

Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) Is Moving Forward

With God's grace, the Gold Coast City Council has now given consent to our Building Application (BA) over the entire block of land (5216 m²) to embark on constructing our Education & Cultural Precinct. With your support, we will complete Stage 1, (Multi-Purpose Hall) build by December 2018 and Council will review our progress in June 2018. Visit our website <http://culture.goldcoasthindu.org/> for more.


This first milestone of our build mission will help promote culture, education and spirituality in Queensland for the physical, mental and spiritual well being of our community.

We appeal to every person to support the build, to leave an education and cultural legacy for all our future generation:

- by becoming a member;
- making a donation;
- volunteering your time and skills; and
- promoting the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association's mission to your peers.

Donate to: GCHCA Building Donation Account – BSB: 064 - 474 A/C 1048 8900 (donations of > \$2 are tax deductible and will reduce your tax liability – please consult your tax advisor). <http://culture.goldcoasthindu.org/donations/>.

GCHCA wishes you a Happy and Prosperous Deepavali -19 October

Deepavali (Diwali) the “Festival of Lights”, has become one of the 10 most celebrated festivals around the world. 

Deepavali is a community celebration with families, kids, parents, grandparents and extended family and friends, enjoying moments, religious and ritual observations which has evolved to a more modern and lavish celebration with still a strong spirit of Deepavali.

The significance of Deepavali, is to illuminate ourselves, our homes and offices to symbolize the victory of Light over Darkness, Good over Evil and Knowledge over Ignorance. This message is for all, especially our young ones who are our future.

Asato mā sadgamaya	<i>From ignorance, lead me to truth</i>
Tamasomā jyotir gamaya	<i>From darkness, lead me to light</i>
Mrityormāamritam gamaya	<i>From death, lead me to immortality</i>
Om śhānti śhānti śhāntiḥ	<i>Om peace, peace, peace</i>

(Bṛhadaranyaka Upanishad — I.iii.28)

In true Hindu culture, please remember to share and care for those who are frail, sick, needy and the elderly.

GCHCA celebrates Skanda Sashti - 20 October to 25 October

Skandar Sashti is the most important festival celebrated in honour of Lord Muruga who is also known as Skanda, Kumara, Karthikeya or Subramanya.

Skanda Puranam narrates how Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati's son took birth as Murugan and wiped off the demons who were causing anarchy on the planet. It is believed that during this period Lord Muruga appeared on earth to defeat Adharma (Unrighteousness) and restore Dharma (Righteousness). According to Skanda Puranam

(poetic account), the asuras (demons) under the leadership of Surapadman, Simhamukha and Tarakasura were defeated on the sixth day Soora Samharam (victory day) of the battle (falls on 25 October). The asuras were annihilated and the devas (divine) were liberated.

GCHCA will celebrate this event on the festival's 1st day, Friday, 20 October at 7.15pm in Helensvale Community Centre where their monthly Bhajans are held. There will be invocation of prayers to Murugan and the public can request to procure one for their home.

GCHCA's celebration of Navaratri

A big thank you to all who attended our Navaratri function and made it a day to remember. Our 5th Navaratri Festival was celebrated in a cultural and colourful way with the participation of around 380 Hindus and non-Hindus on 23rd September 2017 in Gold Coast.

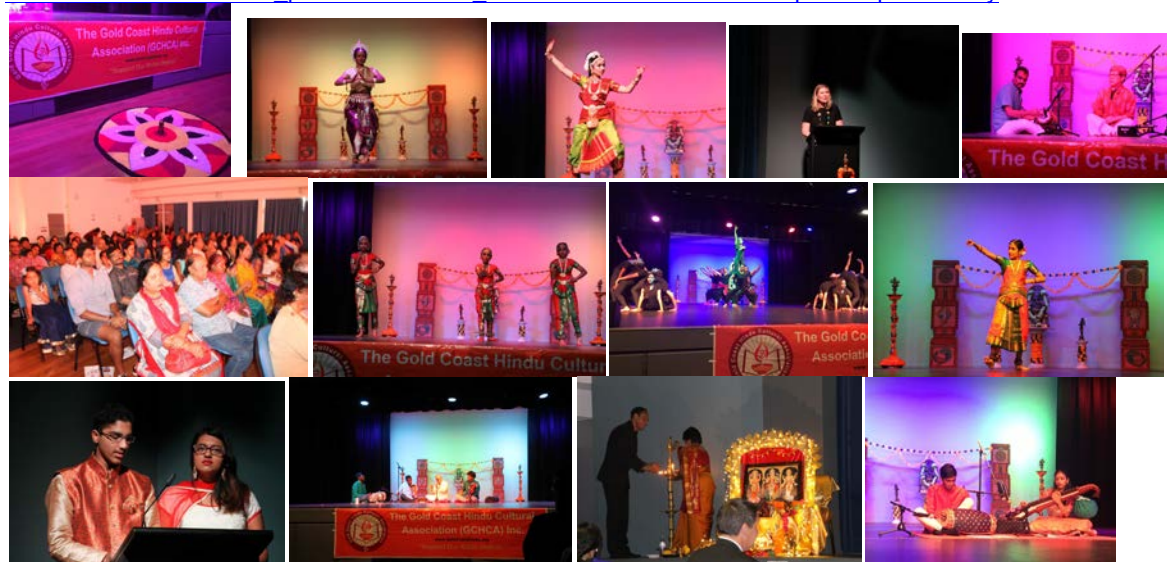
The festival was sponsored by the Gold Coast City Council, Krish Indian Cuisine, Coconut Lagoon Restaurant, Spice World, and South Coast Radiology and we thank them for their sponsorship. We also thank artists, performers and the attendees, who generously donated over \$1,615 on the night.

The festival commenced at 6pm with Pooja to Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi, followed by the lighting of lamps, exquisite dance performers, vocalists and instrumentalists intertwined by speeches from our MP, Councillors and President.

This was followed at 8pm with the serving of a delicious vegetarian dinner, dessert and the cherished mingling of artists, councillors, community and members.

GCHCA will continue to deliver to you important Hindu cultural events and conduct bhajans (group singing), meditation, education and yoga classes.

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Support the build of the Education & Cultural Precinct through your generous tax deductible donations which will leave a legacy for generations to come and reduce your tax liability (please consult your tax advisor).

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

Sothi Kanagasabai
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