

GCHCA join in the fun

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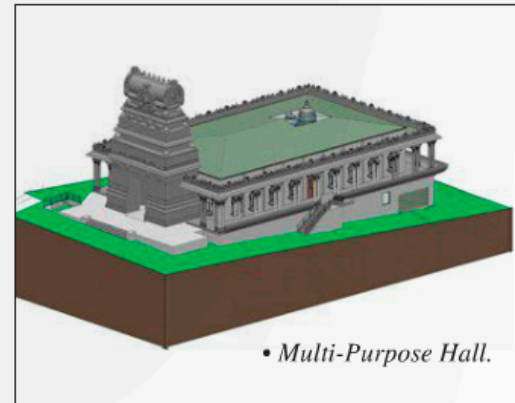
THE Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) joins everyone in the fun during this festive season. The past month of November was a festive month as well for South Asians especially with the very popular Deepavali (Diwali) festival. Deepavali or Diwali is certainly the biggest and the brightest of all Hindu festivals. It's the festival of lights (deep = light and avali = a row i.e., a row of lights) that's marked by four days of celebration, which literally illumines the neighbourhood with its brilliance, and dazzles all with its joy. This year, Diwali, fell on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Each of the four days in the festival of Diwali is separated by a different tradition, but what remains true and constant is the celebration of life, its enjoyment and goodness.

Many cultural activities took place during the period of Diwali. For example, the com-

edy program "Laughing O' Laughing" brought about long bouts of laughter and entertainment for the whole family. Before the main show kicked off, many traditional dances were performed showcasing the diversity of our culture here in Queensland. Among these dances were the performances of the "Sangamam" dance group from Gold Coast, which included members from the GCHCA youth supporters group.

This month we commemorate the graduation of Yr. 12 students. Congratulations to all the youths completing their 13 years of schooling life. We wish you the best of luck for your future studies! The GCHCA youth supporters group are part and parcel of the GCHCA family and help us promote culture and education among the younger generation. The youth supporters are listed on our website (<http://culture.goldcoasthindu.org/youth-supporters/>) and their contributions are greatly acknowledged.

The Building Application (BA) preparations



• Multi-Purpose Hall.

are in advanced stages and the entire process is documented on the GCHCA website under project space.

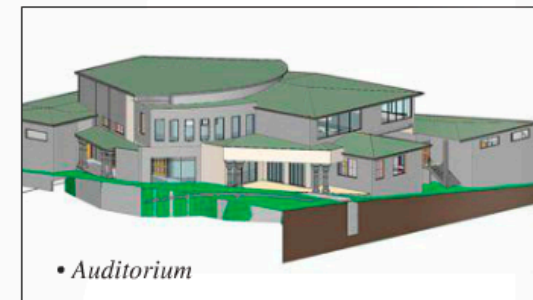
(<http://culture.goldcoasthindu.org/project/>). We have allocated ownership to nearly all the specialties and the volunteers are working very hard to complete it. The work is being carried out entirely on the goodwill of the people with no returns expected from the GCHCA. We thank the community for providing this important service. The volunteers have come from far afield like Sydney and Melbourne as well as locally from South East Queensland. However, we are yet to assign

ownership in three areas and are actively seeking volunteers to provide the following reports:

1. Energy Efficiency Assessment Report:
2. Mechanical Engineering Plans and Form 15 Design certificate
3. Electrical Engineering Plan and Form 15 Design certificate

Please let us know if you or anyone you know would be able to help us in these specialties. They can contact us by emailing gchcan@gmail.com or calling us on 0402 243 867. As we wish to submit the BA by the end of this year, your urgent help regarding this is be highly appreciated.

Pictured are some renderings from the project handbook.



• Auditorium