



# EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20





## 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 2019-2020 of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia. Ekal celebrated its 16<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the distinguished service of three foundation members Dr Nihal Agar, Jay Shah and Anil Yadav whose contribution towards the growth of the organisation has been exemplary. Since the humble beginnings Ekal has become a well-known name among the Indian Australian communities. Our aim is to extend to mainstream communities in long run.

It gives me immense pleasure to mention that honourable prime minister of India Modi ji congratulated Ekal Vidyalaya on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 on reaching the figure of 100,000 schools across India and applauded the efforts for promoting the education among rural and tribal children and in realising Gandhiji's ideal of Gram Swaraj. Ekal also got commendations for doing wonderful work during COVID by making masks and distributing and promoting hygiene to contain spread of COVID among villages. Dr Harshvardhan Health minister and chairman of Executive committee of WHO recognised Ekal's efforts in safeguarding our villages.

In Australia, 2019 summer started with devastating bushfires, followed by floods and emergence of pandemic COVID. Despite these challenges Ekal has been able to achieve excellent results due to generosity of our donors and sponsors and commitment of our volunteers. We had so many cancellations of meetings, functions and social events this year and moved from face to face meetings to virtual meetings but Ekal spirit stayed strong.

In our 2020 planning meeting the following goals were proposed:

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
6. Utilising social media to promote Ekal

With the above goals in mind the team has worked hard throughout 2019-2020 to make sure our targets are achieved as closely as possible.

Last year in July when we charity partnered with RKSV Foundation to host Shankar Ehsaan Loy Concert at Hill Song Convention Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> July we thought that we have achieved a big milestone because the program was a great success. The crew had 23 members with astonishing orchestra, singers and artists and Ekal got excellent coverage.



EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND  
PRESENT

# OCEANIA 2020

★ LIVE CONCERT ★  
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

  
 CHIRAG PANCHAL  
SINGER

  
 SANJEEVANI BHELANDE  
PLAYBACK SINGER

**SUNDAY  
6 SEPTEMBER 2020  
5:00 PM AEST**

**LIVE STREAM & DONATE AT:  
WWW.EKAL.ORG/OCEANIA2020**  
Donations to Ekal are tax deductible in Australia

  
 SANDEEP MAYEKAR  
TABLA

  
 RICHARD MITHRA  
GUITAR

  
 KIRAN VINKAR  
FLUTE

  
 RUPESH RANE  
OCTOPAD

  
 SANJAY MARATHE  
KEYBOARD

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**SUPPORTED BY:**




**OUR IMPACT\***

 **102,090**  
SCHOOLS

 **2,782,396**  
STUDENTS

 **1,391,688**  
BOYS ENROLLED

 **1,390,728**  
GIRLS ENROLLED

\*Updated as of April 2020

Ekal provides free child education in rural and tribal India and empowers village communities.

However, this year for the first time in the history of Ekal Australia not only we got the biggest exposure online but also the biggest funds raised ever. We reached out to spread the work of Ekal among mammoth crowds in Australia and across the globe. EVFA and Ekal New Zealand brought the first ever virtual concert Oceania 2020 with the theme 'young to old, love is gold' on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September presenting famous play back singer from India, Sanjeevani Bhelade with Chirag Panchal and live orchestra.

The duo presented very popular and melodious songs from Bollywood and beyond and spell bounded audiences across the world for 3 hours. EVFA had one month for preparations, which involved countless virtual meetings, detailed planning, marketing and promotion of the event online, and using traditional media platforms. We learned so much every day.






The program gave a wonderful opportunity to volunteers to showcase their dedication and joy of volunteering through radio talks, promo videos and promoting Ekal on social media platforms. Ekal US Team and Netlink from India guided us day and night to take us to the perfection. From this virtual event we raised \$102,260 which included donations pledged by regular sponsors. I would take this opportunity to congratulate all Ekal families whose combined efforts made this possible. Especially Ekal Youth Team who was heavily instrumental throughout the event. I would also like to acknowledge significant support by Deven Gupta and Jay Shah in logistics and planning of the event.

*We Thank You for making*  
**OCEANIA 2020**  
 ★ LIVE CONCERT ★  
 a grand success!

**EKAL VIDYALAYA SECURED**

<b>AUD 29,375</b> DONATIONS		<b>AUD 72,885</b> PLEDGES
<b>AUD 1,02,260</b> TOTAL		

Your contribution towards the  
 Ekal Movement is highly appreciated!

Ekal Australia for the first time was invited to participate in Ekal National Conference along with Ekal Canada and India. Jay Shah, represented us in the conference and



showcased us in a very passionate and enthusiastic way. Australian chapter has learnt a lot from the workshops and have picked few key concepts to be adopted in future.

This year our volunteers Poornima and Kamal used FB to raise funds for Ekal. The account is set for other volunteers to use this platform for further fundraising. Ekal is also registered with Paypal giving fund.

Dr Priyank dedicated his book, Love Your Challenges, sponsoring 5 schools from the proceeds of his book sale.

EVFA joined hands with HBF to raise funds on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 to support Rural Fire Service and acknowledge efforts of our exemplary fire fighters.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Sagarika Venkat a 10- year old fan of Ekal presented Bharatanatyam solo performance via live streaming on FB and Instagram and raised funds for Ekal.



**SAGARIKA VENKAT**  
DISCIPLE OF MANJULA VISWANATH

in her  
solo margham

**28  
JUNE**

Facebook-Manjula Viswanath Venkat  
FACEBOOK PAGE- SAGARIKA VENKAT  
INSTAGRAM - MANJULA VENKAT  
ALL FUNDS CAN BE DIRECTLY  
TRANSFERRED INTO  
EKAL VIDYALAYAS ACCOUNT

EVFA RELIEF FUND -  
ANZ BANK (BSB- 012 410)  
ACC # - 488742357

**6:30-7:30PM**

A FUND RAISER FOR EKAL VIDYALAYA AUSTRALIA - IN AID OF EDUCATION OF RURAL CHILDREN OF INDIA

WWW.SAGARIKA VENKAT.COM

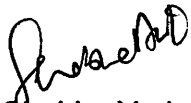
In this report I will render special thanks to our corporate sponsors. A very special mention of our committed volunteer Sushil Gupta and his family who supported Ekal in big way by first donating contributions from son's wedding last year, and this year their son Sulabh Gupta donating \$10,000 via corporate program sponsorship.

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 535 schools. We made a point to call existing sponsors to say thank you for their support and touch base with previous sponsors to check on their wellbeing and requesting to consider Ekal again in future. Globally a total of 102,753 schools have been sponsored as shown on global Ekal website on 08<sup>th</sup> 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

9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION  
OF AUSTRALIA**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2020**

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# **EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA**

## **Statement of Financial Performance**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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<b>Income</b>		
Income From Sponsorship	244,524.96	217,473.35
Donations	7,760.93	14,388.00
Total income	<u>252,285.89</u>	<u>231,861.35</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising & promotion		402.49
Audit fees		550.00
Fees & charges		93.00
Insurance	989.29	911.35
School Sponsorship	234,000.00	252,000.00
Drama tickets and other Costs		9,426.50
Good2Give Charges		434.50
Total expenses	<u>234,989.29</u>	<u>263,817.84</u>
<b>Net Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax</b>	<u><b>17,296.60</b></u>	<u><b>(31,956.49)</b></u>

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**The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.**



**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA****Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
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<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		5,287.24	2,031.53
EVF Relief Fund		204,526.68	172,272.03
Cash on hand		2,487.32	21,251.08
		<u>212,301.24</u>	<u>195,554.64</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>212,301.24</u>	<u>195,554.64</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>212,301.24</u>	<u>195,554.64</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Other</b>			
Sundry			550.00
			<u>550.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			<u>550.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			<u>550.00</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>212,301.24</u>	<u>195,004.64</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Undistributed income		212,301.24	195,004.64
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>212,301.24</u>	<u>195,004.64</u>

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**EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA****Cash Flow Report****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Income From Sponsorship	244,524.96	217,473.35
Donations	7,760.93	14,388.00
Total revenue	<u>252,285.89</u>	<u>231,861.35</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Previous Year Audit fees	550.00	550.00
Insurance	989.29	911.35
School Sponsorship	234,000.00	252,000.00
Drama tickets and other Costs		9,426.50
Fees and charges		93.00
Good2Give Charges		434.50
Advertising and Ptomotions		402.49
Total expenditure	<u>235,539.29</u>	<u>263,817.84</u>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>16,746.60</u>	<u>(31,956.49)</u>
Cash and bank balance at beginning of the year	195,554.64	227511.13
<b>Closing cash and bank balance</b>	<u><u>212,301.24</u></u>	<u><u>195,554.64</u></u>

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# **EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

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### **Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The committee prepared the financial statements of the foundation on the basis that the foundation is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee determined are appropriate to meet the purposes of preparation. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with mandatory Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

#### **(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### **(b) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

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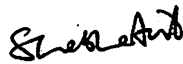
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**Statement by the committee**

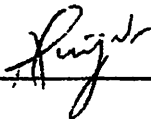
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In the opinion of the members of the committee:

- (i) the accompanying statement of financial performance is drawn up as to give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals and of surplus of the Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2020;
- (ii) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the state of affair with respect to fundraising appeals and of the Foundation as at 30 June 2020;
- (iii) the provision of the Charitable Fundraising Act, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the Foundation;
- (iv) the internal control exercised by the Foundation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Foundation from any of its fundraising appeals; and
- (v) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debt as and when due.
- (vi) the financial statements and notes to the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the committee:

President 

Secretary 

Place 9/11/2020

Date: 9 November 2020



## **To members EKAL VIDHYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA**

### **Financial audit**

#### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the **EKAL VIDHYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA** comprising the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, statement of and the operating statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the financial report, the financial position of the fund at 30 June 2020 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

For purpose of Charitable Fundraising Act:

- (a) the financial statement shows a true and fair view of the financials results of fundraising appeals for which they relates;
- (b) the accounts and associates records have been properly kept in accordance with the legislation;
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeal conducted during the year has been properly accounted;
- (d) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debt as and when due.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. I am independent of the Foundation in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to this audit. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### **Responsibilities of committee 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 Australian Accounting Interpretations). The committee members are also responsible for such internal controls as they determine are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a 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.

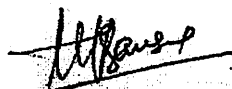
## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of committee taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of an internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit 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 fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee members.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I have communicated with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I may identify during the audit.



Mr Vijay Bansal

**B. Com, FCA (I), FIPA, FIFA, FNTAA**  
**MEMBER NO 144530**

Date: 9th November 2020