

**NAV 25th Anniversary- Press Release Date: 15/03/2022**

**Venue: Online Zoom**

NAV is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on 3rd April 2022 to celebrate its milestone achievements with a mega program with various activities at Thornberry Theatre, Melbourne. In January 1997, 25 years ago NAV was formally registered with the objectives to support, promote, advocate Nepali identity, heritage and community well-being. To organise the event successfully, NAV has organised a steering committee and various Task force Committees. NAV is publishing a souvenir booklet which will provide an insight of its historical journey. NAV has played a strategic role in unifying Nepalese community voice to the Victoria Government and contributed to Victoria’s mainstream policies and programs over the years.

Nepali Association of Victoria (NAV) organised an interactive session with the media team to inform and share the event program yesterday by Zoom. The 25th anniversary event is the first such an event by any Nepali Association in Australia and will be attended by Victoria Government representatives, VMC’s, Council and CALD communities and Nepali communities at large.

The steering committee member NAV President Ram Gurung highlighted the program nature and progress on the preparation and about various committees for specific tasks and thanked everyone for their support. Founding president Dr Raju Adhikari highlighted on the significance NAV 25 years ago and the milestone achievements and event activities  as the show and tell story on NAV legacy and future significance. Jog Limbu, media coordinator briefed about the publication of Souvenir and video to share NAV stories and highlight the event.The coordinator of various task forces Tara Gaire, Sudhir Shakya, Bom Yonzon, Ranjan Vaidya, Anupam Pokhrel, Sunil Bhandari and Executive member Prem Upreti, Yakindra Timilsena shared about the details of the task force activities and preparation guest management, tickets, awards and cultural and budget aspects. NAV delegated to each taskforce one Executive Members to assist the taskforce team.

The session was attended by media MN TV, eNepal news and freelancer journalist. The media thanked the NAV for inviting and briefing on the session and asked questions about membership drive, organisational challenges, invited guests and the impact of the event on the future of the organisation and Nepali communities.

Niru Tripathi , a journalist and media task force member of the event thanked all the press members for accepting the invitation and attending the session at a very short notice. She said NAV will continue to update the details in the coming days.

Thank you

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