



Annual Report 2017

Prepared by:

Nepalese Association of Victoria

Executive Committee 2016 – 2018

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From NAV President

Dear members,

Nepalese Association of Victoria tried it's best to live up to community expectation in the financial year 2016-2017 as well. On one hand it continued its tradition of maintaining various cultural activities and sporting activities, and on the other hand NAV also tried to continue awareness, capacity building and support activities. This year we have added a new program on Nepalese language – NAV Bal Chautari at Tarneit, Victoria.



Our list of activities have spread over throughout the year. This year we received generous financial support from VMC as well as the community.

While NAV is the oldest continuously running organization in Victoria, growing Nepalese population and needs have added complexity to the functioning of the community organization originally established with a capacity to cater needs of only a few hundreds. This has further highlighted the need to work collaboratively with various other organizations, both within the state of Victoria and across Australia. In this context NAV believes FeNCAA could be a useful concept.

Working together with NRNA is equally important aspect of NAV's functioning. While NAV focuses in Victoria, NAV has supported NRNA causes, be it fundraising programs in natural disasters or in student/social welfare. NAV believes that our community will be stronger with better relationship and coordination with NRNA and other organizations within Victoria and Australia.

I believe that it is very important to have good coordination with mainstream and multicultural community organizations. We are yet to progress on this area. I think it is now about time to focus on our presence with mainstream and multicultural Australia.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Anupam Pokharel
President,
Nepalese Association of Victoria
20 November 2016

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.

Executive Committee

President: Dr Anupam Pokharel

Vice President: Mr Tara Gaire

Vice President: Ms Resika KC

Secretary: Mr Norgen Norboo Moktan

Treasurer: Mr Santosh Pandey

Executive Members:

Ms Bhawani Paudyal

Mr Dhawa Lama

Mr Anup Rana

Mr Bharat Tiwari

Ms Shweta Bohora

Mr Santosh Bastakoti

Dr Tilak Pokharel

(Manisha Rai and Abhisekh KC, resigned)

Advisory Committee

1. *Dr Raju Adhikari*
2. *Mr Ranjan Baidhya*
3. *Dr Deepak Raj Pant*
4. *Mr Bom Yonzon*
5. *Mr Sudhir Shakya*
6. *Hon Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria: Mr Chandra Yonzon*
7. *NRNA Vice President and Victoria Coordinator*
8. *Ms Deepa Rai*
9. *Mr Jog Limbu*
10. *Mr Ram Chandra Sapkota*
11. *Mr Surendra Sedhai*
12. *Mr Mohan Rana*
13. *Ms Anamika Rai*
14. *Ms Laxmi Pokhrel*
15. *Mr Shree Pant*
16. *Mr Sunil Bhandari*
17. *Mr Bhim Neupane*
18. *Dr Ugendra Regmi*
19. *Dikpal Dev Pangen*

(All past presidents, from 1 to 5 in the above list, are members of the presidential council as per NAV constitution 2013/2016).

List of NAV Activities in 2016-2017

1. Melbourne Chautari Radiothon
2. Anti Gambling Seminar
3. Cyber-safety: Parents Workshop
4. Awareness on Census 2016
5. NAV Bal Chautari, Preston
6. NAV Bal Chautari West, Tarneit
7. NAV Teej Mela: Thornbury Theatre
8. NAV Baal Diwas
9. Nepal Kite Festival
10. Melbourne Renegade Championship League 2016
11. EVMS NAV Cup Cricket TG Blake Park, Preston
12. NAV Cup Multicultural Cricket
13. Felicitations of Rubina Chhetry
14. 6th Nepalese Victorian Badminton Competition
15. Melbourne Chautari, Weekly
16. Resume Writing and Interview Skills Training
17. Family Violence Support
18. Bhanu Jayanti
19. Support to ANMC
20. Support in Nepal Festival
21. Contribution to FeNCAA

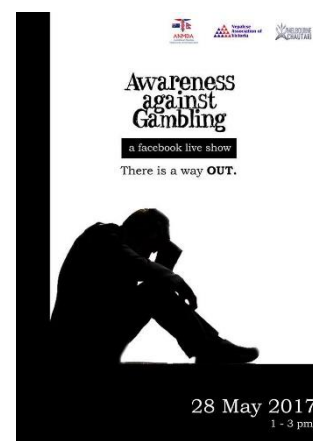
NAV Activities

Melbourne Chautari Radiothon

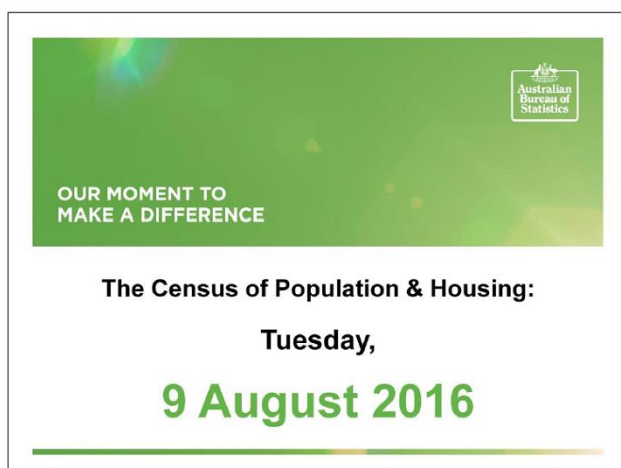
NAV is associated with 3CR 855AM radio for over a decade now. NAV airs Melbourne Chautari every Thursday from 9 to 10 PM. 3CR radio is a community radio, which gets part of its running cost from the government and raises part of its running cost from its listeners in the form of donations. Every year 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. This program on 8 June 2017 was able to raise the target amount set by 3CR Radio.

Anti-Gambling Seminar

NAV, in association with Australasian Nepalese Medical and Dental Association (ANMDA) organised anti gambling program on 28 May 2017 at Preston. This program was led by Mr Santosh Pandey (NAV) and Dr Chandra Deepak Pokharel (ANMDA). This program was supported by Salvation Army Australia. This program including video has been viewed by in excess of 2000 people.



Awareness on Census 2016



On 30 July 2016, Nepalese Association of Victoria met with Australian Bureau of Statistics Officials on 22 July 2016 and has been working closely with the government and other agencies in increasing awareness about the forthcoming census. NAV team worked collaboratively with the office of

Consulate General of Nepal and many other organizations to improve awareness among Victorian Nepalese population about the Census held on 9 August 2016.

Cybersefaty: Parents Workshop

On 16 September 2016, a parallel session was held during the Bal Diwas on Cybersafety for parents. This program was conducted by Dr Tilak Pokharel.

NAV Bal Chautari, Preston

NAV Bal Chaurari Preston has continued to run with a parents coordinating committee led by Mr Pitambar Koirala and Mr Surendra Sedhain.

NAV Bal Chautari West, Tarneit

NAV, in association with Melbourne Nepalese Community West kick-started NAV Bal Chautari West in Tarneit under the leadership of NAV Advisor Dr Ugendra Regmi in January 2017. A VMC grand for this program helped to start this long awaited activity in Melbourne West where Nepalese population has increased significantly.

NAV Teej Mela: Thornbury Theatre

Nepalese Association of Victoria celebrated teej this year on 21 August 2016 as AECC NAV Teej Mela 2016. The feedback is that the program was a grand success, which was attended by more than 800 women, which also included Teen age girls and women from other



cultural backgrounds, all dressed in traditional Nepali attires. This was yet another example of collaboration between NAV, NRNA – Nari Nikunj, Neplay Events and various other organizations, with your kind presence and great performance by an imminent singer from Nepal – Ms Komal Oli. Another attraction of the program was Nepali traditional dress fashion show, named as AECC NAV Teej Princess and Queen, conducted by Hima Himani.

NAV Baal Diwas



On 18 Sept 2016, NAV organized Bal Diwas at the Coburg Townhall. This program was attended mostly by primary school age children who did extremely good job in performing various acts. The program featured various cultural activities, talent show, quiz contest,

badge making, henna colouring, face painting, musical chair and art competition. The program was attended by parents and children from various corner of Melbourne. The program's chief guests were Mayor of Moreland Cr Samantha Ratnam, NRNA ICC President Dr Shesh Ghale, Hon Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria Mr Chandra Yonzon, President of ANMC and Past President of NAV Mr Ranjan Baidhya and NRNA SCC Coordinator Keshav Kandel. NAV makes a special note that it was Mr Ranjan Baidhya's team that started celebrating Bal Diwas in Melbourne in 2004.

Nepal Kite Festival

Nepalese Association of Victoria, Solangture and ANMC jointly organized The Nepal Kite Festival on the occasion of Dashian Tihar, this year on 29 October 2016, Sunday at the All Nations Park, Preston. Over 800 people attended this program which involved activities



including kite flying and entertainment in a musical environment. We attempted to recreate Nepal in Melbourne during this time. The religious component was looked after by ANMC.

Melbourne Renegades Champions League 2016

NAV formed the Nepalese Cricket Team for the Melbourne Renegades Champions League 2016 which was held in November - December 2016. NAV put together players from various Nepalese Cricket Team in Melbourne to form a unified Nepalese team so as to put forward its best possible team to



face teams of more established communities. This time 12 teams from different nationalities /community groups /clubs took part in the tournament. NAV reached semi-final of this tournament.

1. Sunam Gautam: Captain The Himalayan Club (THC)
2. Roshan Paudyal: Vice Captain THC
3. Susan Gurung Sagarmatha Cricket Club (SCC)
4. Suman Singh Gorkhali Cricket Club (GCC)
5. Aakash Singh GCC
6. Keshav Pant GCC
7. Bhushan Shrestha SCC
8. Bikesh Shrestha SCC
9. Suraj Thapa SCC
10. Kishor Kandel Narre Kings
11. Kushal Tuladhar New player
12. Sajendra Shreshta SCC
13. Anil Khanal GCC
14. Atulya Rawal THC
15. Aashish Dahal THC

Team Coach: Hussain Hanif

NAV Sports Subcommittee headed by Tara Gaire and comprising of Bharat Tiwari, Abhisekh KC and Anup Rana worked together to improve Nepali Sportsmens interaction with mainstream teams.

EVMS NAV Cup Cricket TG Blake Park, Preston

NAV in association with The Himalayan Club organized NAV Cup Cricket Tournament from 27 January 2016, which concluded on 12 March 2017. Seven Nepalese-Victorian Cricket Clubs took part in this tournament. The Himalayan Club was the winner, whereas Gorkhali Cricket



Club was the first runner up and Sagarmatha Club was the second runner up in this tournament. Continuing twelve year tradition, NAV continued its proud tradition to promote sports in Nepalese community in Victoria.

NAV Cup Multicultural Cricket



This year NAV proudly started the first NAV Multicultural Cricket Tournament. This tournament financially supported by Victorian Multicultural Commission was also supported by Cricket Victoria, Vic Health and The Himalayan Club. The tournament was organized from 14 to 16 April 2017 at Preston. This tournament was a good opportunity for Nepalese cricketers in Melbourne to play against teams from other communities. Cricket Victoria also provided financial and

logistic support to run this tournament.

Women Cricket Training



Jodie Field, Former Australian National Women's Team Captain attended the finals of NAV Multicultural Cricket Tournament to conduct a training session for Nepalese Women Cricketers on 16 April 2017. Tara Gaire, Community Ambassador of Cricket

Australia coordinated with Cricket Victoria to make this happen.

Felicitation of Rubina Chhetry

Rubina Chhetry, Captain Nepalese Women's Cricket Team Felicitated in Melbourne on 8 January 2016. Ms Chhetry was in Melbourne to be part of Melbourne Renegade Cricket Team as an associate rookie. This program was organized at The Himalayan Cricket Club at TW Blake Park, 74 Gower Street, Preston, Victoria.



The interaction program was attended by officials from Melbourne Renegade, Cricket Australia, members from South Asian Community in Melbourne as well as Mr Hussain Hanif, Coach, NAV Cricket Team.

6th Nepalese Victorian Badminton Competition

The Sixth Victorian Badminton Tournament was held on 2 April 2017 at Vermont South, Melbourne. This tournament was attended by interstate players from Sydney as well as more than 80 players from Victoria, spanning from Gippsland to Ballarat.

The tournament was organized jointly by Eastern Warriors Sports Club and Nepalese Association of Victoria. NAV thanks Eastern Warrior Sports Club for yet another successful partnership. This program was also supported by Badminton Victoria. NAV thanks Eastern Warrior Coordinator Jog Limbu, Event Coordinator Madhu Sudan Pokhrel, and Eastern Warrior Program Coordinator Bhaskar Amatya for their excellent execution of the program. Mr Craig Haydock, State Director, Badminton Victoria attended the day for prize distribution.



The program was covered by Badminton Victoria in their news

<https://www.badmintonvic.com.au/single-post/2017/04/05/BV-supports-the-6th-Victorian-Badminton-Tournament-by-the-Nepalise-Association-of-Victoria>

Melbourne Chautari, Weekly

NAV initiated Melbourne Chautari, a community Radio in Nepali language continues its journey through year 2016-2017 as well. Lok Rai and Tilak Pokharel continue their volunteer contribution to maintain the longest running Nepali language radio program in Victoria.



Resume Writing and Interview Skills Training

Two sessions of resume writing and interview skills training were conducted. The first session was on 5th of February and the second was one month after on 6th of March 2017. Both sessions were well attended. These



programs were coordinated by Mr Deependra Ray and resource persons were Helen Hoy and Karen Glahn.

Family Violence Support

NAV has actively supported Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria's awareness program on family violence. NAV President Dr Anupam Pokharel, Vice President Resika KC and Member Dhawa Lama provide resource as well as support on the program organized on 26 November 2016.

Bhanu Jayanti



Nepali community in Victoria celebrated 203rd Bhanu Jayanti in Melbourne on 17 July 2016. The program was organized by Sahitya Sangeet Jamghat, a group of passionate Nepali individuals, who have been running monthly program to provide a platform for Nepalese population in

Victoria, Australia to present their literary creativity.

This program was attended by Mr Amar Neupane, a well known Nepali writer and winner of prestigious Madan Puraskar. Mr Neupane shared his literary journey and also

keenly listened to Nepali poems and songs presented by Victorian Nepalese participants.

Nepalese Association of Victoria proudly contributed towards meals and refreshment in this program.

Support to ANMC

NAV has active supported past and present ANMC fund raising programs. Dr. Tilak Pokharel is NAV representative in ANMC. Melbourne Chautari as well has been involved in promoting the cause of Nepalese Community Centre in Melbourne.

Support to Nepal Festival

NAV, led by Vice President Tara Gaire led the cultural procession in the Nepal Festival 2016 organized by NRNA Australia. NAV was the co-organizer of the NRNA Flagship program.

Contribution to FeNCAA

NAV coordinated with Nepalese Association of Queensland, Nepalese Association of Western Australia, Nepalese Association of Northern Territory, Nepalese Association of Tasmania and Nepalese Association of Australia – NSW to develop a common understanding on FeNCAA. NAV and the above stated organizations share a common view that a central coordinating organization can be a welcome step.

Financial Statement

Financial position by treasurer (refer attached document)

Grant Support

1. Youth political awareness program (\$4000)
2. Nepali school in wrstern suburbs (\$4000)
3. NAV multicultural cricket meet (\$5000 per year for 2 years)
4. Teej (\$4000 per years for 4 years)
5. Bal Diwas (\$3500)
6. Dashain (\$3500)
7. Organizational Support Grant (\$3000)

Sponsors and Supporters

Supporters/Sponsors:

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