

**NEPALI SOCIETY OF TASMANIA
NEPALESE NEW YEAR 2083 CELEBRATIONS
ADDRESS BY
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GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
MONTROSE FORESHORE COMMUNITY PARK, SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026**

Namaste and good afternoon, everyone.

It is a great pleasure to join you in celebrating Nepalese New Year 2083. Today is not only about welcoming a new year but also about connection to culture, tradition, and one another.

May I acknowledge the Muwinina people, upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge Tasmania's Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of country and acknowledge their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

The Nepali Society of Tasmania fosters a sense of belonging by holding events where culture is shared and celebrated, helping ensure that people feel valued and connected.

Today's celebration invites Tasmanians to appreciate Nepal's rich cultural heritage and recognise the contributions of our Nepalese community. Cultural sharing through food, music, dance, and storytelling breaks down barriers. I am looking forward to soon enjoying the performances from the many cultural groups here today.

As we welcome this New Year, may it bring a renewed sense of belonging, deeper connections, and continued cultural sharing across our community. Thank you, and Happy New Year— *Naya Barsha ko Shubhakamana!*