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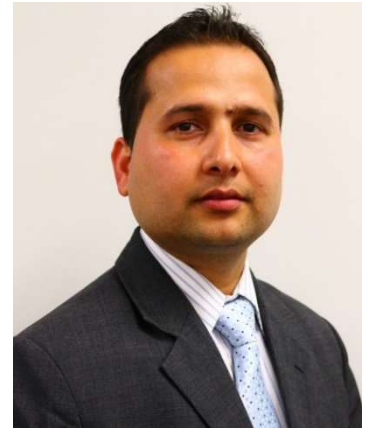
SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022 | 2PM - 6PM

Windmill Hill Memorial Hall  
High Street, East Launceston

## Message from the President

I am very glad and fortunate to have this opportunity as a President to lead this wonderful community organization. I tried to uphold the values of the community during my tenure. We had a fantastic year in terms of community participation and engagements last year.

We have been in constant contact and meeting with state authorities, MPs ministers and council members. I hope all these meetings will definitely put our community in the eyes of the authorities. We have worked on few grant applications as well. Hopefully we will see the positive results this year.



There are a lot of works to be done in community. We together can achieve our objectives of being a strong community in Tasmania. So, I request all the member of the community put an extra effort in development of this community. In future, whoever lead this community, I promise to help them with my experience and knowledge wherever applicable.

In final note, I would like to thank all community members, leaders of the community, their support help me to choose the right decisions. At last, to my executive team who worked under my leadership and believed on me, I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation.

## A note from the Vice- President



First of all, I would like to thank all community members, for your outstanding supports, participation and engagements in last year events organized by NSNT. I was mostly involved in organizing events. Responses from the community in the events was overwhelming. We tried to give something new in every event. We tried to catch all the major events and continued the legacy. In overall response and community engagement, I am quite satisfied. Every year our events are getting better. Now, I can say that we are better experienced with time and better know what our people wants in events.

I also got opportunity to express community views in mainstream media like ABC, SBS in my interviews. In the nutshell, despite my short tenure as a vice president, I admit that I thoroughly enjoyed working here. I promise in future whoever will lead the community, I will be available to help them with my experience and knowledge. Finally, I thank my president who trusted me and assigned the responsibilities to execute the events. To all other teammates, thank you for all your supports and hard work, without your support I could not do any better.

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## 1. Introduction

Nepali Society of Northern Tasmania (NSNT) was established by the people originated from the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. We are a community-based organization established in 2018. The major objective of NSNT is to support and bring together all the Nepalese living in Northern Tasmania to preserve and sustain various norms and cultural aspects of Nepal.

The fiscal year 2021-2022 has been yet another successful year for NSNT. We were successful in conducting eight events this year including a Graduation Ceremony for 'Bhashalaya'. This year was the year of collaboration enthusiasm, the events were very fruitful with ample community participation.

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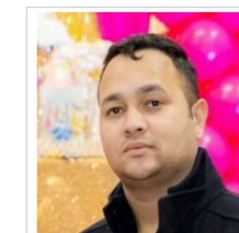
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## 2. Events of 2021-2022

### a. Teej Celebration



Teej Celebration was our first event after the new executive committee took over, it was a self-sustained event. It was organised at Rocherlea community hall on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in collaboration with Nari Nikunja (NRNA Aus.). We had maximum participation from our community members and the Teej Celebration was a huge success. We had great dance

performances, gift vouchers, raffles, cultural stalls and great food from Curry House Mowbray.

### b. Dashain Mela

Dashain Mela was organised on 16<sup>th</sup> October, next day after *Bada Dashain* on Windsor Park riverside. It was a self-sustained event which was within the budget. We collaborated with NRNA TAS, LNCC and LNSC. It was organised in a unique way which created an atmosphere of Nepal during Dashain which



almost fulfilled the desire to be with family back home, it reminded us of our Nepalese way of celebrating festivals. We had food stalls, games, raffles and live music performance which community people seem to enjoy thoroughly. One of the main attractions of the event was putting *Tika* and *Jamara* from elders and getting their blessings.

### c. Bhashalaya Picnic

This year we went for an outdoor picnic which reminds us the traditional way of doing picnic back in Nepal. The BANABHOJ (Picnic) was what we missed here and the last picnic was the replica event of what Banbhoj actually meant back home. The children were got chance to learn what the picnic used to be their parents' time. It



was an exciting event. There were served all Nepali cuisine cooked in woodfire. Thanks to Mr. Nawraj Gautam conceptualization of the event. We found this is one the most memorable event of Bhashalaya in last year.

### d. Tihar Celebration

In 2021, we had our Tihar Celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> November at Max Fry Hall Trevallyn among a huge participation and support of our community members. We had very beautiful venue decorated with lights by S Events. We



had guests and all our sponsors who attended the program. It was a program full of musical performances, lights and *Deusi Bhailo*. Our performer Mr. Hridaya Dahal was joined by so many from the audiences on stage while singing *Deusi Bhailo*, which reminded most of us of back home. We also had small kids fashion show and adult fashion show in traditional dresses from different ethnic groups of Nepal which was really entertaining. It was a self-sustained program of NSNT organised by collaborating with NRNA TAS, LNCC and LNCS. It was one of the best presented events till date in Nepali community in Tasmania.



#### e. Bhashalaya Graduation Day

Graduation Day for Bhashalaya was organised on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to celebrate the achievement of students of Bhashalaya and tutoring and mentoring program. We had the presence of honourable



MP Michael Ferguson, Mayor Albert Van Zetten, other distinguished guests and members of our community. We distributed graduation certificates to the children and our appreciation and gratitude towards the volunteers who have been with us along the way in making Nepalese language learning possible for our new generation.

#### f. Cultural Performance on Harmony week 2022

Harmony week is an event organised by Multicultural Council of Tasmania, MCOT in appreciation and recognition of diverse cultural communities of Tasmania. This year it was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March on Civic Square, Launceston where performers from our Nepalese community worked together to represent our culture and tradition. Our



executive member, Srija Pokharel coordinated and choreographed the dance performance and brought the whole team together. We had two separate groups one kids and another one of adults who performed cultural dance on the program along with 'Panche Baja' team lead by Mr. Mitra Gurung performed a musical session. We got a good review on our performances, and we successful to impress everyone that day.

### g. Holi Celebration

The program for Holi festival was organised in association with NRNA along with LNCC and LNSC. It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Mowbray Heritage Park. We distributed complimentary T-shirts to the first hundred participants and colours were available in abundance. The live performance by artists like Himalayan



Rockfield, Mr. Hridaya Dahal and DJ session by DJ Uzol made the program even exhilarating. The food stalls helped to maintain the energy level of the participants. The community participation was much better than expected and it seemed that the younger generation were more enthusiastic for the event.

### h. New Year 2079 - Bhetghat Program

We organised this small gathering to celebrate Nepalese New Year 2079 on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Max Fry Hall Trevallyn. It was co-organised with Nepal Eyes which is also our media partner. Our elders and the parents were among the participants; we had some refreshments and barbeque session organised as well for the participants which became kind of short and sweet program for everyone.





### 3. Bhashalaya Activities

This year we have restructured Bhashalaya management and delegate most of the responsibility to the Bhashalaya Management Committee (BMC). BMC headed by the director has now the influential role in managing Bhashalaya affairs and daily operation and NSNT is in the role of overseeing the program delivery and managing funding requirements.

In Bhashalaya, we have developed the new curriculum from this year. We have two separate curricula for both levels. Thanks to the contribution from all the Bhashalaya Management Committee members specially Dr. Ananda Aryal who devoted many hours in developing, compiling the resources, and also Mr. Nawraj Gautam for developing junior curriculum.

Besides regular language teaching, we engaged our kids and parents in number of fun and cultural activities last year. We organized a picnic program for kids and parents. We celebrated Dhasian, Tihar (Deusi/Bhailo) with kids in Bhashalaya premises. The reason behind these activities was to educate our kids about our culture by showcasing our culture to the kids directly and educate them which was surely is one of unique initiation we started this year.

In this report, we must not forget some of the names Dr. Ananda Aryal, Mrs Shushila Devkota who diligently involve in teaching and making sure Bhashalaya runs all time. And also, thanks to all other volunteer who made the Bhashalaya operation continues.

### 4. Tutoring and Mentoring Program

We are running “Tutoring and mentoring for 6-12 yrs migrant and refugee-background children” for the second time in Launceston to support our children in learning about Australian culture and school curriculum. The program is funded by the Launceston City Council and will mean that children get a great experience learning from Australian teachers and volunteers.

This is an exciting program with unique curriculum. We have separate team to execute this program. Thank to Mr. Nabaraj Mudbhari, the coordinator of the program who proposed the grant to city council to fund this program.

### 5. Other Activities

- An interaction program between federal member of parliament for Bass, Mrs Bridget Archer and our community members was organized by Mrs Bridget office at St. Catherine Hall, Norwood. We have discussed various issues from community hall, home ground for our clubs to visa issues of student and other individual issues as well. Thanks to Mr. Pratik Sigdel in coordinating this program.

- We got opportunity to sit and discuss about our community and its issues with honourable minister Mr. Michael Ferguson in his office. We highlighted needs of community hall to run our community works, multipurpose home ground for our Cricket & Soccer clubs, School facilities for Bhashalaya etc.
- We had a meeting Judy Lazaro, community liaison officer from Ministry of Home Affair. In short sitting, we discussed about our communities' issues like visa processing backlogs in regional visas, home loan facility for regional visas like 489/491, subsidies TAFE enrolment for all kind of temporary visas etc. We have tried our best to convey our message to the authorities.
- We also have opportunities to express our community vies in mainstream radios and TVs where our vice-president represented the community and highlighted our issues in his short interviews.
- There are few grants have been applied during last terms which outcome will come in this year. We applied Federal Grants for “Fostering Integration Grants” whose outcome is due soon.

## 6. Website Development

**www.nsnt.org.au**



This year we have successfully developed our website [www.nsnt.org.au](http://www.nsnt.org.au). The fully functional website will definitely help reduce workload in managing memberships, sending reports, posting notices and various other information to the community member. There are few spaces (texts) need to be developed since we do not have enough manpower to create a content. So, I request community members to come up and hep in developing useful contents for the website.

## 7. Financial Reports

<b>NEPALI SOCIETY OF NORTHERN TASMANIA</b>			
<b><u>INCOME STATEMENT as of 30 June 2022</u></b>			
<b>(Event Wise Breakdown)</b>			
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>
1	Balance Forward	\$12,530.00	
2	LY expenses paid from AGM		\$1,139.49
3	Teej Celebration	\$4,180.00	\$2,385.58
4	Sound System	\$615.00	
5	Dashain	\$4,268.00	\$4,026.00
6	MCOT Harmony Day	\$900.00	\$500.00
7	Tihar Deusi Bhailo	\$1,797.60	\$360.05
8	Membership	\$370.00	
9	Operational Cost (rents)		\$2,374.00
10	LCC Grant Mentoring Tutoring	\$3,750.00	\$664.60
11	Bhashalaya Graduation Ceremony		\$1,171.11
12	Bhashalaya (Admission and Expenses)	\$3,900.00	\$528.92
13	New Year Meet and Greet		\$470.36
14	Mike Purchased for HRF		\$215.00
15	Website Creation		\$1,408.00
16	Miscellaneous expenses		\$852.00
17	Yes Study sponsorship	\$350.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,660.60</b>	<b>\$16,095.11</b>
	Closing Balance	\$16,565.49	