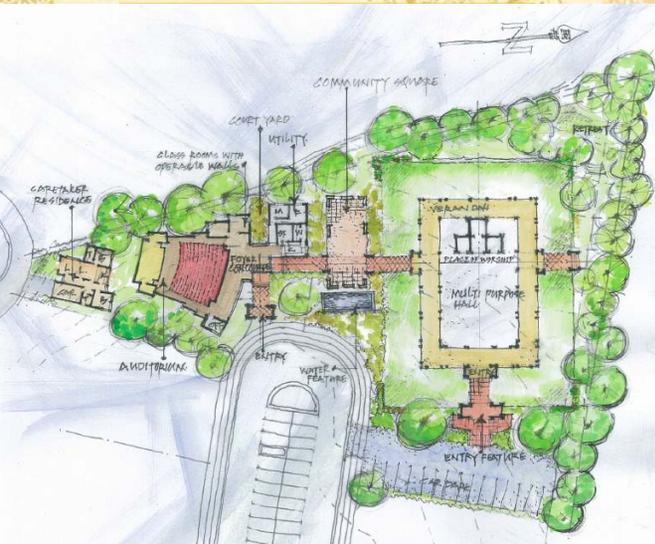


## PROGRESS & NEXT STEPS

Within a short period of time, substantial progress in many ways:

- The ATO has endorsed GCHCA Building Donation Account as Deductible Gift Recipient (donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible).
- Over AUD \$450,000 raised from supporters and philanthropists
- GCHCA has gained the full support of the Gold Coast City Council and preparing the DA application.
- GCCC has confirmed over 5300 m<sup>2</sup> land in Arundel, a prime location in the Gold Coast for this project.
- GCHCA has gained the strong support of the State and Federal Members of Parliament

The committee together with the local community are in full stride with the fund raising activities to kick-start the innovative project.



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The GCHCA is inviting people, who embrace its objects and vision, to join us as Life Members in creating a strong cultural base in Gold Coast for us and our future generations.

With your commitment and support, the GCHCA will promote cultural, educational, spiritual and moral well-being of the rapidly growing Hindu community in South East Queensland and Australia.

Donations can also be made from around the world using credit cards through our website or by direct credit. Please contact us for various sponsorship opportunities.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- President:** Dr Vallipuram Muthukkumarasamy  
**Vice President:** Dr Murugesampillai Anandakumarasamy  
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*Support the noble objectives of the GCHCA  
by becoming a Founder Member for Life*

## Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association

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*Education is the manifestation of the  
perfection already in man.  
Religion is the manifestation of the divinity  
already in man.*

*Swami Vivekananda*





## GCHCA Background

The Gold Coast Hindu community has formed the *Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA)* to serve the ever increasing cultural, educational and religious needs of South East Queensland. For the past three years, Gold Coast Hindu community members have been congregating at Helensvale Community Centre every third Friday of the month.

The Hindu culture promotes love, respect, honouring others and humbling one's own ego so that the inner nature, which is naturally pure and modest, will shine forth. Hinduism is an ancient philosophy and a way of life that includes an advanced system of ethics, meaningful rituals, practices, traditions and beliefs. It is rooted in prehistoric Vedic culture and draws on a common system of Dharmic values. These values advocate charity, harmony, moral wellbeing and the universal betterment of humanity.

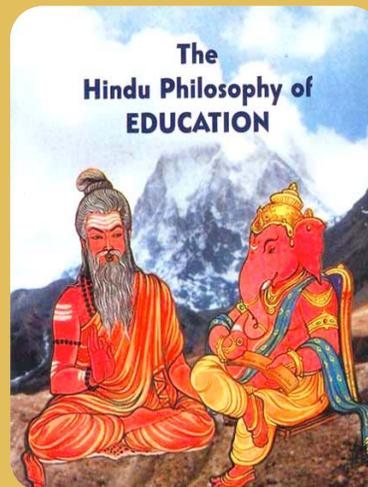
Practice of Hindu culture in Australia is on the increase and the Australian census identifies Hinduism as the fourth largest religion. The GCHCA was founded in 2012 by members from Hindu Community who saw the urgent need to serve and support the cultural, educational, spiritual and moral well-being of the South East Queensland region's rapidly growing Hindu population.

## GCHCA Vision

The vision of the GCHCA is to enhance the cultural engagement and religious experience for all in our diverse Hindu community. The association will provide a platform to promote and expand innovative programs in education, youth & adult activities, and service to the community representing a strong Hindu presence.

The GCHCA will promote Hindu culture among the wider community by being inclusive and supportive of friendship, respect, peace and tolerance. In particular, the association will promote and foster Hindu cultural activities such as classical literature, music, dance and classical language & spiritual education by providing resources and facilities at the proposed "Hindu Cultural and Education Centre".

The GCHCA will be a place that brings together Hindu customs and heritage with Australian values of community. In the new millennium, it will be a symbol of the Hindu community in Australia.



## OBJECTS



### Culture

To promote and foster Hindu culture, the GCHCA will construct and maintain a Hindu cultural & educational centre. The association will provide facilities and conduct regular classes of various performing arts forms, classical dance and literature and also host cultural programs.

### Education

The GCHCA will promote the learning of Hindu philosophy, Saivism, classical languages and educational values of Hindu culture and Hindu religion. This includes but not limited to, promoting and facilitating research and educational activities related to Hindu culture, architecture and heritage.

### Religion

The GCHCA will provide a forum and/or facilities for the worship and practice of religious activities and Hindu rituals and to foster the Hindu way of life.