



We as a community

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Our community security is our priority

Enlighten self-interest theory will not be accepted being a non-profit community organisation.

We believe in research rather than false assurances and misleading through various means.

We do not involve ourselves where there is risk for whole Bhutanese refugee migrants in the world.

Our Challenges

Transparency of financial and other information to the general people(stake holder or members)

Family reunification from Bhutan and helping residue in exile.

How can we unite and have a common voice that concern all of us?

Zero tolerance for overriding the decision and Authority.

Recommendation

Advocate the Bhutanese refugee crisis at national and inter-national level

To stopped one man policy/ decision or influence in community.

Nominating the right Representatives

Implementation and practice of democratic norms where individual cannot override the general interest.



Cross Cultural Relationship

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Migration has contributed to the richness in diversity of cultures, ethnicities and races in Australia.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). (2011). *Reflecting a nation: Stories from the 2011 Census, 2012–2013* (No. 2071.0). Canberra: Author.

Culture?

Norms

**Social
Behaviours**

Values

Religions

Languages

Traditions

Foods

Arts

Music

Literatures

& More..

Dynamic

Taught

Learned

Shared

Forgettable

AUSTRALIA IS HOME TO THE WORLD'S OLDEST CONTINUOUS CULTURES.

Cultures

Cultures in Australia



270
ancestries.

1 in 4
AUSTRALIANS
WERE BORN
OVERSEAS

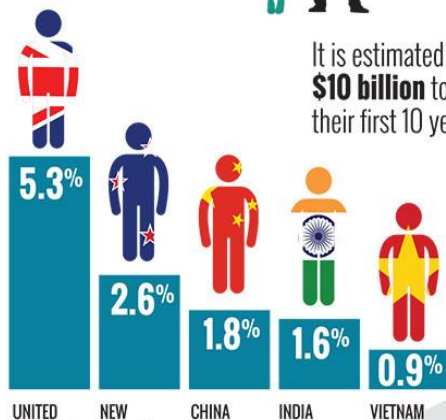
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Nearly 20% of
Australians speak a
language other than
English at home.

46%

1 in 2
HAVE AN
OVERSEAS-BORN
PARENT.

It is estimated that migrants contribute over
\$10 billion to the Australian economy in
their first 10 years of settlement.



\$10 Billion
in 10 years

Top migrants to Australia

1 in 5
AUSTRALIANS HAVE EXPERIENCED
RACE-HATE TALK

86%

of Australians
support action
to tackle racism

Remarkably successful Multicultural Society

- ✓ Best Policies
- ✓ Community's participations
- ✓ Freedom with responsibilities
- ✓ Opportunities to grow & succeed

Multiculturalism also brings...

Cultural shock

- Anxiety, Stress, Depressions....

Racial and Ethnic Divisions

- Conflicts, Bullying....

Isolations

- Loneliness, Depression....

Social Exclusions

- Lack of connectedness and participation...

Cultural Diversity Week



Harmony Day



Other Multicultural Events



Each cultural groups
has unique strengths
and perspectives that
the larger community
can benefit from.

Teaching our Generations to come...

Our Motherland..

- Bhutan, Nepal, Australia??

Our Languages, our Traditions..

- Nepali, festivals..

Norms, Values of our Religions, Cultures..

- Rituals, Social norms..

Standing tall as a Distinct Community....

What makes us unique to other Culture?

- **Nepali Ethnic Bhutanese !!**

How we work with cultural groups similar to us?

- **Like Nepalese Cultures**
- **Few Indian Cultures & others**

How we work with broader Multicultural Society?

- **Holding & promoting our own culture**
- **Learning, Sharing and integrating**

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- ✓ **Passing basic aspects of our cultural practices, languages and beliefs to coming generations.**
- ✓ **Celebrating Multiculturalism, integrating and balancing with the evolving cultures.**
- ✓ **Programs and Activities that will build sustainable relationships with other cultural groups.**
- ✓ **Our proactive role to ensure harmony, friendship and connections with broader Multicultural society.**

Australian History?

It helps building respect, adherence and sense of contribution towards the country.

- ✓ Publishing a book in our own language comprising the core Australian Values and Histories.
- ✓ Welcoming Indigenous Australians and participating them with their stories and cultures in our events.
- ✓ Taking our people to the events where Australian History and cultures are being part of the event.

Celebrating Multiculturalism

- ✓ Once in every 2/3 years - state/national level cultural events.
- ✓ Forming cultural groups in states facilitated by the association
- ✓ Our involvement in parliamentary level with our cultural events.

Open and Honest Communication.

Cohesion is possible where there is communication.

- ✓ **State/National level regular audio/video programs through Radios/TVs/Social Medias**
- ✓ **Discussion Forums**
- ✓ **Building access to main stream medias**

Integration

Respecting diverse cultural backgrounds helps individuals feel valued within their community.

- ✓ **Participating in Local/State council events**
- ✓ **Accessing the local/State resource centres**
- ✓ **Forming a national team to support grant applications and other range of support services**

Networking

- ✓ Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA)
- ✓ Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Community Groups in states and local councils
- ✓ Multicultural Advocacy Networks in states
- ✓ Multicultural Commission in states
- ✓ Intercultural Advisory Committee (IAC) in states and local councils

Language and Literature

Objective

To preserve, protect and promote language and literature

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Why it is important?

- ✓ To review past history and retain identity
- ✓ To cope with mental disorders/ family breakdown
- ✓ To rebuild networking to countries
- ✓ To bridge the gap between grandparents and grandchildren
- ✓ To transfer safely to upcoming generations
- ✓ To exchange Languages

Contribution after resettlement to Australia

- ✓ Nepali Ethnic classes across different states
- ✓ **Nepali Ethnic Radio Programs**
- ✓ Publication of different Books
- ✓ **Publication of different Albums**
- ✓ Regularity in language and culture based ethnic programs

Further responsibilities

- ✓ As individuals
- ✓ As local community organisations
- ✓ As Federal body

Conclusion

**Language can be preserved and exchanged,
literature can be written in multiple languages !**

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Thank you

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