

# Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Assn – increase in volunteerism result in a strong & united community

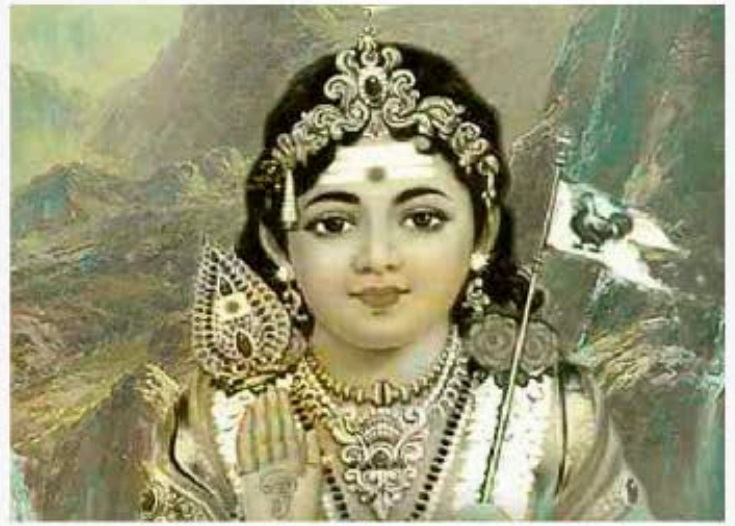
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THE Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) has had increases in volunteerism to support the Hindu community.

Several grand functions, traditional celebrations and other cultural activities have been planned by the association to strengthen the diversity in our community. The Hindu community is progressively improving and gaining strength in the past few years. New cultural infrastructures including a temple have been planned to be build in the new Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Precinct strengthening the Hindu Community in South east Queensland and Northern New South Wales. Events and celebrations held by the GCHCA also develop knowledge on Hinduism for the younger members in the community.

Younger members of the community will soon take responsibility in strengthening the Hindu community throughout the years ahead. Involvement from now will lead to a better understanding in the near future. Volunteering from young members of the community for cultural events will be a great help for GCHCA as well as creating awareness for the diversity of Hinduism. The continuous efforts made by the members in the community are always greatly appreciated and this truly shows the unity this Association has gained within a short period of time.

The Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) holds monthly bhajans every third Friday of the month starting at 7:15pm at the Helensvale Community Centre (31, Discovery Drive, Helensvale Qld 4214, Gold Coast). Activities include Bhajan recitals, short educational presentations and free vegetarian dinner. All are cordially invited to at-



tend and the next bhajan will be held on 20th of May 2016.

We are in a drive for more funds for the Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct. All monetary contributions of \$2 or more to the GCHCA Building Fund will be eligible for a tax deduction. The association has already raised over \$600,000 and continues to be bestowed with donations. However, the association is still far from achieving its target and the GCHCA needs your urgent support to fulfil its noble objectives with minimal impediments. The first phase of the project is estimated to cost around 1.5 million dollars.

We, therefore humbly appeal for your support. Any contribution would make a difference and every cent counts towards helping our community realize its dream. We are confident that anyone who gives to this cause would be abundantly blessed. Even if you can't contribute, you can still help through voluntary work, we need members of the community to assist us for the engineering project as well as volunteers to maintain our website and help us in fund raising activities. If you have the capabilities, please contact us via email.

For more information about this project, please visit the GCHCA website on <http://www.GoldCoastHindu.org>. You are also more than welcome to contact the association's President, Secretary or Treasurer if you have any further queries.

All tax-deductible donations (\$2 or more) can be deposited into the following:  
Commonwealth Bank Account: The GCHCA Building Donation Account  
BSB: 064-474 Account Number: 104 88 900