

The GCHCA meets the Senator and the local Member of Parliament

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ON 12th of April 2013, the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) met with the Southport local Member of Parliament Rob Molhoek to discuss their project progress and to seek support from the state government. Rob applauded the efforts of the GCHCA committee members and the Hindu community in Gold Coast on their dedication and success to date in their progress in realising the Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Centre project. He was very enthusiastic about the prospect of having another multicultural society developing their cultural presence in Gold Coast. He also pledged his support for the completion of the Hindu Education and Cultural Centre.

The GCHCA also met with Senator Clair Moore in May, who is focused on working for social justice and equality for all Queenslanders. Senator Moore in her support towards the building of the GCHCA cultural and educational centre said "there is a growing need, especially within the Gold Coast, for cultural education and spiritual engagement programs for the youth of these Hindu communities, and this Precinct will fulfil these needs". Senator Moore's full message can be viewed on the GCHCA website:

www.goldcoasthindu.org/upload/Senator



[Claire Moore.pdf](#)

The GCHCA believes that it is important to pass on Hindu spirituality, concepts and traditions to younger people in an increasingly consumerist society and hopes that this new Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Centre would focus on improving the cultural and spiritual lives of Hindus and the wider society. There are approximately 3,000 Hindus in Southeast Queensland, a mix of diverse nationalities. Having made Australia their home, many are originally from India, Fiji, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Singapore, South Africa and Malaysia. This Education and Cultural Centre will provide a common place for these Hindus and wider community in Gold Coast and Southeast Queensland to congregate and unite to share their common beliefs and values.

The estimated project cost for the next two years is approximately two million dollars which will provide a cultural and education centre and a religious education centre for the Hindus to congregate regularly to practice one of the oldest religion Hinduism, learn many languages and art forms and experience the Hindu culture in the beautiful city of Gold Coast. Support from the Gold Coast Hindu community has been outstanding that we are able to collect substantial amount of money towards this noble cause. However to secure a land from the council in a prominent part of Gold Coast, we need further funds to demonstrate our financial capability to successfully complete the Education and Cultural Centre building project. There are many ways for you to support our project—you may become a founder member by pledging

\$10,000, a life member for \$5,000, be part of the 1,000 families' campaign for \$1,000 or simply donate any amount of money by visiting our website www.goldcoasthindu.org.

The Hindu Education and Cultural Centre in Gold Coast will become the focal point of many individuals of our community as it will serve the religious, spiritual, educational, cultural, social and charitable needs of the Hindu and wider society. We invite you to make the Hindu Education and Cultural Centre part of your life, and experience the Hindu heritage and Hindu culture right here in Gold Coast. Contributing to our GCHCA offers the Hindus of Gold Coast and Southeast Queensland a once in a lifetime opportunity to honour our ancestors and to leave a permanent legacy for the future generations.

"Like many of you, I grew up among the Hindu religious, educational and cultural surroundings shaping me with Hindu values and spiritual guidance for my lifetime. Who will do this for my children, grandchildren and generations to come? We have made Gold Coast our home now. It is not just a privilege but it is our duty to build this centre so that the future generations will be blessed with the same experience. As they grow older, they will be grateful to us just as I am to my forefathers for who I am today" says Dr Muthukumaraswamy, the President of GCHCA. So, please pick up the phone and call us on 5676 8530.