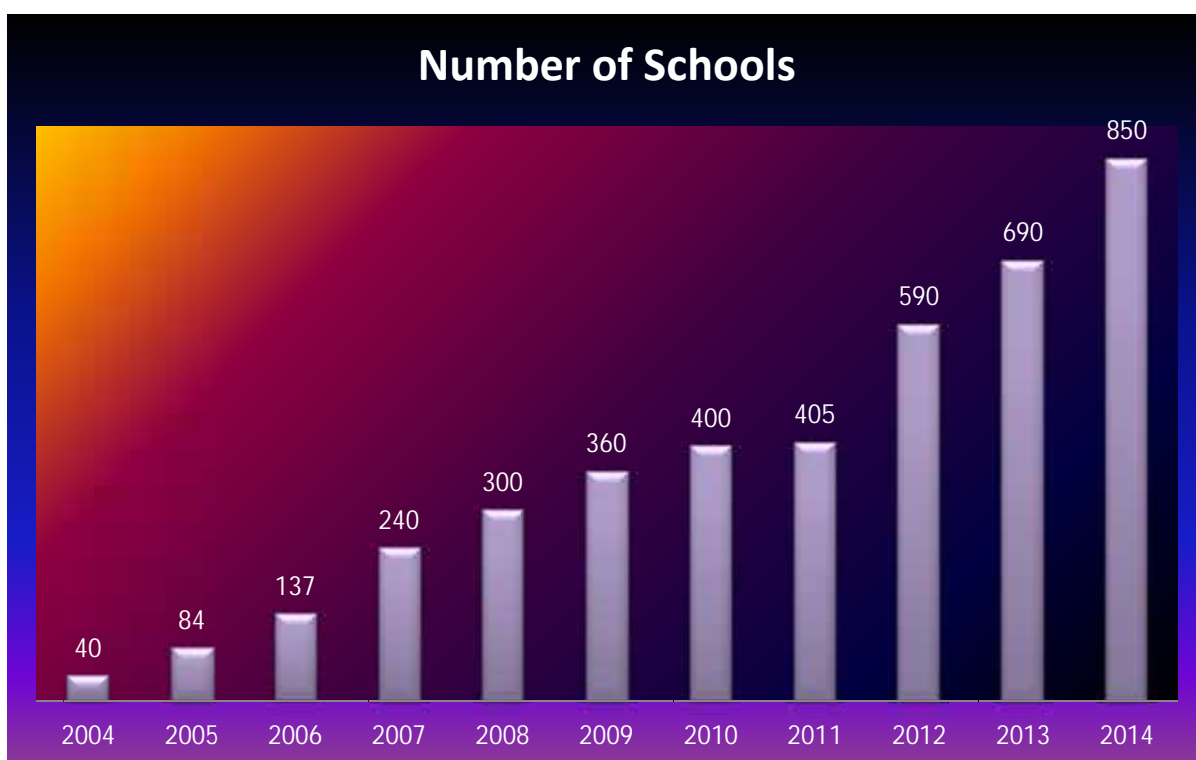




EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



Dear Ekal Sponsors, Supporters and Friends

On behalf of the Ekal volunteers' team, it is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the 2013-14 annual report for Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation (EVF) of Australia.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Ekal volunteers and all school sponsors. With your enthusiasm, hard work and generous support we are able to sponsor close to 950 schools from Australia. Overall, Ekal is now operating close to 55,000 schools educating more than 1.5 million children. More importantly, about half of these students are girls.

2014 marked the 10th anniversary of Ekal in Australia. To commemorate this milestone the Ekal volunteers organised a fund raising event Ekal Jhankaar 2014 on 26th July. We had Consul General of India Mr. Sunjay Sudhir and Mr. Paul Fletcher MP and Parliament Secretary to the Minister of Communications as our special guests. It was a spectacular cultural show where children from various dance groups performed in front of more than 800 guests. We raised approximately \$30,000.00 which helped sponsoring 80 schools. In addition, 30 schools were sponsored by the guest during the function.

Ekal Youth also had a very busy and productive year. They organized several fundraising events, such as 10-pin bowling night, Bollywood Marathon Movie Night and a major event "Rhythm Of Bollywood" in April at Marana Auditorium, Hurstville where they raised \$6,000. They also put up a stall at the Diwali function at Parramatta Park and spread the Ekal awareness amongst thousands of Sydney population. A big congratulation and thank you to the young Ekal volunteers for their contribution.

Ekal volunteers made their presence felt at various community fairs, such as Tamil Arts and Cultural Associations fair on 13th April 2014. We also made presentation to the West Ryde Public School community dinner at Mantra Restaurant on the occasion of Diwali on 18th October 2014 and showed people an Ekal film and answered their questions.

It has been my honour and privilege to be Ekal Australia's President for the last 3 years. It is now time for Ekal volunteers to choose a new President to bring new ideas and energy to this very important role. I wish the new Executive Committee all the very best for the year ahead.

Once again thank you and wish you all the best.

Devendra Gupta
President, EVF Australia
November 2014

Activities during the Year

Jhankaar 2014 Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia celebrated 10th Anniversary

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, Australia celebrated its 10th Anniversary on 26th July 2014. The cultural potpourri had all the delectable flavors of India showcasing the talent of 120 local artistes. Success in any venture requires single minded attention to details and concentration and the Ekal team had only one goal-to raise maximum funds to reach inch closer to the dream of sponsoring 1,000 schools by the end of 2014. While the platinum sponsor for the program was St. George Bank, other philanthropic business and members of the community sponsored the raffle prizes.

The event started with auspicious lighting of the lamp by Sunjay Sudhir, India's Consul General in Sydney. He was accompanied on the stage by Paul Flecher, Parliamentary Minister for Communications, the current President Devendra Gupta and the founding President of EVF Australia Dr Nihal Agar. This was followed by Ganesha vandana in praise of Lord Ganesha, the eradicator of all obstacles. The dance was presented by Natya Darshan.



The performances that followed kept the crowd enthralled. They could not stop themselves from cheering loud after every performance. The performers included Mayur Dance Academy of Ankur Saini, Lotus Dance School of Purvi Desai, Natyadarshan of Mrs Sashi Bala, Rhythms of India of Prachi Batra, Ruchi Sanghi Dance Company of Ruchi

Sanghi, Samskriti School of Dance of Hamsa Venkat, Bass Bhangara of Alex Mavi, Mystic Bollywood fusion dance company of Shonie Kaushik & Asha Mistry, Shiamak Davar Dance Company of Vihang Nikalje. Mukesh Rao and Group presented skid. Saleem Zamaan had the audience asked for more after he sang three Hindi golden oldies. The young talent artist Mili surprised the audience of nearly 800 people as she displayed her exemplary painting skills live on stage.

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Ekal Youth Australia (EYA) message

EYA would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent team for their ongoing support and belief in us, we are so grateful for your continual guidance. We would also like to say a huge congratulations for the success of Jhankaar 2014, the event was so well organised and the amount of money raised is an incredible achievement. The parent team continues to inspire us with your dedication and commitment.

We look forward to continue working together in raising awareness in the community about the great work of EVF!

The past year has been incredible for Ekal Youth Australia, with more fundraiser events being held, more members joining the team and more schools being sponsored. Here is a quick snapshot into what the youth team has been up to this year!

Office Bearers

For this year Ekal youth have three executive members and 11 new members joined the team:

- Srishti Yadav
- Sheffy Goyal
- Medhavi Gupta

Ekal Youth Bollywood Marathon Movie Night

Ekal Youth Australia held its first major movie event this July 2013, 'Bollywood through the Ages'. The event was held at the historic Star Bar Cinema Theatre where young Bolly-wood film lovers flocked to reminisce and enjoyed their favorite films from Hindi Cinema.

Starting at midday ending at 10'o clock at night, Ekal Youth played three different Bollywood films categorized by the 1990's, 2000's and 2010's. The three films were selected through a polling system held on the Ekal Youth Australia Facebook page, with Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (DDLJ), Rang De Basanti and Vicky Donor respectively being picked.

Every attendee was given free pop-corn and a cup of lollies, with bruschetta and spring-rolls served after each screening. 'The bruschetta and spring rolls were definitely a bonus for me,' said a happy Simran Mehta.

Coupled with the event, was a photo booth set up by photography company, 'Showcase your Culture'. The photo booth aimed to take photographs of youths from different cultures with a large box of different cultural outfits to choose from.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness for the cause and let all our fans know that we are still in existence. From the success of the event, all the funds raised will be contributed to the Ekal Vidyalaya Relief Fund.

Ekal Youth Bowling Fundraiser

In February 2014 Ekal Youth Australia hosted their second bowling fundraiser, this time held at Lidcombe Tenpin City a family ten-pin bowling event. Around 50 people joined us in Auburn to spend an evening bowling and having fun. We raised over \$500, enough to sponsor one school for the year! We filled over 10 lanes, and everyone participated in taking photos with a whiteboard stating why they thought education was important.

EYA It was wonderful to see many of the members of the parent organisation, Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia, at the event with their bowling shoes on ready to score some strikes!



Ekal Youth Strikes again...

The spectacular "The Rhythm of Bollywood" (ROB) was organized for the second consecutive year by Ekal Youth Australia supported by Desi.com.au, held on Saturday the 5th of April in Marana Auditorium, Hurstville. Ekal Youth Australia aims to raise awareness and funds for the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation amongst the youth of Australia and provide support to their work. Ekal Youth hope to bring together the youth of Australia to aid the youth of rural India in receiving the education that is their right.

This night was created for the purpose of sponsoring numerous schools in India, and giving countless children access to education. ROB was also held in 2013 by Ekal Youth who had sponsored 4 schools from the funds of the event.

This year, the night of ROB took off with performances- first up we had singer "Gul Hora", followed by three fantastic dance groups, "Rhythms of India", "Mystik Bollywood" and "Bhangra All Stars Sydney". A live band "Electric Korma", consisting of 3 Australian guys that sing Indian classics, also performed live! For the remaining half of the night, the DJ, Dimple hit it off with Bhangra and Bollywood music. There were also many photographers

on the night- Anshuman Bose with Hirali Dhawan and Royale Photography (Gagan Assi and Kovid Sahni).

Ekal Youth would like to thank desi.com.au for their undying support from the very beginning and helping to make Rhythm of Bollywood a huge success for the second time. After over 500 guests at the event and the support of everyone who attended, Ekal Youth was able to sponsor 4 schools for 3 years. Combined with the funds raised from last year, this means that Ekal Youth are now sponsoring 8 schools in total and giving education to more than 240 children.



Ekal Youth Australia recognition

We would also like to mention that EYA has been fortunate enough to have started receiving recognition from other youth organisations, including UNSW Vishwaas, who recently donated proceeds from their theatre production 'Fire to Earth – a story of Rama and Sita' to us. Two members of the EYA team attended the event as representatives and used the opportunity to hand out fliers, seek donations and hand out our ribbons as a sign of support for Ekal. EYA hope that in the coming year we can build even more affiliates within the South Asian Youth community in Sydney.



Ekal Youth Australia (EYA) Stall – Deepavali Fair 2014

In August this year, EYA was proud to welcome over 10 new members to the team, many of whom are just starting out at uni and are eager to organise new and dynamic fundraiser events in the year to come. The new EYA team held their first fundraiser just a few weeks ago by hosting a stall at the Diwali Mela, held in Parramatta on October 19th seeing familiar faces and new ones. With the support of Mehndi by Minal and Monisha from MB Mehndi who generously volunteered to do mehndi at the stall, EYA were able to engage attendees at the mela to talk about their cause while raising funds for Ekal Vidyalaya.

The activities on the day included selling Diwali diyas, handing out blue and orange ribbons of support and walking around the park and requesting for any small donations. EYA also made their own polaroid frame for people to take photos in (you can see what it looks like below!). Not only did we raise more than \$500, a lot of people from the older generation showed a keen interest in the activities of Ekal Vidyalaya and many youths also expressed their keenness in joining the team! The new members worked extremely hard to make the stall a success and they showed the kind of passion, commitment and teamwork that forms the essence of Ekal Youth.

The day ended with some solid funds to start out with the organisation of Rhythm of Bollywood 2015 as well as a whole day's worth of photos displaying the teams efforts and the new supporters they could bring on board.



Raising awareness through Social event

Ruchika and Ashish Garg organized a community Diwali dinner at Mantra Indian restaurant, West Ryde on the 18th October for families of kids studying at West Ryde Public school.

During the gathering Ruchika and the West Ryd School Hindi teacher, Mrs Archana Chaudhary, also an Ekal sponsrer for the past 10 years talked about Ekal's work in India and the school sponsorship program. They also showed a film on Ekal in action.

The presentation was well received by all members and the brochures were distributed raising awareness amongst them.



**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)
AS ON 30 JUNE 2014**

2013		2014
	Current Assets	
\$ 13,478.36	Cash at Bank Admin Account	\$ 15,955.23
\$ 140,224.64	Cash at Bank Relief Fund Account	\$ 174,609.34
\$ 25,206.24	Cash/Cheque in Hand	\$ 30,784.80
\$ 178,909.24	Total Current Assets	\$ 221,349.37
\$ 330.00	Accrued Expenses - Audit Charges	\$ 440.00
\$ 178,579.24	Net Assets	\$ 220,909.37
	Accumulated Fund	
\$ 175,869.95	Balance at beginning	\$ 178,579.24
\$ 2,709.29	Surplus (deficit) for year	\$ 42,330.13
\$ 178,579.24	Balance at end	\$ 220,909.37

**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (UNAUDITED)
AS ON 30 JUNE 2014**

2013		2014
	INCOME	
\$ 183,551.84	Sponsorship	\$ 206,207.02
\$ 2,118.00	Donations	\$ 3,581.15
\$ 13,435.00	Function Sponsorship	\$ 3,877.97
\$ 760.00	Council Deposit Refunds	\$ 00.00
\$ 8,300.00	Souvenir Advert	\$ 00.00
\$ 875.00	Everyday Hero	\$ 831.24
\$ 209,039.84	Total Income	\$ 214,497.38
	EXPENDITURE	
\$ 330.00	Audit	\$ 550.00
\$ 51.00	Affiliations and Inc fee	\$ 00.00
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\$ 200,000.00	Sponsorships	\$ 165,755.00
\$ 2,785.00	Hall Hire	\$ 539.00
\$ 1,364.45	Insurance	\$ 1,373.25
\$ 875.00	Youth Function	\$ 00.00
\$ 00.00	Hi-Tea Function expenses	\$ 3,510.00
\$ 206,3330.55	Total Expenditure	\$ 206,660.55
\$ 2,709.29	Surplus (Deficit) for Year	\$ 2,379.29

**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
AS ON 30 JUNE 2014**

2013		2014
	CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
\$ 183,551.84	Receipts from Sponsors	\$ 209,788.17
\$ 25,488.00	Other Receipts	\$ 4,709.21
-\$ 200,000.00	Sponsorship Payments	-\$ 165,755.00
-\$ 10,463.95	Payment to Suppliers	-\$ 6,302.25
\$ 2,379.29	Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 42,440.13
\$ 2,379.29	Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 178,909.24
\$ 176,529.95	Cash at beginning of year	
\$ 178,909.24	Cash at 30 June 2014	\$ 221,349.37