



Annual Report 2015

Nepalese Association of Victoria Inc

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About this report

The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2014/15 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the financial year ending 30 June 2015.

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 NAV annual report 2015.

The year 2014/15 has been an eventful year for the Nepal and the Nepalese community in Victoria. We had to endure a devastating earthquake that took thousands of life, rendered hundreds of thousand injured and homeless and destroyed many world heritage monuments, monasteries, buildings and infrastructure across the country. Amid such tragedy, the Nepalese community in Victoria stood together and extended their hand in the massive relief effort. NAV joined hands with NRNA and the Consulate office in a joint appeal to raise funds for earthquake relief in Nepal through Victoria Stands Together for Nepal (VSTFN): Nepal Earthquake Appeal. The outpouring of support was simply overwhelming. The Nepalese community will forever be gratitude for the generosity of all Victorian.

As usual NAV organised several programs in the financial year 2014/15. NAV organised Annual Bal Diwas (Children's Day) Program focusing on our children; Annual RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament, Dashain and Tihar program to share our culture diversity and strengthening ties with VMC, ECCV and other Australians community; Teej Festival for Nepalese women; and Melbourne Chaurari and Bal Chautari program to engage our children in cultural activities.

In an effort to raise community awareness on the issues that matters to the members of our community, NAV started its new initiative, NAV Social Awareness Forum, in 2015. The first in the series in NAV Social Awareness Forum was on a topic of Bullying. This was held on Saturday 28 February 2015 at Coburg Library, Coburg. The second forum, Child Sexual Abuse: Psychological Effects and Prevention, was held in August 2015 during bal diwas program. We believe that forums such as these on the topics that matters to the community will go a long way in providing the Nepalese community with information, knowledge and support that are useful and essential.

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) was established nearly two decade ago to provide a platform to unite, socialise and gather all Nepalese migrants and residents in Victoria. Since its inception, the Nepalese community has progressed a lot and the size of the Nepalese community has grown significant. Accordingly, the need of the community and expectation from the organisation has also shifted. We therefore believe that time has now come for us to get together to review the objectives of NAV to better align with the current need of the community. It's time that we reassess our role in the community; establish priorities and direction for future. With this in mind, we organised a strategy workshop in October and November of this year to have a collective discussion. We have started this process to ensure NAV is playing an effective and relevant role in the community for the community and I'm confident that through community support we can make it happen.

I'd like to take this opportunity to my team – my executive committee members- for their passion and dedication over the past two years. Without their support and team spirit we

would be able to fulfil our responsibly as officer bearers of this beloved organisation. I'd also like to thank the advisors for their guidance in driving this organisation. Its always good to have respected elder who are always ready to give support and advice at times of need.

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

**members who have resigned from the executive committee*

Advisory Committee

Advisors:	Bam Gurung Bhola Giri Bom Yonzon Chandra Yonzon Dr Anupam Pokhrel Dr Chandra Deepak Pokharel Dr Jagadish Timilsina Durga Acharya Ganesh Bhakta Shrestha Jog Limbu Mahesh Bhandari Raju Shakya Ram Kumar Shrestha Rishi Kandel Tonnou Gurung
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Presidential Council:

Dr Raju Adhikari
Ranjan Vaidya
Dr. Deepak Pant
Bom Yonzon

Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) Activities 2014-2015

Children's Day (Bal Diwas) 2014

The Children's Day (Bal Diwas) 2014 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 at St. Ambrose Church hall at 3 Dawson Street, Brunswick on 10 August 2014, Saturday from 10am-4pm. The highlight of program was face painting, talent show, quiz and sports activities with prize and certificate presentation by Chief Guest Deputy Mayor Cr Megan Hopper 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 for their children. NAV provided free meal, drinks and certificate to all participants' children. A workshop, ran by Ranjan Vaidya, for parents to talk about issues regarding children was also held on the day. Executive member Kusum Pokharel was the Coordinator for Children's Day (Bal Diwas) 2014.

NAV Teej Mela 2014

NAV organised Teej Festival Program on Sunday, 24th August 2014 at 859 High Street, The Thornbury Theatre. The program was attended by over 600 women from around the Victoria including a special guest Deputy Mayor Cr Megan Hopper from Moreland City Council with. The whole evening was fully entertained by dances, songs and music. The highlight of evening was the fashion parade by the ladies dress in traditional and elegant dresses. Vice President Deepa Rai was the Coordinator of Teej Mela 2014.

NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament 2014

The NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament was held between 11th January 2015 – 22nd March 2015, with the finals played on Sunday, 22nd March 2014, at TW Blake Park, 74 Gower Street, Preston. The event was held with a Family day BBQ. NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament was organised in association with The Himalayan Club and with the participation of 7 cricket clubs – Brunswick Blues Cricket Club, Nepalaya Cricket Club, Easter Warrior Cricket Club, Narre Warren Cricket Club, Sagarmatha Cricket Club CC and CCA and the Himalayan Cricket Club. NAV President Sudhir Shakya & senior members of the community presented the NAV cup and medals to the winners. The Himalayan Club was the winner of the NAV RGIT Cup Cricket 2014, with Brunswick Blues being the runner up. Executive members Tara Gaire and Keshav Kandel jointly coordinated the NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament 2014.

Dashain Tihar Celebration 2014

NAV celebrated Dashain Tihar Festival 2014 at Coburg Town Hall in Coburg on Saturday, 11 October 2014 to commemorate the national festive season of the Nepalese community. The significance of Dashain Tihar is that it emphasises on the family gatherings, and on a renewal of community ties through food and feast for social harmony. This year the theme of the program was **Global Culture: Local Celebration**. The program was full booked with over 300 guests attending the evening event. There were performances by local Nepalese and various multicultural communities. NAV Secretary Manisha Rai was the coordinator of Dashain Tihar Celebration 2014.

NAV Interstate Sports Meet 2014

NAV hosted the Second Interstate Sports Meet and Gala Dinner 2014 in Melbourne on 27th -28th December 2014. NAV Nepalese Interstate Sports Meet 2014 successfully concluded with more than 200 players participating from 8 years to 66 years old and more than 500 people participated in different forms from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, ACT, South Australia and New Zealand. Cricket, Golf, Table Tennis, Tennis and Badminton were played in different categories during two days on 27-28 Dec 2014 at different venues.

Awards to the winners were presented at an Award Ceremony Gala Dinner which was attended by more than 375 people. Sponsors and sport management team were also recognized for their sterling contribution at the ceremony. We were greatly honoured by the presence of our distinguished guests the Mayor of The City of Yarra, Councillor Mr Philip Vlahogiannis, Honorary Consul General of Nepal for Vic, Mr Chandra Yonzon, Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Mr Eddie Micallef, CEO of Table Tennis Vic, Mrs Ana King and State Director of Badminton Vic, Mr Peter Roberts. Vice President Surendra Sedhai was the

Coordinator of Second Interstate Sports Meet 2014 on behalf of NAV and Jog Limbu and Madhu Pokhrel were the coordinator on behalf of IRC.



NAV Social Awareness Forum in 2015

In an effort to raise community awareness on the issues that matters to the members of our community, NAV started its new initiative, NAV Social Awareness Forum, in 2015.

The first in the series in NAV Social Awareness Forum was on a topic of Bullying. This was held on Saturday 28 February 2015 at Coburg Library, Coburg. It was a moderated informative discussion forum that explored the causes and effects of adult bullying, and what we can do to stop it. Panellists included Mr Oscar Yildiz JP, CEO Bully Zero Australia, Mr Aleksandar Calic, Nowicki Carbone Lawyers, Solicitor & Barrister - Supreme Court of Victoria, Dr Anupam Pokharel, Consultant Psychiatrist, and a community member who has defeated bullying. The forum was moderated by Dr. Anupam Pokharel, coordinator of NAV Social Awareness Forum.

NAV SOCIAL AWARENESS FORUM

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON BULLYING

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS AND ASK QUESTIONS
LET'S BUILD A BULLYING FREE COMMUNITY

FREE ENTRY

POSTER DESIGN : SOLANGTURE

PANEL MEMBERS

OSCAR YILDIZ JP, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
BULLY ZERO AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

ALEKSANDAR CALIC, NOWICKI CARBONE LAWYERS - BARRISTER & SOLICITOR OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA

DR ANUPAM POKHAREL, CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST & INDEPENDENT
MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR WORKSAFE AND TAC

A PERSON WHO DEFEATED BULLYING **MODERATOR : DR. ANUPAM POKHAREL**

COBURG LIBRARY, CORNER VICTORIA & LOUISA STREETS, COBURG

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2015 | 1PM TO 4PM

CONTACTS : DEEPA RAI 0411 316 414 | DR ANUPAM POKHAREL 0400 295 603

ORGANISED BY **PROMOTIONAL PARTNER**

MEDIA PARTNERS

Victoria Stands Together for Nepal (VSTFN): Nepal Earthquake Appeal

On Saturday, 25 April 2015, Nepal was hit by a massive earthquake with the 7.8 magnitude. This devastating earthquake has destroyed many world heritage monuments, monasteries, buildings and infrastructure across the country. Over 8,000 lives were lost and large number of people injured and rendered homeless.

Amid this tragedy, the Non Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Australia (Victoria), Consulate General of Nepal for Victoria, the Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) and all Victorian Nepalese community organisation, joined hands to form an Earthquake Relief Committee, Victorians Stand Together For Nepal, to provide necessary support to the relief operations in Nepal.

NAV extended relief appeals to all Victorians, businesses and organisation, for their support and assistance. A facebook page: Victorians Stand Together For Nepal (<https://www.facebook.com/VictoriansForNepal>) to provided details of our relief effort. NAV directed all donors to deposit their donations into the NRNA Victoria account to facilitate swift transfer of funds to Nepal. The earthquake appeal raised over \$300,000 in Victoria. NAV would like to express sincere gratitude to all donors and in particular the volunteers from the community who contributed so much to this cause.

Nepal Festival 2014

Nepalese Association in Victoria (NAV) co-hosted the Nepal Festival 2014 in Melbourne on Sunday, 2nd November 2014 at Federation Square. Nepal Festival is an initiative of Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) Australia which is organised in Victoria by VIC State Coordination Council (SCC) of Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) Australia in association with NAV, Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria, and Embassy of Nepal, Canberra. The aim of the event is to showcase the unity and solidarity amongst the Nepalese community residing in Victoria. NAV contributed a total of \$9000 in form of VMC grant

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 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 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

Income & Expenditure Statement

for the period 1 July 2014- 30 June 2015

INCOME	A\$
Organization Support Grant	1,500.00
Bal Diwas 2014	1,100.00
Teej Festival 2014	16,750.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiohone 2014	612.00
Dashain and Tihar 2014	11,400.00
NAV Interstate Sports Tournament & Gala Dinner	25,740.00
NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament	5,200.00
Melbourne Townhall- Earthquake Appeal Donation	7,800.00
VMC Grant (Nepal Festival)	3,000.00*
Darebin City Council (NAV Bal Chautari) <i>(\$6,000 Non Cash Grant and \$1,200 Cash Grant)</i>	7,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	80,320.00
EXPENDITURE	A\$
Events Expenses	
Darebin City Council (Bal Chautari)	7,200.00
Bal Diwas 2014	935.00
Teej Festival 2014	10,228.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiohone 2014	1,400.00
Dashain and Tihar 2014	9,850.00
NAV Interstate Sports Tournament & Gala Dinner	20,028.00
NAV RGIT Cup Cricket Tournament	8,232.00
NRNA VICTORIA - Nepal Festival 2014	9,000.00*
NRNA VIC (VSTFN Earthquake Appeal)	7,800.00
SAPAC Cricket (Team Victoria Registration)	800.00
Total Events Expenses	75,473.00
Administrative Expenses	
Printing/Stationary	900.00
Public Liability Insurance 2014-2015	779.00
ECCV Membership	55.00
Consumer Victoria- Annual Report Submission	53.00
Federation of Broadcasting Council	260.00
3CR Radio Membership	265.00
Food/drinks/Misliniouss	500.00
Total Administrative Expenses	2,812.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	78,285.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	2,035.00

*Grant of \$6000 (of total \$9000) was received in FY 2013/2014

Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2015

ASSETS	A\$
Cash at Bank	6,089.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,089.00</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSET	<u>6,089.00</u>

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.





OUR MISSION

(Why does NAV exist?)

To promote , preserve & celebrate Nepalese culture & interests by advocating, uniting and providing a common platform for our community within Australian multicultural society

OUR VISION

(Where do we want NAV to be in future?)

To be the leading, trusted and inclusive Nepalese community organisation in Victoria, Australia

OUR NAV VALUES

(What do we believe in and how we want to act?)

Collaboration

Advocacy

Respect

Inclusiveness

Innovation

Accountability

(The above Mission Vision and Value will be proposed at the AGM for endorsement)