

Date: Wednesday 21 January 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Meeting Room: Whau Local Board Office
Venue: 31 Totara Avenue
New Lynn

Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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A brief introduction to New Zealand Nepalese Association (NZNA) and *Ramailo Saanjh*

NZNA was established in 2006 as a not for profit organisation with the following objectives:

- to enhance mutual support and close co-operation among Nepalese and friends of Nepal in New Zealand
- to preserve and promote Nepalese identity and culture
- to maintain harmonious relationship with other ethnic communities
- to promote good relations with Nepal through cultural and charitable activities.

NZNA maintains active relation with more than 1,000 individuals of Nepalese descent and friends of Nepal. It's outreach includes organisations and people from various parts of New Zealand, Nepal and overseas. It has 100 registered members; majority of whom are based in West Auckland. Rest of the members are spread across the Auckland region.

NZNA's major activities are:

- Air a weekly Radio program *Hamro Chautari* (<http://planetaudio.org.nz/haamrochautari>) since 2007 through access community radio station Planet FM 104.6. The radio program has won various prizes over its broadcast of eight years.
- Organise social events on the occasion of Nepali cultural festivals.
- Organise sporting activities for its members' health and well-being.
- Disseminate information relevant to its members.
- Support charitable causes.
- Organise support for Nepal in an unfortunate event of natural disasters and calamity.

See its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nznepa> to get an idea of its recent activities. NZNA's funding sources are its members' contribution and other funding agencies including Auckland Council.

Ramailo Saanjh

- *Ramailo Saanjh* (Fun evening) is NZNA's flagship cultural event that brings Nepalese together, encourages Nepalese talents of all age, and promotes Nepalese culture.
- In the previous nine years, five editions have been organised. The event is managed and organised by volunteers.
- The program is organised in collaboration with other Nepalese organisations and wider Nepalese community including students.
- The event lasts about 2 hrs & involves performances including dance, song and act.
- 250-300 audiences attended each of the past programs. Audiences include members from the wider Nepalese community and non-Nepalese people.
- Through the event NZNA has supported charitable cause in Nepal and a local football club (Khukuri Football Club) based in Auckland.
- Funding is received from members' contribution and donor organisations.

This year's *Ramailo Saanjh* is planned to be outward looking with a message of 'unity in diversity'. It will involve multicultural performances by other ethnic communities from south-Asia region, China and the Pacific.

Request to the Local Board

NZNA requests the Whau Local Board to support NZNA to meet the cost of organising this year's *Ramailo Saanjh*. A budget estimate is attached with this brief. For further information, please contact: Minakschhi Karki, Secretary, e-mail: minakschhi@gmail.com, phone: 021 160 0705.

**New Zealand Nepalese Association
(NZNA)**

Ramailo Saanjh 2015
Budget Estimate

Line items NZNA is looking for funding		
Main event hall	1,000	Saturday, April 11 or 18. Nepalese new year April 14 (BS 1 Baisakh 2072)
Rehearsals hall	500	\$100X5
Sound and light	1,000	Based on preliminary query
Hall decoration	500	
Logistics	1,000	Stationery, cleaning materials, travel compensation
Sub-total	4,000	
NZNA contribution		
Planning, organising and co-ordinating	2,000	100 hrs (@ \$20) of the members of the organising committee.
Logistics	1,000	Stationery, internet, travel, printing and meeting costs
Event day	1,000	5hrsX10 volunteers
Performers' contribution		15-20 hrs per individual per performance. Total of 20 items.
Sub-total	4,000	
Grand total	8,000	

Attachment A

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