



## GCHCA Hindu Cultural Precinct preliminary work kicks off

GOLD Coast Hindu Cultural Association happily announces that the preliminary work for the Hindu Educational and Cultural precinct has started on 27th September with prayers. Following the momentous advances in the past few weeks, the council gave the green light to commence preliminary work on the land. The first phase involved clearing of the paths, to do the soil test and to bring in equipment. On Sunday, September 27th, 2015 at 8:00am, one of our founder member and senior

citizen, Mr Subramanian Barataraj inaugurated the event by performing the prayers and pooja. With just a simple message via the community email group and Facebook, there was an overwhelming response from the Hindu community in Gold Coast and Brisbane. Both adults and children came forward to do the initial clearing on a voluntary basis. Special thanks goes to the tree loppers from Brisbane who kindly agreed to spend their resting weekend to do this community work. This included clearing shrubs and trees, and creating a service pathway inside the land to enable soil-testing rigs to enter the borehole locations in the coming weeks.

With this initial work, it is expected that the building approval from the Gold Coast City Council would be obtained soon, allowing the first phase of building works to commence early next year. There is an Indian adage which states, "Do not reside in a place which is void of a temple." In accordance with this advice from our forefathers, the Gold Coast Hindu community has drawn together in faith to develop a 'Hindu Cultural and Education Centre', which will include a place of worship for all Hindus who call Gold Coast, Brisbane and Northern NSW their home.

In its endeavours to erect the cultural and educational precinct, the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) has experienced moderate success to date. With divine providence, GCHCA has been generously



offered prime land by the Gold Coast City Council to establish a '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 \$500,000 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.

We, therefore humbly appeal for your support. Any contribution would make a difference and every cent counts towards helping our community realize its dream. While we empathise that not everyone would be in a position to make substantial cash contributions, we urge you to spread the good word and encourage your friends and relatives to support our united mission. We are confident that anyone who contributes to this cause would be abundantly blessed.

Further details about this project can be obtained from [www.GoldCoastHindu.org](http://www.GoldCoastHindu.org). You are also 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:  
Account Name: The GCHCA Building Donation Account  
BSB: 064-474 Account Number: 104 88 900

Donations can also be made from around the world using credit cards through our website.

Upon making a donation, please email [gehcan@gmail.com](mailto:gehcan@gmail.com) with details of your contribution so that the treasurer can issue you with a receipt (within seven days of receiving donation payment). It is expected with Navaratri and Deepavali in the horizon, Hindus in Queensland and Australia, as a whole, will celebrate the festival with a kind donation to worthy noble cause.

We thank you in anticipation for your support and generosity.

