

Half Yearly Newsletter

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About NANT

NANT was established in 2007, as a result of combined effort from community members it has got its full shape and finally was registered as an organization in 2008 and incorporated under the Association Act on 11 March 2010.

It was an outcome of an intense discussion and desire to serve the Nepalese community in a formal and well organized approach through an organization. Its founders felt the need of a Nepalese Community organization that would cater to the needs of new Nepalese immigrants, students and also those who were already residing in the Northern Territory, Australia.

That very essentiality became the cause of its birth. Thanks to all the founder members, volunteers, advisers and well-wishers that felt this need during those tough times and has brought forward NANT as one of the emerging communities in the Northern Territory. The objects and purposes of the Association are to:

- Promote goodwill and co-operation amongst Nepalese people residing in Australia, in general and in the Northern Territory, in particular;

- Provide help and support to Nepalese people at times of need and hardship;
- Extend help and facilities to Nepalese students who come to study in Australia;
- Maintain and promote Nepalese culture and tradition in Australia;
- Promote friendship within Australian communities at large and exchange cultural practices and values;
- Develop and foster social, economic and cultural relationships between Australia and Nepal
- Create a forum to discuss contemporary social issues facing the Nepalese community living either in Australia or in Nepal; and
- Undertake any activities as determined by the association from time to time to maintain Nepalese culture, tradition and friendships with broader Australian communities.



President's Message

Dear community members,
Let me start by wishing you happy New Year 2017 marked by good health and happiness.

NANT Team always strive to better serve our community. The NANT Half Yearly Newsletters are effective and efficient ways to inform community about news and events that had happened.

It is really a worthwhile experience to

be a President of NANT. Here are the activities and event that was done during my Presidential period to maintain and bring liveliness in our culture. I really owe all of you for your help and support. In addition, I also like to express my sincere appreciation to our NANT Executive Team for their constant supports and inspirational guidance. Because of their volunteering work, invaluable

suggestions/ideas, and absolute support, I could smoothly accomplish my duty.

We are looking forward for your valuable suggestions and generous assistance for our upcoming programs in the nearest future.

Sudeep Shrestha
President
NANT 2016/18

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Sudeep Shrestha

• **Vice- President/ PRO**

Yug Raj Adhikari

• **Secretary**

Anjana Pant Baral

• **Treasurer**

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A Special General Meeting (SGM) was held on 30th July 2016 at the Multicultural Association of Northern Territory (MCNT) hall. NANT president, Mr. Sudeep Shrestha called the SGM to fulfill the vacant posts for Secretary, Treasurer, and two Executive Members.

Around 53 financial members of the NANT participated in the SGM, which resulted Mrs. Anjana Baral appointed as the Secretary, Mr. Anil Basnet as the Treasurer, and Mr. Shree Krishna Dhungana along with Mrs. Deepika Sharma



as Executive Members. In the same occasion, President Mr. Sudeep Shrestha expressed his commitment towards the betterment of the Nepalese community in the Northern Territory. New team members were also welcomed on the same occasion.

Continuation of Nepalese Language and Cultural Classes

This class is being conducted by Mrs. Nirupama Thapa at the Casuarina Library for two hours every Sunday. Mrs Thapa's efforts and her dedication towards the program as an instructor is highly appreciated.



NANT with proudly sponsored by NT Government continued to support its Nepalese Language and Cultural Classes in 2016. This program serves to protect and promote Nepalese language and culture among the Nepalese children living in the Northern Territory.

A further effort has been made to extend the program around Palmerston area. As a joint initiative taken by the NANT and the parents in that area, classes are expected to start within this fiscal year.

Teej 2073

Teej was organized on 12th August 2016 at the Filipino Community Centre, in collaboration with NRNA-NT to promote the Nepalese culture. The program was coordinated by the NANT Secretary Mrs. Anjana Pant. The chief guest of the program was Hon. Chief Minister of NT, Adam Giles inaugurated the program by lighting

the Panas together with Federal Member of Solomon Mr. Luke Gosling.

Around 600 people participated in the event, where food and brewages were cooked and served by volunteers from Darwin Hearts FC. The main attraction of the event was Nepalese artist Ms Komal Oli, together with the local artists from the Nepalese Community in the Northern Territory.

NANT would like to acknowledge and express gratitude to our sponsors - 360 Expert Mortgage Solutions and Kemo House along with our supporter, Nari Nikunja Australia. Furthermore, thanks to Event Sponsor, Mr. Mahesh Gautam and NT Government for their financial support.



On the occasion of Teej, Nepalese Priest Mr. Narayan Dahal conducted 'pooja' and Teej rituals for the Nepalese Women at Hindu Temple Malak on September 4, 2016.



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Sports Activities

NANT organized various sports activities to engage Nepalese youths in the NT. These activities included: Lawn Tennis Tournament, Cricket Tournament, and Football Tournament. Around 140 financial members of NANT participated in the community games. Sincere gratitude to our annual sponsors, volunteers, and event coordinators for successfully conducting the sports activities of NANT in year 2016.

NANT Lawn Tennis Tournament 2016

NANT Lawn Tennis Tournament 2016 started on 13 August 2016 at AWO, coordinated by NANT Executive Member, Mr. Shiva Ram Poudel. The final Match took place on the 3rd of September between Mr. Ashok Gurung and Mr. Nagendra Bohora at AWO, where Mr. Gurung emerged victorious. NANT organized free BBQ and soft drinks for the players, volunteers and spectators on the final match day. Emerging player of the tournament was awarded to Mr. Dridhya Banjade.



NANT Cricket Tournament Running Shield 2016

NANT Cricket Tournament, Running Shield 2016

Tie Sheet

Round 1: 28th Aug.

8:00 AM - Gorkha Warriors Vs KBA Youth
1:00 PM - Youth United Vs Hamro Nepal

Round 2: 3rd Sept.

8:00 AM - KBA Youth Vs Youth United
1:00 PM - Hamro Nepal Vs Gorkha Warriors

Round 3: 4th Sept.

8:00 AM - KBA Youth Vs Hamro Nepal
1:00 PM - Youth United Vs Gorkha Warriors

Final: 10th Sept.
To be Allocated

NANT Cricket Tournament Running Shield 2016, coordinated by NANT Executive Member Mr. Surendra Dawadi started on 28th August with four teams from the Nepalese Community.

The teams that participated in the tournament were: Gorkha Warriors, KBA Youth, Youth United, and Hamro Nepal. The final match was played on 10th September between Gorkha Warriors and Youth United, where Gorkha Warriors won the running shield.

KeMo house, KBA Finance, and Property Solutions sponsored lunch for the players during the tournament. Furthermore, KeMo house were also the sponsors of the player of the tournament award, and provided \$200 KeMo voucher to the winning team.

Following players were awarded during the tournament for their performance:

- **Most Valuable Player** – Mr. Samip GC (Gorkha Warrior)
- **Emerging Player** – Mr. Roshan Parajuli (Gorkha Warrior)
- **Best Batsmen** – Mr. Sekhar Aryal (Hamro Nepal)
- **Best Bowler** – Mr. Alok Kharel (Gorkha Warrior)

NANT extends acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Amit Parajuli and Mr. Rishi Kesh Bhandari for their initiative and their support in making this tournament successful. NANT organized free BBQ on the Final Match Day.



Zenith Memorial NANT Cup 2016, 7-a-side Football

NANT in coordination with Darwin Hearts FC organized Zenith Memorial NANT Cup 7-1-side Football tournament. In the same occasion Multi Award Winning documentary '*Sunakali*' was shown on the big screen. Four teams Darwin Hearts Red, Darwin Hearts Blue, NANT Football Club and Stuart Park FC were made of all the players who were interested to play the game. The game started from 4:00 pm at Darwin Football Stadium Marara. Damon Alldritt Club Development Officer from Football Federation Northern Territory and Ashish Rana, who used to be Referee in B Division League in Nepal volunteered as the referees for the tournament.

The final match was played between Darwin Hearts Blue and NANT FC where Darwin Hearts Blue won the Match. Most Valuable Player of the tournament was Deeperson Chhetri, Emerging player was Oasim Bimali, Best Defender was Nirajan Basnet and Highest Scorer was Sulav Maskey. Stuart Park FC was Fairplay Team. The tournament was coordinated by Mr. Rabin Karki, where BBQ as organized by NANT.

On the same occasion, the Token of Love was awarded to Mr. Sulav Maskey. Mr. Maksey, who used to play for Darwin Hearts FC, was recognized for his outstanding effort as the Most Valuable player and Highest Scorer in Men's Premier League in NT Football from Hellenic FC in 2016. Additionally, the Token of Love was awarded to Mr Sanjay Gurung, who was recognized for his outstanding contribution as the Volunteer of the Year from Darwin Hearts FC by Football Federation of Northern Territory for the year 2016.

Zenith Memorial NANT CUP 2016
7A side Football
Final match: 6:30 pm

Ticket \$10

Multi Award Winner
Sunakali
Documentary
Open Air Show
7:30 pm
Prize Distribution: 8:30 pm

Venue: Marara Stadium Time: 3pm Door Open Date: 1st October 2016

Supported by: Northern Territory, KBA Global, Synergy, Tiger, House



Nepalese Dashain Festival 2073

The biggest festival among the Nepalese community, Dashain, was celebrated among the people of the Northern Territory on 17th October 2016. The attendees of the event included our Chief Guest, MLA and Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs Hon. Kate Worden. VIP guests The Lord Mayor City of Darwin Ms. Katrina Fong Lim, and his worship the Mayor of Palmerston Mr. Ian Abbott. Respected guests President of Hindu Society NT, Mr. Sabaratnam Prathapan, and NANT Auditor Mrs. Jyoti Vemuri



It was honor and pleasure to welcome popular Nepalese artists Mr. Badri Pangeni and Ms. Priti Ale, who along with local band Darwin Yaks @ Tanami provided entertainment through live music throughout the night.

The event was inaugurated through lighting of Panas by Chief Guest followed by Panchakannya (a group of 5 iconic Kids). Nepalese priest (Narayan Dahal) chanted Swatik Bachan for the lighting Panas as per Nepalese tradition. National anthems of both Australia and Nepal were played in order to invoke a feeling of national pride and spirit, as well as mutual respect between two countries and its people.

Special thanks to Brad Sound Company, RMI Group Security, MC Manisha Gurung, Nepali Language & Cultural School, Ms Earanka Dhakal, Mr. BP Bhandari, Mr. Amit Parajuli, Ms. C Gee for Face painting, priest Mr. Narayan Dahal and all extra ordinarily hard working volunteers. NANT Executive Member, Mr. Shree Krishna Dhungana successfully coordinated the event, which had about 400 event attendees. This event was proudly sponsored by the NT Government, and supported by NRNA-NT and Darwin Hearts Football Club. Food and beverages was prepared and served by members of Darwin Hearts FC.





During Dashain, Nepalese priest Mr. Narayan Dahal took an initiative to organize Naba Durga Puja and Jamara distribution program in coordination with NANT at Hindu Temple Malak. He organized pooja for every morning for 10 Days of Dashain (**Navaratri**).

NANT Deusi Bhailo 2073

As usual, NANT continued to organize and support the Deusi Bhailo Program among the Nepalese Community Members in Darwin and Palmerston area. The funds generated through the program is planning to support Nepalese language and cultural classes. Team was able to visit 43 houses in 4 days to raise a total of \$4,754.00. This event was coordinated by NANT executive member Mr. Shiva Ram Poudel. Thanks to Mr. Narayan Dahal, who helped us actively during Deusi Vailo program by singing *Deusi Bhailo* song, along with the members of the community that took part in the program. Thanks to everyone who welcomed us to their homes, and supported the event.



NANT 9th Annual General Meeting



9th Annual General meeting of NANT was held on 13th November 2016 at Filipino Community Centre at 10.30 am. During the meeting NANT President's report for financial year 2015/16 was presented by past Executive Member of NANT, Mr. Sarbesh Chitrakar on behalf of Immediate Past President Mr. Ganesh Adhikari.

The financial report of year 2015/16 was approved by the financial members present there. Furthermore, Jyoti Vemuri was appointed as Financial Auditor for the year 2016/17 by the meeting. Light snacks were provided in the meeting, which was attended by 55 current financial members.

Lhosar 2073



NANT, in a joint effort with Gurung Community of Darwin, organized Lhosar 2016/17 (Gurung's New Year) on 30th of December 2016 at DCA Hall Malak. An important event among the Nepalese community, it was celebrated with day full of fun filled activities. These activities included: Tug of War, Hot Potato, Dance and live music. The main attraction of the program was Cultural dress competition. The program was inaugurated by lighting the candle by four elder mothers from the Gurung community.

Around 120 people from Darwin Community Participated in the event, where the sound system was provided by Brad Sound Company, and the food was provided by Spice of Himalayas. The event sponsor was Supreme Home NT. A special thanks to Mr. Sanjit Gurung as official photographer.

Christmas 2016 at Nepalese Language and Cultural Class

Christmas was celebrated among the children of Nepalese Language and Cultural Class at Casuarina library on 11th December. Celebration included distribution of gifts provided by the NANT among the children. Parents participated in the event where everyone brought their food and were encouraged to share with everyone in the class. The event, attended by 25 kids and their parents was coordinated by the NANT Secretary Mrs. Anjana Baral.



Other Activities



Interaction with MCNT President Mr. Kevin Kadirgamar and NANT past president & current Media Projects Officer at City of Palmerston Mr. Nitesh Raj Pant on September 2nd 2016.



NANT representative and performers Kusum KC and Grishma Tamang at RICE (Family Event) host by Brown's Mart, a free family event featuring Darwin Thai's, Chinese & Nepalese communities on September 3rd 2016.



Interaction program between NANT Executives 2016/18 and NANT Past President Mr. Ganesh Adhikari and Mr. Prakash Acharya on 10th December 2016 at Filipino hall, Marrara.



Participate in International volunteer Day NT at Darwin City Council on 5th December 2016.



Representing in Multi-Culture Dancing Night 2016, Organized by Australia China Friendship Society at Darwin Entertainment Centre on 20th Nov 2016. Dance by Sraddha Baral Ray and Shrijana KC. In the Dancing Night, Dance from different countries were presented including Chinese, Irish, Thai, Bollywood, Sri Lankan and Indonesian. Around 21 dance group performed at the night representing their culture.



Around 60 NANT Financial members participated in the NT Parliament House on the Deepawali Night organized by the Hindu Society of Northern Territory on 17 Nov 2016. Shrijana KC did a Cultural Dance on Dipawali at the Parliament House.

NANT Supported Rambo Boot Camp was held on 10th December organized by NRNA-NT.



Handover of Rajghare School

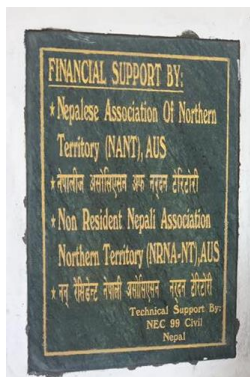
Through the initiative of Nepalese Association of Northern Territory Inc.(NANT) in collaboration with NRNA-NT signification contribution has been made to support earthquake victim suffered 7.8 magnitude earthquake disasters on 25 April 2015.

NANT have managed to send **\$85000** collected from numerous donors via **NRN Australia** to Nepal. NRNA Global has used this fund to provide initial support to earthquake victims and to rebuild infrastructures in Nepal. (<https://www.nrn.org.au/nrnaprojects/negrelief>).

Another full contribution has been made to reconstruct two rooms in **Rajghare School**, which is in eastern part of Gorkha, Gaikhur VDC-4 border touching VDC with Lamjung about 18 km north east from Prithivi Highway Dumre Bazar (Dumre Bazar is 134 km from Kathmandu) with the remaining collected fund (around \$15000). The school building was seriously damaged by the earthquake. This school was only a source of education on that locality for 393 numbers of students from Dalit, Janjati & disadvantage family. After earthquake damage, students were studying in open space and in merged class room. The school was desperately in need of more class room construction to provide shed to their students.

The construction was started on 13 April 2016 and now the building is completed physically. Formal inauguration was held on 25 Oct 2016, *in presence of NRNA-NT* Coordinator Niraj Gurung, former NANT Presidents Prakash Acharya & Nitesh Raj Pant, and Darwin Women representatives Meenu Gurnug and Urmila Gurung

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Darwin Hearts FC Activities

Darwin hearts football club is an armature sports team and non-profit organization registered in FFA under the management of Nepalese association of Northern territory. Since its inception in 2010, it has been participating numbers of tournaments including multicultural cup, interstate cup, and NT Football league. It started to play All Age Men's League in NT since 2015 season and succeeded to keep 5th position at the end of season of league.



Team 2016 season of Darwin Hearts

Darwin Hearts succeeded to secure 6th position in standing of B Division League of

Darwin Hearts FC accepted an invitation from MACHHAPUCHRE CLUB SYDNEY for interstate football tournament and participated by representing Nepalese community in Darwin. It succeeded to secure first runner, however SULAV MASKEY of Darwin Hearts FC was declared most valuable player and highest scorer of tournament. It was proud moment of club to win runner up and demonstrate a good game on pitch.



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Thank You

Nepalese Association of Northern Territory would like to express our gratitude to each and every volunteers, members, sponsors and well-wishers for your time and effort toward our community development. NANT always strives for the welfare and social needs of Nepalese residing in Northern Territory. It upholds and promotes vibrant cultural and linguistic heritage of Nepal and reflect how to respect and live harmoniously with people of all religious and cultural background. As a community organisation we believe that everyone can do something to make this world a better place. Thank you very much for your ongoing trust & support it motivate us to reach the peak.

**Why NANT?**

- Umbrella organisation to connect people together (Networking)
- Promote multiculturalism between Australia and Nepal in the Northern Territory region.
- Promote and develop relations with wider community and establish cultural ties.
- Exchange, enhance and preserve our language.
- Executing program that can benefit for both nations.
- Reflect the unity and strength to wider community.
- Festivals celebrations to Preserve and Promote our culture and tradition to next generation

NANT Team 2016/18
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