

Hindu Community Project initiated by the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association

WHILE stepping into the Vijaya Tamil New Year, Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) has undertaken a number of community projects. The traditional 'Annathanam' (Free food giving) was conducted on the Tamil New year day at the Sri Selva Vanayakar temple sponsored by the Gold Coast Hindu Community. Chithirai (April), traditionally believed to be the month for new initiatives and hopes, the association pursued its Founder membership and fund raising drive with renewed enthusiasm to raise the required funds to meet the Gold Coast City Council's free land offer deadline on June 30th.

The committee members have met the local Hindu community members in Brisbane and Gold Coast and other Indian organizations to raise awareness of its objectives. The committee members participated in the Telugu Ugadi New year celebrations and made a presentation. They were overwhelmed by the love and support of the Telugu community who are predominantly Hindus. Parliamentarians were approached to get support for the noble objects of the association. The responses at State and Federal levels were extremely encouraging and supportive towards potential government Grants.



• Gold Coast wider Hindu Community involving in annathanam (free food giving) events

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GCHCA also made more representations in the Senior citizen's dinner, BAPS's Shri Swaminarayan Jayanti Shri Ram Navmi event and our volunteers participated in awareness campaign in 'Varnam' Cultural show. GCHCA was well received in these events. Our goal is to make this an "All Indian - All Australian" project of building a Gold Coast Hindu Cultural and Educational Precinct and this is why we invest so much of time and energy in bringing in all sections of 'Indian' and Australian society said Secretary Indrajit Siva.

GCHCA members and well wishers are currently working hard to raise funds and appeal to the wider Hindu community for support. The committee invites the Hindu community to join as a Founder member or Life member of the Association and support the initiatives for promoting learning and practice of

the Hindu Culture, Religion and Indian Languages for the current and future generations. The fund raising committee also has made initiatives to collect funds through "Thousand families for Murugan" program and invites each family to contribute \$1000.00 towards the project. More awareness and fund raising campaigns are carried out in Sydney, Melbourne and Toronto, Canada where a large Hindu community exists. The wider community support for the innovative initiative by the GCHCA is overwhelming.

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• GCHCA representatives attending wider Hindu community events organized by BAPS's Shri Swaminarayan Jayanti Shri Ram Navmi.

endorsed by the ATO, contributions to this account are tax deductible. With the financial year nearing end we encourage the community to take advantage of the tax reimbursement from their contributions. The GCHCA also created a facebook site to get more wider community involvement. The GCHCA encourages Hindus and others who could support the objectives to join the facebook site www.goldcoasthindu.org and visit our web site www.goldcoasthindu.org for further information. We encourage the readers to contribute funds to the organization through credit card or online transfer to our Building Donation Account which can be found on our website. Further details if required can be obtained by contacting secretary Indrajit Siva on 07 56768530 or Email gchcain@gmail.com

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• GCHCA representatives receive support from The Hon Bernie Ripoll, The Federal Member for Oxley and Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business.



• His Highness Maharaj Raghav Raj Singh Shivrati of Udaipur and his wife pictured with GOPIO Qld President, Shyam Das, at the Maharaja Polo Cup Gala Dinner at Surfers Paradise. It was a great evening prior to the Polo match the next day. It is going to become a great event in the calendar of Queensland.

