

नेपाली एशोसिएसन वेस्टर्न अष्ट्रेलिया इन्क.
Nepali Association of Western Australia (NAWA) Inc.
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NAWA 20th AGM Agenda

DATE	6 th July 2025
TIME	2-5PM
VENUE	Hill View Multicultural Hub- Bentley- WA

Exec Team Name- Position- Initials		Exec Team Name- Position- Initials	
Churamani Lamichhane – President (CL)- Chair		Dilli Ram Parajuli – Member (DRP)	
Yogendra Raj Pathak- Vice President (YP)		Labin Gaire- Member (LG)	
Sandeep Adhikari- Secretary (SA) - Secretariat		Dr. Nabin Dangal – Member (ND)	
Bijay Kumar Shah- Joint Secretary (BKS)		Ranju Gurung- Member (RG)	
Rudra Prasad Bhandari- Treasurer (RPB)		Rati Pradhan- Member (RP)	
Bhuwan Khadka- Joint Treasurer (BK)		Rustam Maskey- Member (RM)	
Navin Bhandari- Member/		Samundra Puri- Member (SP) Public Relation Officer (NB)	
Kunta B. Koirala- Member/ Women Co-ordinator (KBK)		Karma Lama (KL)	
Aarjoo Thapa- Member (AT)		Sarina Dhakal- Member (SD)	
Prakash Thapaliya – (PT)		Sunita Lama Tamang – Member (SLT)	
Basanta Pokhrel – Member (BP)		Samanata Dhakal- Member (SS)	
Raju Dhakal (RD)- Principal NLAS		Bikesh Shrestha (BS)	

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AGENDA



Item	Agenda	Responsible	Reference Materials/ Documents	Time
1	Welcome	Secretary - SA	N	5 mins
2	Acknowledgement to the Country	Secretary - SA	N	1 min
3	Apologies	All	N	1 min
4	Conflict of Interest Declarations	All	N	2 mins
5.	Presidential Annual Report	President		
6	Secretary Report	Secretary		mins
7	Treasurer's Financial Report	Treasurer		mins
8	Q & A	All		mins
9	Annual Report Approval	ALL		mins
10	Dissolution of Current Team - Handover to election commission	Secretary		mins
11	New Executive Team Formation- Election Commission	Election Commission		mins
12	New Executive Committee Oat taking Closing	Election Commission		mins
13	Closing	Secretary		N/A

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NAWA 20th AGM Minutes

DATE	Sunday, 6th July 2025 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM
TIME	2-5PM
VENUE	Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, Bentley, WA

Item	Agenda	Responsible
1	Welcome	• Meeting commenced at 2:00 PM. • Mr. Sandeep Adhikari, Secretary of NAWA Inc., welcomed all attendees to the 20th Annual General Meeting. • Traditional Acknowledgement was made to the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land. • NAWA's values of inclusivity, respect, and cultural celebration were reiterated. • The Australian and Nepali National Anthems were played to formally begin the proceedings. • Mr. Churamani Lamichhane, President of NAWA Inc., chaired the formal meeting proceedings. • Attendees were reminded of venue safety protocols, child supervision responsibilities, and general housekeeping notes. • Members were encouraged to collect printed copies of the Annual Report and raise questions during the Q&A session. Members were requested to do online sign in for the attendance. • Mr. Churamani Lamichhane declared the 20th AGM officially open. • Agenda items were read and confirmed with all present members 150 Members were present on the AGM.
2	Acknowledgement to the Country	We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we are meeting, and we pay respects to Elders Past, Present and Emerging and pay respect to their unbroken connection to the land and their stewardship of it.
3	Apologies	N/A
4	Conflict of Interest Declarations	None

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5.	Presidential Annual Report	Presented by: Mr. Churamani Lamichhane – President, NAWA Inc. Key highlights: • Strengthening Community Bonds ○ Teej, Dashain, Holi, Nepali New Year, and Recognition Night engaged over 10,000 participants. ○ 99% positive feedback from post-event surveys. • Celebrating Milestones ○ 20th anniversary marked with a major Nepali New Year event with over 5,000 attendees. • Educational Program Expansion ○ Nepali Language & Arts School grew from 80 to 150 families. ○ Over 250 students served; online enrolment launched; new school dress and bag introduced. • Amplifying Our Voice ○ Advocacy extended to state and federal governments. ○ Secured vital grant and government support. • Governance & Strategic Direction ○ Strategic Plan 2025–2028 launched. ○ Online nomination and election system implemented with transparency. • Funding & Financial Sustainability ○ 17 grant applications submitted; 80% success rate; over \$200,000 worth. ○ New income sources: sponsorships, fundraising, cultural dress sales. ○ Upgraded NAWA's sound system. • Partnerships & Collaboration ○ Collaborations with local councils, NFPs, and other Nepali and multicultural organisations including PBWA, NRNA WA, INLS, NEWA, and various cultural samajs. • Sporting Achievements ○ WANFA Football League and 7th NAWA Cup Volleyball Tournament hosted. ○ Co-hosted 6th Oceania Nepali Sports Meet (ONSM) Perth 2025 with 400+ athletes across 10 sports. • Closing Remarks ○ Gratitude expressed for community trust and support.
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		○ Encouragement to read full Annual Report (hardcopy and online). ○ Commitment to continued growth, collaboration, and cultural pride.
6	Secretary Report	Presented by: Mr. Sandeep Adhikari, Secretary – NAWA Inc. • Reflected on NAWA’s progress, teamwork, and vision for the future. • Highlighted completion of the 2025–28 Strategic Plan, developed with broad community input. • Emphasised transparent governance, including the first fully online election process run by an independent commission. • Reported submission of 17 grant applications worth over \$200k, securing 80% success rate and locking in \$54k multi-year funding. • Confirmed \$71.5k closing balance, with income from grants, school fees, sponsorships, and fundraising. • Celebrated high-impact events like Teej, Dashain, Holi, New Year, and Recognition Night — reaching 10,000+ participants. • Shared growth of the Nepali Language & Arts School to 250+ students across four campuses with new uniforms and online enrolment. • Recognised sporting milestones including WANFA League, NAWA Cup, and ONSM 2025, co-hosted with over 400 athletes. • Reported on community programs like women’s fitness, cyber-safety workshops, and volunteer appreciation events. • Noted strong collaboration with PBWA, NEWA, NRNA-WA, INLS, and diverse cultural groups. • Digital growth included a 40% increase in social media followers. • Outlined future priorities: expanding membership, establishing a cultural centre, youth leadership programs, and upgrading to Digital 2.0. • Closed with a motivating call to action, thanking all members and volunteers for shaping NAWA’s success.
7	Treasurer’s Financial Report	Presented by: Mr. Rudra Bhandari – Treasurer, NAWA Inc. • Total Revenue for FY 2024–25: \$254,157

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		• Total Expenditure: \$212,869 • Closing Bank Balance (as of 30 June 2025): \$71,509.69 (prior to returning \$44,000 sports grant to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) • Funding Secured for FY 2025–26: \$62,300 ◦ \$37,300 – Language School ◦ \$15,000 – Grassroots Program ◦ \$10,000 – Cybersecurity Awareness • Additional Confirmed Funding for FY 2026–27: \$10,000 • Grants comprised 58% of total revenue. • The Nepali New Year Festival self-funded nearly 40% of its total cost. • Mr. Bhandari emphasised NAWA’s strong financial health, strategic fundraising, and careful budget management—paving the way for continued program growth and long-term community impact.
8	Q & A	Several members raised constructive feedback and questions during the open forum, including: • A lack of dedicated mental health programs for the community. • Administrative oversights in internal communication and coordination. • Concern about low member participation in the AGM and other engagement opportunities. • A perceived gap in support for international students and new arrivals. • A general concern that community cohesion and collaboration across groups could be stronger. Responses: • Secretary Mr. Sandeep Adhikari acknowledged these points and shared the challenges and work area of nawa and the ongoing work done in background. • President Mr. Churamani Lamichhane addressed the administrative issues, assuring improvements in internal systems and accountability. • On the matter of student support, both Secretary and President reaffirmed NAWA’s intent to increase engagement with student groups through mentorship programs and outreach events.

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		- Regarding community cohesion, the leadership team highlighted ongoing partnerships and welcomed further collaboration to strengthen unity. - Members were thanked for their honesty, and it was noted that their feedback will help inform NAWA's priorities moving forward.
9	Annual Report Approval	Annual Report was approved unopposed by the AGM floor.
10	Dissolution of Current Team - Handover to election commission	- The Secretary, Mr. Sandeep Adhikari, officially handed over responsibilities to the NAWA Election Commission 2025, marking the formal dissolution of the 2023–2025 Executive Committee. - Both the Secretary and President expressed heartfelt thanks to all community members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for a successful term, and affirmed their ongoing dedication to serving the community. Online voting for the contested position of President was held via the NAWA election portal on 6th July 2025 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. - The Election Commission 2025 then assumed responsibility for finalising the election results and forming the new executive team. NAWA Election Commission 2025: - Mr. Yadav Sharma (Election Commissioner) - Dr. Maninath Paneru - Mr. Kedar Rijal - Mr. Ang Dawa Jangbu Sherpa - Mr. Anup Ghimire
11	New Executive Team Formation- Election Commission	- The NAWA Election Commission 2025 announced the official formation of the NAWA Executive Committee for the 2025–2027 term. - All uncontested positions were confirmed, and the successfully elected President was announced following the conclusion of online voting. - The full executive team was formally introduced to the community during the AGM. - The Election Commission congratulated all appointees and extended best wishes for their leadership ahead.

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		2025–2027 NAWA Inc. Executive Team: • President – Navin Bhandari • Vice-President – Sunita Lama Tamang • General Secretary – Bijay Kumar Shah • Secretary – Samundra Raj Puri • Treasurer – Manoj Kharel • Joint Treasurer – Anup Paudyal • Member/Coordinator of Youth & Sports – Bikesh Shrestha • Member/Coordinator of Women & Family – Aimi Thapa • Member/Coordinator of Culture & Tradition – Karma Lama • Member/Coordinator of Public Relations & Communications – Suraj Neupane (Sunny) • Member/Coordinator of Health & Wellbeing – Bishnu Baral • Member/Coordinator of Student Engagement – Sita Ram Panta • Member/Coordinator of Community Engagement & Outreach – Dr. Sangita Bista • Member – Rajendra Sapkota
12	New Executive Committee Oat taking Closing	The new committee members took the Oath of Office , led by the Election Commission, signifying the beginning of their tenure.
13	Closing	

Minutes by:
Sandeep Adhikari
Secretary- NAWA 23/25

Approved by:
Churamani Lamichhane - CL
On – 13 July 2025