



**Nepalese
Association of
Victoria**

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Annual Report

2010

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Message from the President

Namaste,

On behalf of Nepalese Association of Victoria executive committee, I would like to wish you all very happy Dashain & Tihar.

As we all know, Nepalese community in Victoria has grown a lot, 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, tried it's best to meet all those requirements and expectations.

Continuation of Melbourne Chautari radio program for mass media in Nepalese language, Annual Bal Diwas event focusing on our children, annual NAV Cricket championship cup to promote sports and friendship, raising profile of Dashain program to share our culture with other Australians, Nepalese language and culture centre pilot projects to promote language and culture, numbers of cultural programs and forums are some of the important things the team has succeeded to deliver.

Obviously, there are much works that remains to be done. As I look ahead, for me and the team in particular, institutionalisation of emergency fund, establishment of Nepalese culture centre with religious facilities, periodic discussion forums, further improvement of Melbourne Chautari radio program, continuation of Bal Diwas and NAV cricket championship cup and getting a part-time secretary for the association are strong priorities. We all will be happy to share our experiences with the new executive team.

I personally would like to thank serving office holders and advisors for their continued support. I would also like to extend our gratitude to our sister organizations Help Nepal Network Australia and Nepal Australia Friendship Association, Gurkha Association and Yeti Soccer Club in Victoria, other Community associations and 3CR radio management team.

And most importantly, sincere thanks to all members of the community, whom we thrive to serve.

Thank you

Bom Yonzon
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
- To provide a platform for all members to gather and work together to achieve common objectives
- To promote and preserve Nepalese culture, language and heritage
- To organise events to celebrate important festivities of Nepal such as Dashain, Nepalese New Year
- Be a contact point for all residents, new migrants, students and visitors
- To develop cultural ties and goodwill between Australia and Nepal
- Work for betterment of community & foster multiculturalism and social harmony

Executive Committee 2009/2010

President:	Bom Yonzon
Vice President:	Mahesh Bhandari
General Secretary:	Khem Gurung
Treasurer:	Sudhir Shakya
Joint Secretary:	Tonnou Gurung <i>Bijaya Budhatholei</i>
Media Coordinator:	Hari Pandey

Committee Member:	Pesal Luita
	Vikrant Tamrakar
	Kundan Karki
	Subi Rai
	Anamika Rai
	Mabi Gurung

Advisors:	Hon. Con. Mr. Chandra Yonzon
	Dr Raju Adhikari
	Mr. Ranjan Vaidhya
	Dr. Deepak Pant
	Mr. Jog limbu
	Mr. Bharanser Rai
	Mr. Raju Shakya
	Mr. Tonnou Gurung
	Mr. Parsuram Sharma Luita
	Mr. Ganesh B Shrestha
	Mr. Laxmi Adhikari
	<i>Mr Diwakar Baine</i>

Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2009/2010

New Year Celebration 2067

NAV organised a barbeque to celebrate Nepalese New Year 2067 on Sunday, 11 April 2010 at Clifton Park, Victoria Street, Brunswick.

The program commenced with the President Bom Yonzon welcoming all members and attendees with his opening speech.

The New Year BBQ was attended by approximately 80 people.

Annual NAV Cup Cricket Championship

The NAV Cup Cricket Championship was held on Sunday, 11 April 2010 at Clifton Park, Victoria Street, Brunswick. The match was organised to coincide with the celebration of Nepalese New Year 2067. NAV president Bom Yonzon presented the NAV cup and medals to the winners.

Dashain Tihar 2066 (2009)

Dashain and Tihar (festival of light) are two such auspicious national festivals in the Nepalese annual calendar, celebrated by Nepalese of all caste and creed throughout the country. To mark the occasion, NAV organised the event "Dashain Tihar 2009" on Sunday, 27th Sept 2009, at Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower St, Preston.

The highlight of the day-long festival was colourful, vibrant and powerful cultural performances by various artists in Victoria. The program included Indigenous dances, traditional Nepalese dance performed by local artists. The cultural program was clearly aimed to celebrate rich multiculturalism in Victorian.

The festival also included Ethnic Fashion Parade, handicraft stalls, Puja Room (Worship room) and Nepalese Food Stalls.

Ongoing Activities

Melbourne Chautari

Melbourne Chautari 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 a team of volunteers, who are members of Nepalese Association of Victoria.

Summary of Financial Statements

Annual Financial Report for the period July 2009- June 2010
Prepared by: Sudhir Shakya, Treasurer

INCOME

Membership	\$230.00
Baal Diwas 2009	\$1,400.00
Dashain n Tihar Party 09	\$7,400.00
Melbourne Chautari Manoranjaan 2009	\$4,875.00
Gurkhas NAV Cup Cricket League 2010	\$3,000.00
New Year Football & BBQ 2010	\$2,170.00
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	\$19,075.00

EXPENSE

Events Expenses

Baal Diwas 2009	\$850.00
Dashain n Tihar Party 09	\$7,415.00
Melbourne Chautari Manoranjaan 2009	\$4,038.00
Gurkhas NAV Cup Cricket League 2010	\$3,000.00
New Year Football+BBQ 2010	\$2,170.00
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Total Events Expenses	\$17,473.00

Administrative Expenses

Bank Fees	\$120.00
Public Liability	\$645.33
Post Box Renewal	\$180.00
Internet Registration & Hosting	\$190.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$1,135.33

Total Income	\$19,075.00
Total Expenses	\$18,608.33
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Total Surplus	\$466.67

Emergency Fund Raised & Disbursed

Vic. Bushfire Relief Fund	\$3,000.00
Resham Gurung Fund	\$6,483.00
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BANK BALANCE

Bank Balance as at 30 June 2010	\$1383.90
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Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our event sponsors for their support and financial contribution. Their ongoing assistance is highly appreciated.

Most importantly thank you to all members for their continuous support.