

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP
The Nepali Association of Western Australia
Manning Park
Sunday, 1 March 2026

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls and boys.

I am delighted to be here this afternoon with my wife Patricia, Councillor Philip Eva JP and Councillor Carol Zhang to participate in the celebration of The Nepali Association of Western Australia's Festival of Colour, Holi Festival 2026.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we have gathered today, and I pay my respects to their Elders past and present and I extend that respect to First Nation people who are with us today.

I acknowledge:

- Navin Bhandri, President of NAWA;
- Members of the Festival Organising Committee;
- Sponsors and Volunteers who have helped to make this celebratory Event possible;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

Maintaining and celebrating one's culture, music, song, dance and the enjoyment of food and friendships is of vital importance in an ever complex and changing world.

As you come together today to celebrate the Festival of Colour, Holi Festival it is truly an important time of reflection and expressing how proud each and everyone of you are as part of our multicultural community and the opportunity to share with the wider community.

Patricia and I look forward to experiencing the music, song and dance at tonight's performances unfold.

Again, thank you for your kind invitation – it is highly valued and appreciated.

Thank you.