



GCHCA elects a new committee: President Dr. C. Arunagiri executes the vision

THE members of the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) elected a new committee at the AGM on Aug 16th 2015. The AGM was a fun filled affair with members interacting with each other and asking critical questions on the best way forward towards achieving the Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct. The outgoing committee updated the members on the progress made so far. The Building Approval (BA) application is due in November and this is causing significant challenges in terms of resources. Members discussed ways to overcome some of these challenges and how individuals can contribute. It was a rewarding experience for members which ended with a delightful samosas, chai and coffee. The association thanks profusely the services rendered by the outgoing committee members (Dr. Shunil Sharma, Mr. Rajiv Haikerwaal, Dr. G. Subakumar, Mr. S. Barataraj, Dr. M. Anandan, and Mr. Sures Sinnadurai).

The following volunteers are the fortunate ones serving the 2015 management committee:

President: Dr. Chinniah Arunagiri

Vice President: A/Prof. V. Muthu

Secretary: Mr I. Siva

Joint Secretary: Mrs. Neela Ramiah

Treasurer: Mr. Rathinam Srinivasan

Assistant Treasurer: Mr. Siribalamurali

Director of Cultural Activities: Prof. Thiru Aravinthan

Director of Religious Activities: Dr. Murali Rajaratnam

Director of Educational Activities: Mr. Kartik Menon

Director of Resources, Media, Publicity

and Asset Management: Mr N. Mugunthan

Director of Youth and Community Activities, Fund Raising Activities and Event Management:

Mr. Ramanathan Karupiah

The stage 1 of the project would cost about \$2.5 million and significant progress has been made in detailed design work with the help of many volunteers from all facets of life. We are very thankful for their sincere commitments towards building this unique precinct in a short time. The audited accounts of the association is publically available on the GCHCA website (www.GoldCoastHindu.org).

The Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association seeks the ongoing support of members of the community to make this vision a reality. Every Hindu in South East Queensland is invited to join as a member and contribute to the noble objectives of the association. You can send an expression of interest to gchcan@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations through credit card or bank transfer can be made to the GCHCA Building Donation Account: BSB: 064- -474 Account: 1048 8900.

This year GCHCA's annual Navaratri Festival will be held on Saturday, 17th October at the Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre. The evening will include performances by various prominent South Asian artistes followed by a vegetarian dinner. The wider community is invited to book the ticket (free) early through <https://goo.gl/e8uNUv> and join in the celebrations.