

**NEPALI SOCIETY OF TASMANIA  
NEPALESE NEW YEAR 2082 CELEBRATIONS  
ADDRESS BY  
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GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
MONTROSE FORESHORE COMMUNITY PARK, SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025**

*Namaste* and good afternoon, everyone.

I am pleased to join you all today in celebrating the Nepalese New Year 2082. This is a wonderful time to gather to spend the evening to celebrate New Year.

This occasion offers all Tasmanians an opportunity to reflect on the rich cultural heritage of Nepal and also on the many vibrant contributions of our Nepalese community here in Tasmania.

The theme for today's celebration, "Diversity within Diversity," beautifully captures the essence of Nepal—a nation renowned for its mosaic of cultures, languages, and traditions. With over 125 ethnic groups and 123 languages, Nepal exemplifies unity amidst diversity. Here in Tasmania, our Nepali Society of Tasmania (NEST) fosters inclusion and promotes cultural understanding within our broader community.

In keeping with that spirit of inclusion, I acknowledge the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

Through cultural events, advocacy on important social issues, and collaborations with various organizations, NEST has enriched Tasmania's multicultural landscape. You have supported initiatives such as promoting mental health awareness, supporting women's leadership, and combating discrimination.

The Glenorchy City Council supports today's festivities, which offer a glimpse into Nepal's rich traditions through music, dance, and food. Such events celebrate cultural heritage and strengthen friendship and respect among Tasmanians.

Your news release today features live music and dance performances by Nepali, Columbian, Chinese, Indian, and Samoan groups. I am looking forward to sampling some Nepali food and seeing some of the games organised for children and adults alike.

May this year bring prosperity, happiness, and continued collaboration within our community as we usher in your New Year.

Thank you, and Happy New Year—*Naya Barsha ko Shubhakamana!*