



AUSTRALIA INDIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

ANNUAL &
INTERIM REPORT
2023-2024-2025

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ABOUT AISV

LEADING FOR A BETTER FUTURE SINCE 1963

Established in 1963, the AISV is the oldest integrated non-sectarian Indian organisation in Australia. Since its inception, we have been committed to supporting new migrants and advancing the needs of established Indian Australians. Our membership includes a wide range of individuals from all walks of life and places of origin.

THE COMMITTEE



ANOU KHANIJOU MCPHERSON
President



MANJIT SINGH
Vice President



RUCHI SHARMA
Secretary



KARAN GANDHOK
Treasurer



ANMOL CHHABRA
Assistant Secretary



SUNIL DEEP SINGH
Committee Member

Members of the AISV Committee are people of expertise and passion, whose collective success has made a significant impact to the Indian communities across Victoria and beyond.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

2023–2024–2025 (INTERIM EDITION)

This AISV Annual & Interim Report 2023–2024–2025 captures a pivotal moment in our organization’s governance and strategic evolution.

While the audited financial statements in this report cover the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (FY2024), the report also includes key updates, events, and initiatives leading into our AGM on 1 June 2025.

This extended format has been adopted to reflect a major structural milestone.

In **May 2024**, AISV was officially registered with the **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)** — for the first time since our founding in **1963**.

Until that point, AISV operated exclusively under **Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV)** as an incorporated association.

This transition elevates our compliance, transparency, and ability to access broader opportunities for community impact.

Accordingly, this report serves as both:

- an **Annual Report for FY2024**, and
- an **Interim Strategic Update** covering highlights from **July 2024 to May 2025**.

We thank our members and stakeholders for their continued trust and engagement during this time of transformation.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

2023–2024–2025 (INTERIM EDITION)

AISV GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

1. Incorporation & Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV)

- AISV was formally incorporated on 2 April 1963 under Victorian law.
- For over 60 years, AISV operated as an incorporated association regulated by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV).
- We complied with annual reporting obligations under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:
 - Annual General Meetings (AGMs)
 - Financial reports submitted to CAV
 - Governance through a Statement of Purposes and Constitution

2. ACNC Registration (Effective 30 May 2024)

- On 30 May 2024, AISV officially became a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- ABN: 47351032576
- Charity Subtype: Advancing Culture
- As a registered charity, AISV is now required to:
 - Submit an Annual Information Statement (AIS) and financial report to ACNC
 - Maintain transparent governance under federal charity law
 - Continue dual compliance with both CAV and ACNC during the transition

ABOUT THIS REPORT

2023–2024–2025 (INTERIM EDITION)

AISV GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

3. Financial Reporting Clarification

This report includes:

- Audited financial statements for FY2023–2024 (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
- Narrative and strategic updates covering July 2024 to May 2025
- All post-30 June 2024 financials in the Treasurer’s Report are unaudited and included for member awareness during the ACNC transition.

4. Report Title and Scope

This report is titled the AISV Annual & Interim Report 2023–2024–2025 to reflect:

- A complete view of AISV’s evolving activities and compliance journey
- Our first phase as a newly ACNC-registered charity
- A milestone shift from a state-only regulatory framework to nationally recognised, dual-governed operations

MISSION & VISION



OUR MISSION

To support the aspirations of Australian Indians and promote their active participation in a just and multicultural society, fostering cultural respect, integrity, and community involvement.

OUR VISION

To create a future where Indian Australians thrive, contributing to and benefiting from a progressive and inclusive Australia that values and celebrates cultural diversity.

OUR VALUES

CORE VALUES THAT ARE EMBODIED IN OUR
POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

CULTURAL RESPECT

We honor and celebrate the diverse backgrounds and traditions of our community, fostering an environment where every culture is respected and valued.

UNDERSTANDING

We prioritize empathy and open-mindedness, striving to comprehend and appreciate different perspectives to build a more inclusive environment.

SUPPORT & MENTORING

We are committed to providing guidance and encouragement, helping each individual reach their full potential through dedicated support and mentorship.

INTEGRITY

We uphold the highest standards of honesty and ethical behavior, ensuring that our actions consistently reflect our values.

PARTICIPATION

We encourage active involvement from all members, believing that collective engagement strengthens our community and drives meaningful progress.

EDUCATION & INFORMATION

We believe in the power of knowledge, promoting access to quality education and accurate information as fundamental tools for personal and communal growth.

HONOURING THE LEGACY OF DR. GURDIP AURORA



As we mark the halfway point of 2025, we pause to reflect on the enduring legacy of our late Chairman, Dr. Gurdip Aurora. This AGM is our first without his presence, but his spirit, values, and leadership continue to guide AISV.

Over the past 50 years, Dr. Aurora's visionary leadership helped shape the AISV into a pillar of strength and advocacy for the Indian-Australian community. Among his many contributions:

- *Founding the Victorian Indian Community Charitable Trust (1986) to support disadvantaged individuals*
- *Successfully lobbying for Sikh rights in Victoria, including exemptions related to the kirpan and helmets (1990)*
- *Securing Indian consular services in Melbourne after three years of advocacy (1991)*
- *Launching Mehfil nights (1992), still celebrated today.*
- *Influencing fairer immigration policies, including Spouse Visa reforms (1995)*
- *Establishing a travel insurance fund for overseas visitors (1999)*
- *Leading research that reformed international student support policies (2009)*
- *Creating a taskforce against domestic violence in ethnic communities (2011)*

Dr. Aurora's legacy lives on in every initiative we undertake. His unwavering dedication to community service continues to inspire us all.

AGM 2024 MINUTES

RUCHI SHARMA

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 28, 2024

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM (AGM Start)

Venue: Brothers Haveli Indian
Restaurant, 13/15 Pultney St,
Dandenong VIC 3175

Minutes taken by :

Anmol Chhabra

Prepared by:

Ruchi Sharma



Attendees: Anou Khanijou, Karan Singh Gandhok, Ruchi Sharma. Manjit Singh
Anmol Chhabra. Santi Whiteside. Raj Gorantla;

A total of 16 members in-person and 23 proxies in attendance

AGM Minutes Overview:

- Opening and verification of quorum
- President Report
- Secretary Report
- Treasurers Report,
- Election of Office Bearers for the new administration year
- New Elected Positions



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anou Khanijou McPherson

president@aisv.org.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANOU KHANIJOU MCPHERSON

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 1, 2025

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I present my first report as President of the Australia India Society of Victoria (AISV).

It has been an honour to serve throughout this transition period, and I am sincerely thankful to each and every one of our members for their continued support and engagement.



I would also like to acknowledge and express heartfelt appreciation to our Life Members, whose longstanding commitment to AISV has shaped the very foundation we continue to build upon.

Over the past year, and with the unwavering dedication of our committee members, we are proud to share some key milestones that we believe reflect our steady progress:

- We **obtained accreditation** with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) **as a Registered Charity**
- We **formally established AISV** as an organisation **founded in 1963**
- We launched **a new AISV website**, as well as official Instagram and LinkedIn accounts, marking a new era of digital presence.
- We celebrated **Diwali and Republic Day** with warmth and inclusivity, continuing our tradition of honouring the rich cultural heritage of India

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANOU KHANIJOU MCPHERSON

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 1, 2025

- We **engaged with members of Parliament** to raise awareness of key issues facing our community, helping to build stronger bridges between policy and people.
- We are on the right path towards **improving our communications**, modernising our systems, and creating more touchpoints with the community we serve.

I am also delighted to report that through our events in the past year, **we have received nearly 100 new member applications** who we have approved within the committee, and we will be onboarding them within the next 2 months. This is the largest intake we've seen in a long time. This surge of interest and involvement is thanks to the tireless efforts and outreach of our dedicated committee, who work passionately to make AISV more accessible, inclusive, and responsive.

In his honour, **we are in the process of launching the Dr. Gurdip Aurora Scholarship Fund**, aimed at supporting deserving yet underprivileged children and youth from our community here in Victoria. We are actively seeking the right partners to bring this initiative to life—one that reflects Dr. Aurora's values of education, equality, and empowerment.

There is so much more in store for AISV's future. Our momentum is real, and our purpose is clear. But none of it can be achieved alone. We call upon all members to become active partners in this journey, championing our culture, lifting each other up, and ensuring that AISV remains a **beacon of representation and unity** for generations to come.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANOU KHANIJOU MCPHERSON

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 1, 2025

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to our current committee members whose dedication and collaboration have made this year so meaningful.

- Vice President **Manjit Singh**
- Treasurer and Former President **Karan Gandhok**
- Secretary **Ruchi Sharma**
- Assistant Secretary **Anmol Chhabra**; and
- longstanding Committee Member **Sunil Deep Singh**

We also extend our appreciation to past committee members whose hard work in 2024 and the years prior continues to have a lasting impact on our organisation—**Uma Ganapathireddy, Rajkumar Gorantla, and Santi Whiteside**. Their commitment laid a strong foundation on which we continue to build.

We remain grounded in our mission:

"To support the aspirations of Australian Indians and promote their active participation in a just and multicultural society, fostering cultural respect, integrity, and community involvement."

And we move forward with our shared vision:

"To create a future where Indian Australians thrive, contributing to and benefiting from a progressive and inclusive Australia that values and celebrates cultural diversity."

With warm regards and deep respect,

Anou Khanijou McPherson

President, AISV



TREASURER'S REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

KARAN GANDHOK

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2025



BANK BALANCES:

- Main Account (NAB 690471204): **\$30,857.82**
- Term Deposit (113780082): **\$9,843.48**

RECEIPTS AND TRANSACTIONS (JAN–MAY 2025):

- 21 Jan 2025: –\$50.00 – Cheque 0001162 (Fees)
- 31 Jan 2025: –\$10.00 – Account Fees
- 28 Feb 2025: –\$10.00 – Account Fees
- 5 Mar 2025: \$1,103.81 – Credit from All Graduates Invoice
- 31 Mar 2025: –\$10.00 – Account Fees
- 2 Apr 2025: \$5,954.77 – Principal Maturity from A/C 24-417-0372
- 2 Apr 2025: \$46.26 – Interest from A/C 24-417-0372
- 3 Apr 2025: \$14,861.27 – Principal Maturity from A/C 14-479-2625
- 3 Apr 2025: \$259.36 – Interest from A/C 14-479-2625
- 30 Apr 2025: –\$10.00 – Account Fees
- 9 May 2025: \$3,000.00 – NADC Grant Final Payment
- 12 May 2025: \$45.90 – Interest from A/C 39-452-4738
- 12 May 2025: \$12,981.74 – Principal Maturity from A/C 39-452-4738
- 14 May 2025: –\$450.00 – AGM 2024 Lunch – Haveli Dandenong
- 14 May 2025: –\$750.00 – Photography – Diwali CAM
- 14 May 2025: –\$3,200.00 – ACNC Registration
- 14 May 2025: –\$17,774.59 – Australia Day 2025 event costs (reimbursement approved and minuted)

TREASURER'S REPORT

KARAN GANDHOK

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2025

Upcoming Payments:

- \$660 scheduled payment – ACNC Establishment Year & Name

Expenditure Summary (May):

- Australia Day 2025 event costs: \$17,774.59

Notes:

- All regular banking and compliance requirements are up to date
- ACNC lodgements are being prepared for AGM
- Term deposit interest rollover is due for review in July 2025

Recommendations:

- Consider allocating a portion of general funds to community engagement grants
- Explore opportunities for minor fundraising events in Q3 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

KARAN GANDHOK

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2025

AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 – EVENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Funding Source: National Australia Day Council
(NADC) Community Grant
Total Grant Received: \$15,000

RECEIPTS	\$12,000 received on 8 November 2024 \$3,000 received on 9 May 2025
EXPENDITURES	Venue & Catering Hire – MCG – \$11,744.00 AV – Encore – \$1,781.59 Aboriginal Cultural Performance – Uncle Shane – \$2,000.00 Photography & Videography – CAM – \$1,250.00 Cultural Performer – Don Sherman – \$999.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$17,774.59

Compliance:

- Event executed on 26 January 2025 as per grant guidelines
- Included significant Aboriginal cultural elements and community inclusion
- Photos, promotional collateral, and financial reports submitted to NADC

Conclusion:

The \$15,000 grant was successfully delivered. AISV covered the \$2,774.59 shortfall, reaffirming our commitment to community celebration and government transparency.

TREASURER'S REPORT

KARAN GANDHOK

AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2025

AISV TERM DEPOSIT SUMMARY – 30 JUNE 2024 TO PRESENT

This summary captures key term deposit transactions from 30 June 2024 onward, including reinvestments, interest earned, and year-end balances across AISV accounts.

Key Term Deposit Transactions:

- 16 Aug 2024: \$9,658.46 reinvested in A/C 11-378-0082, maturing 16 Feb 2025 at 3.80%
- 11 May 2024: \$12,655.20 reinvested in A/C 39-452-4738, maturing 11 Aug 2024 at 3.50%
- 11 Aug 2024: \$12,766.85 reinvested in A/C 39-452-4738, maturing 11 Nov 2024 at 3.50%
- 11 Nov 2024: \$12,879.48 reinvested in A/C 39-452-4738, maturing 11 Feb 2025 at 3.50%
- 3 Apr 2024: \$14,583.42 reinvested in A/C 14-479-2625, maturing 3 Oct 2024 at 3.80%
- 3 Oct 2024: \$14,861.27 reinvested in A/C 14-479-2625, maturing 3 Apr 2025 at 4.00%
- 2 Apr 2024: \$5,805.53 reinvested in A/C 24-417-0372, maturing 2 Jul 2024 at 3.50%
- 2 Jul 2024: \$5,856.19 reinvested in A/C 24-417-0372, maturing 2 Oct 2024 at 3.00%
- 2 Oct 2024: \$5,907.86 reinvested in A/C 24-417-0372, maturing 2 Jan 2025 at 3.00%

End of Year Balances – 31 December 2024:

- A/C 11-378-0082: \$9,801.06
- A/C 39-452-4738: \$12,936.29
- A/C 14-479-2625: \$14,989.51
- A/C 24-417-0372: \$5,953.72
- Combined Term Deposit Total: \$43,680.58

Opening Balance – 1 January 2025:

- \$43,680.58 carried forward from 31 December 2024 as opening balance for the year 2025.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Not-For-Profit - Association Report

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

ABN 47 351 032 576

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Prepared by Equalen

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Committee's Report

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Australia - India Society of Victoria INC. for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Committee Member	Position	Date Started
Gurdip Singh Aurora	Chairperson	28/04/2024
Anou Khanijou	President	28/04/2024
Manjit Singh	Vice-president	28/04/2024
Ruchi Sharma	Secretary	28/04/2024
Anmol Chhabra	AssistantSecretary	28/04/2024
Uma Ganapathireddy	Treasurer	28/04/2024
Sunil Deep Singh	Member	28/04/2024
Karan Gandhok	Member	28/04/2024
Rajkumar Gorantla	Member	28/04/2024
Nur Asiyah Dinanty Whiteside	Member	28/04/2024

Meetings of Committee Members

During the financial year, a number of committee meetings were held. Attendances by each of committee member during the year were as follows:

Committee Members Name	Number Eligible to Attend	NumberAttended
Gurdip Singh Aurora	13	00
Anou Khanijou	13	12
Manjit Singh	13	13
Ruchi Sharma	13	11
Anmol Chhabra	13	08
Uma Ganapathireddy	13	06
Sunil Deep Singh	13	11
Karan Gandhok	13	12
Rajkumar Gorantla	13	05
Nur Asiyah Dinanty Whiteside	13	00

Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes in the association during the year.

Operating Result

The loss for the financial year amounted to \$2,903

Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the association to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The members of the association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

Anou Khanijou

Anou Khanijou (May 31, 2025 22:09 GMT+10)

Anou Khanijou (President)

Date 31/05/2025

Karan Gandhok

Karan Gandhok (May 31, 2025 23:02 GMT+10)

Karan Gandhok (Treasurer)

Date 31/05/2025

Income and Expenditure Statement

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2024

Income

Income	710
Interest Income	1,018
Total Income	1,728

Gross Surplus

1,728

Expenditure

Bank Fees	120
Events Expense	2,651
Fees & Charges	127
Membership	28
Printing & Stationery	75
Website	612
Total Expenditure	3,613

CurrentYearSurplus/(Deficit)Before Income Tax Adjustments

(1,885)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Assets and Liabilities Statement

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

As at 30 June 2024

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2024
Assets		
Bank Accounts		3,755
Term Deposits		43,143
Total Assets		46,898
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Life/Membership Fund		24,021
Total Current Liabilities		24,021
Total Liabilities		24,021
Net Assets		22,877
Member's Funds		
Capital Reserve		22,877
Total Member's Funds		22,877

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

	2024
2. Cash on Hand	
Bank Accounts	3,755
Total Cash on Hand	3,755

Statement of Cash Flows - Direct Method

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2024

Operating Activities

Payments to suppliers and employees	123
Finance costs	(120)
GST	(123)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	1,728
Cash payments from other operating activities	(3,493)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(1,885)

Investing Activities

Other cash items from investing activities	(46,898)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(46,898)

Financing Activities

Other cash items from financing activities	
Life/Membership Fund	24,021
Retained Earnings	24,762
Total Other cash items from financing activities	48,783
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	48,783

Net Cash Flows

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	-

True and Fair Position

Australia - India Society of Victoria INC.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Anou Khanijou and Karan Gandhok being members of the committee of Australia - India Society of Victoria INC., certify that

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Australia - India Society of Victoria INC. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2024.

Signed: Anou Khanijou
Anou Khanijou (May 31, 2025 22:09 GMT+10)

Anou Khanijou (President)

Dated: 31 / 05 / 2025

Signed: Karan Gandhok
Karan Gandhok (May 31, 2025 23:02 GMT+10)

Karan Gandhok (Treasurer)

Dated: 31 / 05 / 2025



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2024



OCT 5TH 2024, AISV DIWALI CELEBRATION



AISV PARLIAMENTARY MEETING: ADVANCING COMMUNITY GOALS

On October 29, 2024, the Australian India Society of Victoria (AISV) held a pivotal meeting at the Parliament to address the evolving needs of Indian Australians within a multicultural society. The gathering marked a significant milestone in AISV's ongoing efforts to promote cultural integration, social cohesion, and community engagement.

2025

AUSTRALIA AND INDIA – UNITED IN TRADITION

The Australia India Society of Victoria (AISV) successfully hosted the “Australia and India: United in Tradition” luncheon at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on 26th January 2025, celebrating Australia Day and India’s 76th Republic Day.



The event brought together esteemed dignitaries, community leaders, and attendees from diverse backgrounds to reflect, respect, and celebrate the deep-rooted ties between Australia and India. The atmosphere was filled with harmony, dignity, and cultural pride, creating a memorable and enriching experience for all.

MULTICULTURAL SHOWCASE AT SALVOS STORES, NOBLE PARK

AISV proudly played a key role in launching the Multicultural Showcase at Salvos Stores, Noble Park, on 15 February 2025. This inspiring event brought together over 100 community leaders from 16 cultural backgrounds to celebrate heritage, diversity, and sustainability.

AISV’s Ruchi Sharma helped shape this initiative alongside Leanne Wong of The Salvation Army, reinforcing our commitment to cultural respect, inclusivity, and social impact.



As Sean Burgess, GM of Salvos Stores, put it: “Every culture carries a unique story, and this initiative celebrates our diversity and community spirit.”

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our members,
whose continued support and engagement remain the backbone of AISV. We are equally grateful to our community partners and to the Australian Government and the Government of Victoria for their ongoing collaboration and commitment to multicultural harmony.

A special and deeply respectful acknowledgment
goes to the Aurora Family. Your unwavering support and the enduring legacy of Dr. Gurdip Aurora continue to inspire our mission and guide our steps forward.

Together, we honour the past and look ahead with purpose.

