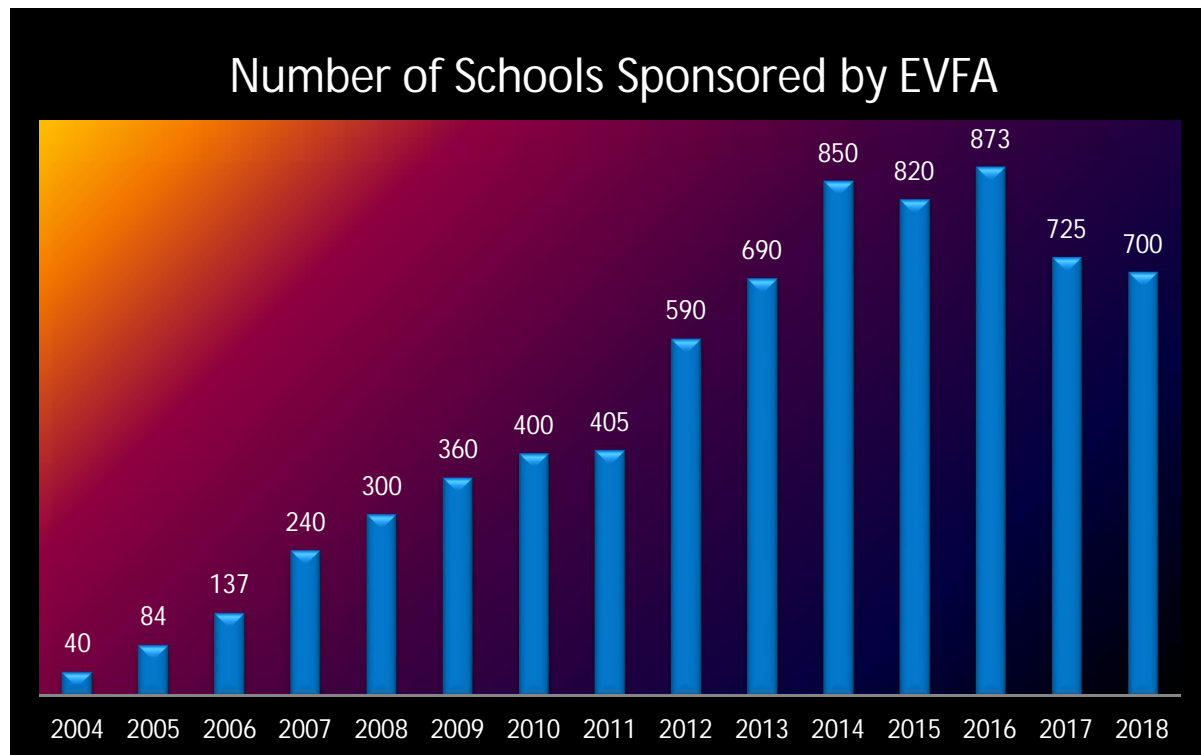




EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18



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 2017-2018 of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia.

This year in March, Rupal Maheta and Naitik Maheta of Perth, Western Australia organised “Rang BiRangi” program – A theme- based singing and dancing extravaganza – on 17th March 2018 to promote Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia in Perth. This function was a great success which helped us reach new community members of Perth and at the same time raised about \$4,000 to sponsor 8 Ekal schools.

This year Hindi Comedy Play – Shaadi Ka Laddu Laddu Ki Shaadi – directed by Vipul Vyas was presented at EVF Australia's 14th anniversary function on 28th July 2018. The function was a grand success raising awareness of Ekal among many new community members and at the same time raising funds to sponsor about 20 additional Ekal Schools. Vipul Vyas, Pradip Pandya and entire artists and support team worked very hard for the success of the function and EVF Australia is very grateful to them for their support.

Ekal Youth continued with their enthusiastic work in 2017-2018. Their annual function ‘**EYA's Ball – A Night in Bollywood**’ - hosted at Castle Hill RSL Club on the 28th of April 2018 - was a great success with 250 attendees. The function raised Ekal awareness among youth and also raised about \$4000 to sponsor 8 new Ekal Schools. Ekal Youth's enthusiasm and zest for spreading the Ekal message and raising funds for the sponsorships of more schools is commendable.

Ekal Australia volunteers Vijay Gupta and Usha Gupta visited two Ekal Schools to get firsthand experience of Ekal Schools. They were very impressed to see Ekal Schools and meet Ekal teachers and students.

Although Ekal School sponsorship renewal was due on 1st October 18, we sent school renewal emails to our sponsors in late May 18 so that they can pay before 30 June for the renewal and claim tax exemption with their tax return for 2017-18 instead of waiting for one more year if they pay after 30 June. Most of the sponsors paid for their renewal before 30 June to avail this benefit.

This year we have been able to sponsor 700 Ekal Schools from Australia. 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. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our sponsors, both past and current, for their continued support for so many years. Many of the sponsors have been sponsoring schools for more than 10 years. Many sponsors have been sponsoring 5 and 10 schools.

EVF Australia's aim is to reach the milestone of 1000 schools in coming years and we look forward to new ideas to reach this milestone. We are glad that some new volunteers have joined the team this year and we look forward to contributions from all in moving ahead on our journey.

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

Jayendra Shah
President, EVF Australia
November 2018

Activities during the Year

PERTH – Rang BiRangi Fund Raising Program

This year in March, Rupal Maheta and Naitik Maheta of Perth, Western Australia organised “Rang BiRangi 2018” program – A theme-based singing and dancing extravaganza – on 17th March 2018 to promote Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia in Perth.

The venue of the program was Perth Modern School. The venue of School was deliberately selected to show the importance of the education in human life and to align with values of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation.

The theme of the program was stages of human life from childhood to adulthood. The main focus of the program was team work, with the help and contribution of each other we can make a big difference in the society. The response of the program was overwhelming and audience has appreciated the effort put by the kids and volunteers in the program.



Young Girls Performing in Ran Birangi Program in Perth, Western Australia

The program included 12 dances and 12 songs. A total of 55 kids participated in the program from age group 5 to 17 years. Four local choreographers prepared kids for various dances for over the period of 5 months. Total 8 singers participated and entertained audience with melodious songs.

This function was a great success which helped us reach new community members of Perth and at the same time raised about \$4000 to sponsor 8 Ekal schools.



All 55 Performers Got Together on Stage at the End of the Program

Hindi Comedy Play - Shaadi Ka Laddu Laddu Ki Shaadi (Ekal Nite 2018 - EVF Australia Annual Event)

On Saturday, 28th July 2018 the NIDA Parade Theatre came alive with laughter as Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Australia hosted their annual fundraising event. This year the program was Hindi Comedy Play – Shaadi ka Ladoo, Ladoo ki Shaadi (SKLLKS) – a hilarious farce about marriage

Veteran actor and director Vipul Vyas' Hindi play Shaadi ka Ladoo, Ladoo ki Shaadi was a light play that provided a window in to lives of four couples who seem to be made for each other. But not everything is what it seems. Four houses, four bedrooms and four crazy couples whose lives turn upside down after getting married.

Vipul Vyas has made a significant contribution in keeping Indian theatre alive in Australia over the last 20 years. He has directed, performed and presented a number of successful regional language plays.

The cast and support team included Vipul Vyas, Aparna Tijoriwala, Hemal Joshi, Jyotsna Sharma, Abhishek Merhotra, Bindoo, Kashmira Sachania, Pradip Pandya, Rushi Dave, Suman Mathur, Mansi Gandhi, Abhishek Sood, Akanksha Srivastva, Akshat Gupta, Kamini Pandya, Sandhya Bose, Tushar Bose, Parag Tijoriwala.

Two shows were organised on the day; the first show at 2:30 pm and the second show at 6:30 pm, so that more people can enjoy the Play according to their convenience. More than 800 people enjoyed the play.

There is madness in every marriage. Believe it or not. As someone once said, a marriage is like a house. When a light bulb burns out, you fix the bulb. You don't go and buy a new house. Or do you?

Whether your relationship status is single, looking to get married, in a relationship, complicated, married, or blissfully divorced, there was something for everyone to relate to.

The main purpose of Ekal's annual fund-raising event is to engage the community and elicit community participation to raise the much-required funds to sponsor more Ekal schools in India. The function was a grand success raising awareness of Ekal among many new community members and at the same time raising funds to sponsor about 20 additional Ekal Schools. Vipul Vyas and entire artists and support team worked very hard for the success of the function and EVF Australia is very grateful to them for their support.

The Ekal volunteers are forever grateful for all the support received from the community here in Sydney. The team welcomes more people on board to support the very noble purpose of creating opportunities for the children in rural and tribal India to access education by setting up schools there for their ease and convenience.

One of the photos of this Play is shown on the next page of this report.



Ekal Schools Visit by Vijay and Usha Gupta of EVF Australia

EVF Australia volunteers Vijay and Usha Gupta visited two Ekal schools recently during their visit to India. EVF Delhi office organised their visit on 1st November 2018.

Vijay and Usha were accompanied by Mr Vijay Sethi who is associated with the Ekal local chapter for the last 13 years.

They first visited the regional office in Maywat near Faridabad in Balabgarh District and met with local Ekal karyakartas. They then visited two schools one in Rajpur in District Faridabad and other in Bholda in Palwal.

Vijay and Usha enjoyed and were very impressed with the progress the students were making in these schools. They discussed with teachers about schools and also randomly called some students and gone through their exercise books and verified that the students know what they have written in the notebooks.

Vijay and Usha discussed quite few issues with local Ekal volunteers. They will provide additional details of the visit after they come back from India. These details will be provided in our next News Letter. Some of the photos of their visits are provided below.







Vijay and Usha with Ekal School Teacher and Students



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Message to EVF

Ekal Youth Australia has completed its 7th 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 one highly successful event that enabled us to distribute \$4,000 as proceeds to support rural education in India. Our team has worked effortlessly over the past few months to ensure that the event was successful and to 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 2017

- Thripura Hariharan – President
- Sonali Gupta – Vice President
- Sonia Agarwal – Vice President
- Pooja Hariharan – Treasurer

Our team comprises 20 additional members.

EYA's Ball: A Night in Bollywood 2018



In the past 7 years EYA has hosted ROB for 5 consecutive years, 2 successful cruises and much more.

This year, Ekal Youth Australia was proud to present for the first time, the EYA Ball: A Night in Bollywood which took place on the 28th of April 2018.

EYA organised an exclusive performance featuring Australia's only British Indian magician, Magic Manny, unveiling a spectacular series of magic tricks. The event ticket included food, a bar and an open dance floor with the amazing DJ Rozz playing the best Bollywood, Bhangra and Western beats, making it an entertaining and highly successful event!

The extraordinary event attracted 246 attendees making it a great success for the EYA team and EVF Australia team in supporting the movement to provide education to every child across rural India. This level of achievement would not have been possible without the support from our sponsors Mr Solar, Billu's, The Godfather Bar & Grill, Chatkazz and Fareha Bridal Studio.

A special thank you to our media partner Desi Australia who have been exceptional in providing consistent support which has contributed to the ongoing success of EYA.



EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2018

2017		2018
	INCOME	
229,261.43	Gross Income-Sponsorship	228,030.93
5,556.20	-Donations	30,523.20
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234,817.63		258,554.13
	Less	
	EXPENDITURE	
550.00	Audit	605.00
220,000.00	Sponsorships	265,000.00
186.20	Hall hire	4,634.30
911.35	Insurance	911.35
0.00	Legal expenses	627.00
1,000.00	Raffles and prize	0.00
0.00	Good to Give fees	434.50
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222,647.55		272,212.15
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\$12,170.08	(DEFICIT) for the year	(\$13,658.02)
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EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2018

2017

2018

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash:

14,267.83	Cash at bank	10,058.88
221,656.90	Bank Relief Fund	196,517.25
5,244.42	Cash in hand	20,935.00

241,169.15	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	227,511.13
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CURRENT LIABILITY

550.00 Accrued expenses

550.00

\$240,619.15

NET ASSETS

\$226,961.13

ACCUMULATED FUND

228,449.07 Balance at beginning
12,170.08 (Deficit) for the year

240,619.15
(13,658.02)

\$240,619.15

Balance at end

\$226,961.13




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EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2018

	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-18
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from sponsors	229,261.43	228,030.93
Other receipts	5,556.20	30,523.20
Sponsor payments	(220,000.00)	(265,000.00)
Payments to suppliers	(2,647.55)	(7,212.15)
Interest received	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	12,170.08	(13,658.02)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,170.08	(13,658.02)
Cash at beginning of year	228,999.07	241,169.15
Cash at end of year	241,169.15	227,511.13

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

