

SOCIETY FOR EMPOWERMENT, SERVICE, TRAINING AND AWARENESS - AUSTRALIA

Helping the disabled and disadvantaged
Registered charity in Victoria, Australia

INDEPENDENCE, INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION

Annual Review, 2023-24:

The year 2023-24 has been relatively quiet but we are happy to note that we organised a couple of activities as a flow on effect from our 2023 Inclusive Performing Arts event. Charlie Smith, Jacinta Miot, Adrian Canna and Ian Johns participated in the Whitehorse Spring Festival on 15th Oct 2023 and performed a more improved version of their Bollywood dance. Ben Chew came along and introduced the dancers to the gathering, honing on his skills as an MC. Sohini Pawar gave her time and conducted several training sessions for them. It was wonderful to watch all of them coming together again to give a public performance. They are an inspiration to all of us.

Ben Chew also organised a Bollywood dance workshop for his friends in his monthly meet-up group – ‘exploreability’. Accordingly, we were able to organise a Bollywood dance workshop for his friends on 25th May, 2024 at Forest Hill Community Space. On behalf of SESTAA members, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Jyothi for stepping in and making the workshop a success.

During the year, our noteworthy early intervention outreach services of *Shishu Sarothi* continued to provide regular weekly services in Goalpara. The team comprising of physiotherapist, speech therapist and special educator travelled 140 kms every Saturday to Goalpara from Guwahati and held outreach camps. Most of the children are referred by parents who are already availing services at the program and some children are also referred by therapists from the early intervention service at *Shishu Sarothi* and the *Composite Regional Centre* (CRC) in Guwahati where the families go for initial assessment and services. From April 2023 to March 2024, 45 visits were made to Goalpara, and a total 75 new children had enrolled in the Early Intervention Outreach Program at Goalpara while an average of 30 previously enrolled children were regularly followed up with every month. Please see attached page on Goalpara stories of change. That's truly inspiring!

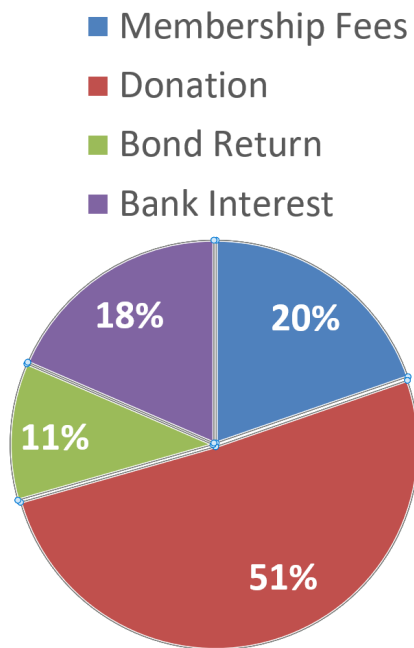
We took time to discuss our Strategic Plan for the years 2024-2029 and for the upcoming five years we look forward to continue with the work providing funding to partner organisations to implement health and wellbeing programs and directly support in promoting wellbeing programs for the disabled and disadvantaged people through arts, sports and cultural activities.

SESTAA had 47 members during the year- 9 Active members and 38 Ordinary members.

I thank all supporters, donors, volunteers and Committee members for their contribution during the year. I also extend my special thanks to the carers of our dance/performance who made the effort to send their children to the training sessions and took the time to come and watch their performance.

Thank you everyone!

2023-24 INCOME



2023-24 EXPENSES

