr. Rupesh Pathak for helping Mt. Lok Rai in running the program.

We would like to acknowledge 3CR community radio for giving NAV and Melbourne Chautari a platform to build Nepalese community voice in Victoria by providing an air time through their station.

Melbourne Chautari airs on 3CR community radio station frequency 855 AM at 9pm tonight or online at www.3cr.org.au.



6.2. NAV Bal Chautari Team

NAV Bal Chautari Program is the cornerstone for preserving the Nepalese culture and language. It does so by engaging the children of Nepalese Heritage in different linguistic and cultural activities. This program would not be possible without the effort and involvement of our stakeholders.

Nepalese Association of Victoria would like to acknowledge and thank all who are involved.

- NAV Bal Chautari Team
- Hamro Nepali Pathshala Team
- Craigieburn Nepali School Team
- Parents
- Darebin Council
- Moreland Council

6.3. Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)

Established in 1983, the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) has supported to diverse society of Victoria. Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) would not have been possible without the support from VMC.

VMC has continuously provided NAV with advices on various community matters. It has been our voice to the Victorian government. Time and again Victorian Multicultural Commission has provided NAV with financial grants to run our key programs and activities.

6.4. The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)

“Established in 1974, The Ethnic Communities’ Council of Victoria Inc. (ECCV) is the peak body for ethnic and multicultural organisations in Victoria.” (ref.eccv.org.au, accessed 18/11/2016).

NAV would like to thank ECCV for being one of our key stakeholders on building the capacity of NAV. ECCV has been one of the most valued link for NAV to different government bodies, and Victorian Councils.

6.5. Various City Council

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) works closely with councils of Victoria. NAV’s programs and activities would not have been possible without the support from city councils. In Financial year 2015/16 we have been privileged to work with following councils. NAV hopes to be a key community builder in different city councils of Victoria.

We would like to express our gratitude to following councils for their support to NAV.



- Darebin City Council
- Moreland City Council
- Yarra City Council