



**Nepalese
Association of
Victoria**

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Annual Report

2011

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About this report

The Nepalese Association of Victoria (NAV) 2010/11 Annual Report documents the association's activities and performance for the financial year ending June 2011.

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 GPO Box 2537 Melbourne 3000.

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 Gurkhas Cricket Cup organised by NAV to promote sports and friendship, raising profile of Dashain and Tihar program to share our culture with other Australians, newly introduced Teej Festival 2010 for Nepalese women ,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, Teej Festival and Gurkhas Cricket 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, Gurkhas Association and Yeti Soccer Club in Victoria, other Community associations, 3CR radio management team and Solangture.

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 2010/2011

President:	Bom Yonzon
Vice President:	Mahesh Bhandari
General Secretary:	Khem Gurung
Treasurer:	Sudhir Shakya
Joint Secretary:	Bijaya Budhathoki
Media Coordinator:	Hari Pandey
Committee Member:	Pesal Luitel Vikrant Tamrakar Kundan Karki Subi Rai Anamika Rai
Advisors:	Hon. Con. Mr. Chandra Yonzon Dr Raju Adhikari Mr. Ranjan Vaidya Dr. Deepak Pant Mr. Jog Limbu Mr. Bharanser Rai Mr. Raju Shakya Mr. Tonnou Gurung Mr. Parsuram Sharma Luitel Mr. Ganesh B Shrestha Mr. Laxmi Adhikari Mr. Diwakar Basnet

Activities of Nepalese Association of Victoria in 2010/2011

New Year Celebration 2068 and Gala Dinner 2011

NAV celebrated New Year with a Gala Dinner with sports prize distribution on 27 May 2011 at Level One Restaurant with around 100 attendees.

The sports event was organized throughout the month (May) like Basket ball, Tennis, Golf, Cricket etc where there was participation of both youth and old. Prize distribution of whole sports events was included in Gala Dinner.

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

Annual NAV Gurkhas Cup Cricket Championship 2010-2011

The NAV Cup Cricket Championship was held on Sunday, 13 March 2011 at Lord Reserve Cricket ground, Carnegie. The event was held with BBQ to all the players and attendees. NAV Vice president Mahesh Bhandari presented the NAV cup and medals to the winners.

Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2068

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 and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh" on Sunday, 31 October 2010, at Spanish Club, 59 Johnson Street, Fitzroy from 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

The highlight of the evening program was Concert from Two Renowned singer from Nepal, **Sanjay Shrestha (Crossroad Band)** and **Suzil Karmacharya (Seasons Band)**.

Also Program highlight was colourful, vibrant and powerful cultural performances by various artists in Victoria, delicious Nepalese Food and Dj at the end. The cultural program was clearly aimed to celebrate rich multiculturalism in Victorian.

Teej Festival 2010

Teej is the fasting festival of women in Nepal. It falls in the month of August or early September. Married women observe Teej fast to honour Lord Shiva and for long and healthy life of their husband. Unmarried girls also observe fast on this day for a good husband.

NAV organised Teej Festival Program on Saturday, 4th September 2010 at Preston City Town Hall, 284 Gower Street.

Program included Professional photography by **Solangture**, Delicious food and Dance floor with Teej local music.

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 2010- June 2011

Prepared by: Sudhir Shakya, Treasurer & Bijaya Budhathoki, Joint Secretary

INCOME

Membership	\$810.00
Baal Diwas 2010	\$500.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh 2010	\$3,100.00
Melbourne Chautari Radio Thorn 2010	\$1,800.00
Gurkhas Cup Cricket League 2010-2011	\$3,000.00
Nepal New Year 2068 and NAV Gala Dinner	\$5,410.00
Teej Festival 2010	\$2,950.00
Nepal festival	\$600.00
VMC Grant 2010-2011	\$2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,670.00

EXPENSE

Events Expenses

Baal Diwas 2010	\$655.00
Dashain and Tihar Subhakamana Sangh	\$3,135.00
Melbourne Chautari Radiothon 2010	\$1,800.00
Gurkhas Cup Cricket League 2010-2011	\$2,137.00
New Year NAV Gala Dinner 2011	\$4,112.00
Teej Festival 2010	\$2,934.00
Nepal Festival 2010	\$600.00
Total Events Expenses	\$15,373.00

Administrative Expenses

Bank Fees	\$144.00
Public Liability	\$656.33
3 CR Radio (Pesal)	\$336.00
Internet Registration & Hosting	\$179.40
Others (ECCV/Annual Report to Consumer Affair)	\$96.80

Total Administrative Expenses **\$1,412.53**

Total Income	\$20,670.00
Total Expenses	\$16,785.53
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$3,884.47

Emergency Fund Raised & Disbursed

Rasna Kandel	\$1,100.00
Amar Shrestha	\$ 700.00
Ujjwal KC	\$300.00

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.