



EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19



President's Message & Activity Report

Dear Ekal Sponsors, Supporters, and Friends

On behalf of the EVF Australia Volunteers team it is my absolute honour and privilege to present to you the Annual Report for 2018-2019 of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia. In last 14 years Ekal Australia has become a well-known name among Indian Australians especially in Sydney. 2019 was a very special year for Ekal as the organisation received Gandhi Peace Prize for 2017 by President of India. This award earns the same respect in India as Noble Peace Prize in the world.

It gives me immense pleasure to mention that our foundation member and one of the most dedicated volunteers Dr Nihal Agar received 'Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas Samman' by President of India on 23rd Jan this year. The photo given below.



Ekal also got commendations by honourable President and Prime Minister of India for doing wonderful work for our children who needed better education and overall development. Our solid team member Deven ji was also honoured by Indore Ekal Chapter for his exemplary work to benefit disadvantaged kids. Unfortunately we lost one of our great supporters Sanjay Vaidya after a long health battle. We will always remember his contribution to Ekal and to the wider community.

In our 2019 planning meeting Ekal team decided to focus on the following points:

1. Raise awareness about Ekal among wider audiences in Australia
2. Expand Ekal beyond Sydney and explore grounds in other metropolitan cities
3. Focus on working with other organisations as charity partner
4. Promote corporate collaborations for sponsorships

5. Get more volunteers

With the above goals in mind the team has worked hard throughout 2019. With immense pleasure we have been able to achieve the following milestones.

For the first time in the history of Ekal Australia we got the biggest exposure to spread the work of Ekal among mammoth crowds of more than 2500, who came to listen very popular and renowned Bollywood singers in RKSV Foundation's 'Shankar Ehsaan Loy Live Concert' at Hill Song Convention Centre on 27th July. Ekal was honoured to be chosen as a charity partner by RKSV. We were not only given an opportunity to introduce Ekal and talk about how to become Ekal sponsor but given time to showcase Ekal video for more information and awareness to bigger audience.



The function was a great success. The crew had 23 members with astonishing orchestra, singers and artists. The audience enjoyed the wonderful performances of Shankar, Ehsaan and Loy and didn't shy away from dancing on the top numbers. This concert helped with our goal of Ekal promotion and awareness and also received kindly from RKSV proceeds from the ticket sales to assist with sponsoring 8 schools. We are grateful to reverend Swami ji for his blessings to the Ekal cause. Ekal was honoured to be associated with RKSV and with one of the most popular music groups in India.



As shown in above photo, Ekal was chosen as charity partner by Gujarati Braham Samaaj Inc. for their Navratri Garba Function organised on 5th October at Stanhope Leisure Centre. We show our sincere gratitude for the support provided by GBSN last year and this year. GBSN not only donated \$5000 to Ekal from the Garba function but also helped Ekal spread its message of supporting education for poor children. This generosity will certainly help us in increasing number of Ekal Schools sponsored from Australia. The function was a huge success and gathered around 2000 enthusiasts. We look forward to collaborate with GBSN again in the future.

Taal Se Taal Mila, the signature event of Heart & Soul Productions under the wings of Arun Nanda and Rushi Dave organised a wonderful concert on 9th February at the Pacific Christian School auditorium. The music loving audience of Sydney were treated to a musical extravaganza featuring the winners of the Music Fare Awards, Vikas Kolar and Ami Surti and also the talented Shailja Chandra. But the main performer was the extremely talented Srijani Dhan. Srijani Dhan has performed in many venues across India and Australia, has over 100 concerts to her credit and won some prestigious awards in singing. Heart & Soul Productions supported the Ekal Vidyalaya movement and the Ekal cause.

Photo below with Srijani and Ekal team members.



Ekal was supported by Team India and its tireless founder and Ekal volunteer Abhijeet for raising awareness among new migrants and young families by participating in their successful programs Sarasvati puja, Indian Republic and Australia Day and Navratri Garba. Ekal volunteers had tea stall in Team India's Garba function which attracted around 1000 participants. We look forward to keep collaborating with Team India.

Rajasthani Association of NSW Inc. (RANI) opted Ekal as their charity partner to celebrate their famous festival 'Gangaur' on 7th April at a function centre in Harris Park. It was a ladies only function where everyone dressed up in beautiful traditional attire showcasing rich Rajasthani culture and tradition. This program not only gave Ekal an opportunity to reach out wider community but also gifted us with part of the proceeds. RANI President, Swapna also promised to continue supporting Ekal in future. RANI members with Ekal below:



GOPIO Sydney, a multicultural community organisation in Sydney and recognised globally, recognised Ekal's contribution to society in Bowman Hall on 16th March 2019. The president recognised Ekal's contribution to the community in their annual GYAAN AWARD Night. As shown below in the photo a number of Ekal volunteers and Ekal Youth volunteers attended the function.



Ekal volunteers met AHIA Senior Citizen Club members and gave presentation about Ekal to a group of senior citizens on 8th June. Subhashini Channa was very kind to get the volunteers be introduced to all office bearers of the club and give us time to talk about Ekal. Most senior citizens knew about Ekal and few members were already sponsoring a school. See below senior citizens listening attentively to Ekal presentation.



This year Dr Nihal Agar visited Brisbane to promote Ekal and establish Brisbane Chapter. Ashish Garg moved to Adelaide this year to promote Ekal there with help of our existing volunteer Chiraag Trivedi. Our Jayendra Shah and Bhavi Shah met a number of potential volunteers (including Hasmukh Unalkat, Vipin Gaindhar, Dattatreya, our original volunteer Gopal Verma and others) in Melbourne during their trip to Melbourne on 13 and 14 July weekend. They also met a number of other community members during their presentation on Ekal to seniors group on 14 July 19. Over the same weekend Ekal got representation in Melbourne's Kids Expo by new volunteers Anjul Yadav and Sudhir Juneja. The function raised one Ekal school. It is a work in progress to establish our Melbourne chapter in forthcoming months.

In this report I will render special thanks to our corporate sponsors and a very special mention of our committed volunteer Sushil Gupta and his family who have supported Ekal in big way by first donating contributions from son's wedding and then donating a large amount via corporate program sponsorship. This year Ekal also targeted expanding the social media coverage using Face Book with the help of volunteer Amit. We intend to try this again next year to reach more people online.

Ekal Youth's enthusiasm and zest for spreading the Ekal message and raising funds for the sponsorships of more schools is commendable. Their report is attached separately.

Currently EVF Australia is sponsoring 505 schools. We need to work on getting new sponsors and contacting old sponsors for considering Ekal again to achieve more schools next year. Nonetheless we all can be proud of the fact that the Australian chapter of Ekal Vidyalaya comes second only to the USA in terms of number of Ekal schools being sponsored by chapters outside of India. Globally a total of 99,209 schools have been sponsored as shown on global Ekal website on 8th November.

I take the opportunity to sincerely thank all Ekal Volunteers, Ekal Sponsors and supporters for your ongoing support and good will. With your enthusiasm, hard work and commitment we can continue our Ekal journey of not only eradicating illiteracy from the rural and tribal India but also empowering the women and girls of these regions. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

Once again thank you and kind regards

Shobha Yadav
President, EVF Australia

17th November 2019

2019 Report by Ekal Youth Australia (EYA)

Ekal Youth Australia (EYA)

Ekal Youth Australia has completed its 8th year in working towards supporting the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation. We have strived to work towards the mission and values of EVF and will continue to do so in the upcoming years.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the EVF Australia team for their ongoing support and guidance over the years.

This year we had a successful event that enabled us to distribute approximately \$500 as proceeds to support rural education in India. Our team has worked effortlessly over the past few months to ensure that all events have been successful and maintain the high standards of EVF's and EYA's principles of practice.

We look forward to continuing our work with EVF in raising awareness in the community and working towards eradicating illiteracy. Every Ekal Youth Australia volunteer holds passion towards their commitment to EYA and we as a team, promise to strive for far greater achievements for our community.

EYA Executive Team 2019

- Thripura Hariharan – President
- Sonali Gupta – Vice President
- Pooja Hariharan – Vice President
- Vihaan Kaura – Treasurer

Our team comprises approximately 20 additional members.



The Rhythm of Bollywood 2019: Subtle Bolly Traits



Ekal Youth Australia's annual event, The Rhythm of Bollywood, took place for the seventh consecutive year on the 13th of April 2019.

Like every year, The Rhythm of Bollywood 2019 showcased a range of performers including the Indian Dance School, Taal Dance Group, BASS Queens and Shiamak Sydney, amongst others. We also had an open dance floor hosted by one of the most in demand Bollywood DJs in Australia, DJ Avi – he has taken the quality of Desi nightlife to every corner of the world!



The event attracted almost 500 attendees making it a great success for both the EYA team and for the schools we support in rural India. This level of success would definitely not have been possible without our sponsors, Kismet Mechanical, Sidd Rishi Photography and Indian Oz Connection, as well as our food provider, The Godfather Conference & Function Centre.

A special thank you also goes to Decor-A-Shaan for its yearly supply of the beautiful decorations we use for the event.

Furthermore, our media partner Desi Australia has always been a great pillar of strength and support for our events, without whom we would have not been able to achieve as much as we have.

Finally, a huge thank you to our photographers, Silcam Productions and Shanik's Photography, for capturing the moments from the night.



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To members of **EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, statement of financial performance for the year ended on that date, the statement by the committee at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform that audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Corporations Act 2001.

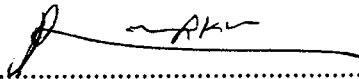


Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Foundation are properly drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Foundation as at 30 June 2019 and its results for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

For purpose of the Charitable Fundraising Act:

- (a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for which they relate.
- (b) the accounts and associated records have been properly kept in accordance with the legislation.
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted.
- (d) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



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KANTILAL RATANSHI GOKANI
Registered Company Auditor

Date: 22th day of October 2019



EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

2018		2019
	INCOME	
228,030.93	Gross Income-Sponsorship	217,473.35
30,523.20	-Donations	14,388.00
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258,554.13		231,861.35
	Less	
	EXPENDITURE	
605.00	Audit	550.00
0.00	Advertisement & brochures	402.49
265,000.00	Sponsorships	252,000.00
4,634.30	Hall hire	0.00
911.35	Insurance	911.35
627.00	Legal expenses	93.00
434.50	Good to Give fees	434.50
0.00	Youth function	9,426.50
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272,212.15		263,817.84
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(\$13,658.02)	(DEFICIT) for the year	(\$31,956.49)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2019

2018		2019
	CURRENT ASSETS	
	Cash:	
10,058.88	Cash at bank	2,031.53
196,517.25	Bank Relief Fund	172,272.03
20,935.00	Cash in hand	21,251.08
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227,511.13	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	195,554.64
	 CURRENT LIABILITY	
550.00	Accrued expenses	550.00
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\$226,961.13	NET ASSETS	\$195,004.64
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	ACCUMULATED FUND	
240,619.15	Balance at beginning	226,961.13
(13,658.02)	(Deficit) for the year	(31,956.49)
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\$226,961.13	Balance at end	\$195,004.64
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2019

	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from sponsors	228,030.93	217,473.35
Other receipts	30,523.20	14,388.00
Sponsor payments	(265,000.00)	(252,000.00)
Payments to suppliers	(7,212.15)	(11,817.84)
Interest received	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	(13,658.02)	(31,956.49)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(13,658.02)	(31,956.49)
Cash at beginning of year	241,169.15	227,511.13
Cash at end of year	227,511.13	195,554.64

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

