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MAY ALL THE WORLD BE HAPPY FOR ALL TIMES

HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA  
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## HSV TEMPLE OFFICE OPENING HOURS (in view of COVID-19 restrictions)

**ALL DAYS**

**9AM - 11AM**

**5PM - 7PM**

**CONTACT MANAGER OR WEB SITE FOR SPECIAL DAYS**

## REGULAR DAILY POOJA TIMES

**7:30 AM**

**USHAT KALA / SUPRABHATHAM**

**5:30 PM**

**SAYARAKSHI POOJA**

**8:30 AM**

**KALI SHANTHI/ NITHYA ARADHANA**

**7:00 PM**

**SECOND POOJA FOR EVENING**

**12 NOON**

**UCHI KALA POOJA**

**9:00 PM**

**ARTHAJAMA POOJA**

**CONTACT MANAGER OR WEB SITE FOR SPECIAL DAYS**

## CULTURAL & HERITAGE CENTRE

**RECEPTION CENTRE  
&  
PEACOCK ROOM**

**TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

**HSV LIBRARY OPENING HOURS  
TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

**HSV HINDUISM CLASSES  
TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

**HSV MUSEUM - TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

## HSV CAFÉ ANNAPOORANI OPENING HOURS

**TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

*Please call to find the new opening hours*

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## PRIEST SERVICES AVAILABLE AT SHRI SHIVA VISHNU HINDU TEMPLE CARRUM DOWNS

*The following services are provided by priest outside the temple working hours. Devotees can arrange to obtain these services at their homes, halls or any other venues*

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| • Ganapathy Homam         | • Ganapathy Pooja for any special event (Arangetram etc.) |
| • Sathya Narayana Pooja   | • Grahapravesam   |
| • Mahalakshmi Homam       | • Wedding service   |
| • Navagraha Homam         | • Boomi Pooja   |
| • House Warming Pooja     | • Ayusu Homam   |
| • Thivasam / Thithi Pooja |   |

**Please Contact Temple Manager  
(03) 9782 0878**

## HSV PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Hari Om Namashivaya**

**Hari Om Narayanaya**

With the Grace of your Ishta Devas, I sincerely hope that all of you are in good physical and mental health. The year 2020 has been a test to our strength, divine focus, physical and mental health. However, with the arrival of spring, there seems to be a spring in most of our steps. With signs of the Covid 19 pandemic coming under control in our State of Victoria, it is time to plan and establish our spiritual way of life and rekindle our devotion and services to the Divinity.

Members would be well aware that the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officer Bearers had to be postponed twice from the earlier fixed dates of 30 August 2020 and 18 October 2020. Our constitution stipulates that the current Management Committee is required to handover the management to the Council of Ex-Presidents after 31 October 2020. A meeting was arranged with the council of Ex- Presidents who unanimously agreed with the Honorary Solicitor to extend the life of the current Management Committee until the election of Office Bearers for the Management Committee for 2020- 2021 could be arranged.

The Corporate Affairs, a watch dog of all Incorporated Associations, given the unprecedented Covid situation, has indicated that the compulsory requirement of having the Annual General Meeting within 6 months of the end of the Financial Year (i.e., 30 June 2020) could be extended for at least another 3 months.

In light of the above, the Current Management Committee, with the expectation of the Victorian Government easing Covid restrictions, is planning for the Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers on Sunday 27 December 2020. The venue would be the Main Cultural hall or the outside area of the temple depending on the government restrictions. Please do make note of the date which is the day after Boxing Day.

The Returning Officer has agreed to accept Postal Vote Applications from all the remaining members so that ballot papers for voting could be sent to all the (financial) members of the Society who have indicated that they are willing to be part of the election of the management committee. This is mainly because the Returning Officer has already received, to date, applications from more than 65% of the membership, to take part in the voting. Please note that the closing date for these applications is 16 November 2020. The completed Ballot Papers should be mailed to reach the Returning Officer before 16 December 2020.

This issue of Panchavati is carrying the details of the AGM, Financial Report, Annual Report and the Executive Summary. The Financial Report will indicate to you that although this year has been challenging, the Management Committee, with the Grace of the Almighty and the help of the Government, has managed to pilot the Society so that we could commence our normal religious activities when we reach a Covid normal situation.

The last 9 months has been a difficult period for many of our members and devotees of our Temple. This has resulted in much venting of frustration. As the Covid situation returns to normal, I sincerely hope that a calm atmosphere will prevail and that the incoming Management Committee will be able to function smoothly.

My sincere thanks goes to the Priests, employees of Shiva Vishnu Temple, devotees of Shiva Vishnu temple and last but not least, the Management Committee for having continued the necessary daily poojas, Homams and statutory activities.

In great anticipation of seeing you in person at the Annual General Meeting, I conclude this message by wishing health, wealth, prosperity and heightened spiritual activity in the year 2021.

Loka Samasthaa Sukhino Bhavanthu

DR M. SIVAKADADCHAN  
President, Hindu Society of Victoria

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 CALENDAR REVISED



## Hindu Society of Victoria (Aust.) Incorporated

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 / 2021

#### CALENDAR - REVISED

**VENUE:** Cultural & Heritage Centre or open garden area (depends on Victorian government restrictions)  
**ADDRESS:** 52 Boundary Road Carrum Downs, Vic 3201  
**DATE:** Sunday, 27<sup>TH</sup> December 2020 (Postponed from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020)  
**TIME:** 2.00 PM

<b>Submissions</b>	<b>Closing Dates – Should be received on or before these dates</b>
Nomination for Management Committee Positions	<b>CLOSED</b> on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020.
Candidate profile statement submission	<b>CLOSED</b> on Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020. Note: Profile statement is not a MUST but an option for the candidates.
Application for Postal Votes	Submit your completed <b>application to reach BANKS GROUP</b> not later than 4.00pm on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.
Postal Voting (ballot papers) close	Submit your completed <b>ballot papers to reach BANKS GROUP</b> not later than 4.00pm on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of December 2020.
Motions under any other business	Motions shall be submitted to Secretary (to reach) not later than 4.00pm on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Note: Due to the Government restrictions for COVID – 19 Pandemic, some of the dates are subject to change. Members will be notified.**

#### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES AND MEMBERS

- In the event of an election, all financial members as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 are eligible to vote.
- Members applying for postal ballots are required to indicate their member number in the space provided for it in the postal ballot application form. The member numbers are printed on the address label of Panchavathi. If you require your member number please send email to [secretary@hsvtemple.org.au](mailto:secretary@hsvtemple.org.au) with your full name, address and contact number.

**The Constitutional requirement (Clause 13(D)(i)) with regard to quorum at the Annual General Meeting is as follows:**

- *No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting without the appropriate quorum.*
  - *When the meeting proceeds to business, save as herein otherwise provided, twenty (20%) percent of the members present in person shall form a quorum.*
  - *If after one hour of the appointed time there is no quorum the meeting shall proceed to transact business provided at least fifteen (15%) percent of the members or 175 members, whichever is less, are present.*
  - *If the reduced quorum is not achieved the meeting shall stand adjourned to such other day (within one month of the date of the original meeting) and at such other time and place as the management committee may determine. At such an adjourned meeting there shall be at least fifteen (15%) percent or 175 members, whichever is less, of the members of the Society present in person to constitute the necessary quorum for the meeting.*

For the purposes of the quorum, husband and wife will be counted as separate members attending.

**APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTING**

**If you have applied for postal voting previously for 2020/2021 election you don't have to re-apply.** existing postal applications have been retained and ballot papers will be issued.

**Please note that BANKS GROUP requires individual application for each member applying for postal voting.** In the case of family membership there should be two separate applications in the event both husband and wife apply for postal voting. Photocopy of the form provided are acceptable.

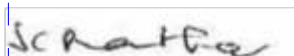
Submit your postal vote applications to reach **BANKS GROUP not later than 4.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.** Please mail/deliver the completed postal vote application form to **BANKS GROUP, 801 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn Vic 3122** in an envelope marked **"HSV Voting – 2020"**. Alternatively, postal vote application form can be faxed to **BANKS GROUP on 03 9815 1899, or emailed to "J.Peterson@banksgroup.com.au"**.

**POSTAL VOTING (BALLOT PAPERS) CLOSE**

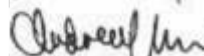
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**MOTIONS UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Motions shall be submitted to Secretary **not later than 4.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020,** by email to **secretary@hsvtemple.org.au** or by registered post or deliver to 52, Boundary road Carrum Downs, Vic 3201. Obtain receipt for your delivery.



**Signed: Sabaratnam Kathirkanthan**  
**Secretary**  
**Hindu Society of Victoria**  
**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**



**Signed: Andrew Fisher**  
**Returning Officer**  
**Banks Group**  
**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**



**HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (AUST) INCORPORATED  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS  
2020/2021**

**APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTING MATERIAL**

**(If you have applied for postal voting previously for 2020/2021 election then you don't have to re-apply. Existing postal applications have been retained and ballots will be issued.)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ may not be able to cast my voting at the  
Annual General Meeting on *Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

<b>Please forward Postal Voting Material to me at the following address:</b>	
Full Postal Address including postcode	
If the above address is different from the address held by HSV, please provide the reason	
<b>Contact Information – This may be required in order to verify your application:</b>	
Email	
Mobile	
Daytime number if different from mobile	

**Important; Your Specimen signature will be verified with the BALLOT paper signature.**

**Specimen signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION MUST REACH THE RETURNING OFFICER, NOT LATER THAN 4.00 PM ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.**

**By Post/By Hand: Jahdyn Peterson, Banks Group, 801 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122.  
or  
By Fax: 03 – 9815 1899  
or  
By Scan to Email: [j.peterson@banksgroup.com.au](mailto:j.peterson@banksgroup.com.au)**

**2020 Hindu Society of Victoria AGM and Postal Voting Ballot order**

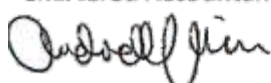
<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Contested?</b>
Usha Devi Venkataraman	L647	President	Contested
Balasubramaniam Rangarajan	L927	President	Contested
Pathmakumar Kandiah	L944	Vice President	Contested
Aiyathurai Kirupakaran	L903	Vice President	Contested
Madapusi Srinivasan	L967	Vice President	Contested
Anil Kolanukonda	L877	Vice President	Contested
Ratnam Kandasamy	L910	Secretary	Uncontested
Inthirai Parameswaran	L391	Treasurer	Contested
Ambalavanar Tharumarajah	L681	Treasurer	Contested
Rohan Vijayaratnam	L857	Assistant Secretary	Contested
Usha Rani Gullapalli	L956	Assistant Secretary	Contested
Candyah Sriskandarajah	L655	Assistant Treasurer	Contested
Narenthiran Mahenthiran	L919	Assistant Treasurer	Contested
Nadesan Sundaresan	L666	Committee Member	Contested
Thevabalan Santhiramouleesan	L974	Committee Member	Contested
Thavarajah Sriharan	L830	Committee Member	Contested
Rambabu Sammohinivis	L920	Committee Member	Contested
Ravindranath Tiruvoipati	L951	Committee Member	Contested
Surya Venkata Rajeswar Susarla	L969	Committee Member	Contested
Ampalavanar Yogaparan	L746	Committee Member	Contested
Ramanathan Ramanathan	L933	Committee Member	Contested
Nithiyanathan Sundaramoorthy	L963	Committee Member	Contested
Selliah Jeganathan	L173	Committee Member	Contested
Sivanantha Vaithilingam	L842	Committee Member	Contested
Kugathas Navaneetharajah	L873	Committee Member	Contested
Muthukumaraswamy Manivasakan	L280	Committee Member	Contested
Venkata Nagabhushana Sarma Betanabhatla	L892	Committee Member	Contested
Sriskanharajah Thiagarajah	L656	Committee Member	Contested
Santhini Arunothayaraj	L026	Committee Member	Contested
Ahielea Vetpillai	L864	Committee Member	Contested
Ranjini Somasundaram	L632	Committee Member	Contested
Thambiah Thangaratnam	L679	Committee Member	Contested

Signed by the Returning officer

**BANKS GROUP ASSURANCE PTY LTD**

ABN 75115 749 598

Chartered Accountants



Andrew Fisher FCA

Dear members,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the temple has been closed for public entry for more than 7 months and with the current cost constraints imposed on the Society, it was decided by the Management Committee to publish the profile statements of the candidates standing for elections for the 2020-21 Management Committee in our website and provide the details for link to our website in the Panchavati.

**Please visit the financial members' section of our website**

**<https://www.hsvshivavishnutemple.org.au/communications-to-hsv-financial-members/> to view the available candidates profile statements.**

### **Membership application form for new members**

The application form for new membership has been updated and approved by the Management Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. The new application form is made available in the Hindu Society of Victoria website under the 'resources' tab (forms and documents).

Please visit our website **<https://www.hsvshivavishnutemple.org.au>** to access the application form.

**This form is effective from 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 and all the previous versions are obsolete and shall not be used.**

### **Information to the Financial members**

We are in the process of creating a separate section to provide specific information to the financial member in our website. At this stage the related information page links will be published in a common page.

**<https://www.hsvshivavishnutemple.org.au/communications-to-hsv-financial-members/>** and further improvements will be made in the future. Due to privacy and confidentiality the information provided will be limited at this time.

### **Volunteer application form and Workplace behaviour policy**

We have developed a workplace behaviour policy manual and a volunteer policy manual as recommended and assisted by Work-safe (Victoria) authorities. It is also recommended that HSV should maintain strict health and safety standards and the volunteers/staff to follow our requested health and safety procedures.

All the Volunteers must complete the application form and receive a copy of the Workplace behaviour policy manual and a copy of the Volunteer policy manual. These manuals are available at the temple office and in the café. Also available on our website under resources tab.

The Secretary/Assistant Secretary shall maintain the Volunteer's register.

**Secretary,  
Hindu Society of Victoria**

# HSV MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2019-2020

## HSV MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2019-2020

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our New Management Committee was elected at the Annual general meeting held on the 25th of August 2019. Our dedicated members, staff and volunteers have accomplished the following from our goals and objectives list. Our mission was to accomplish all the projects before end of our term but due to COVID - 19 pandemic some of the tasks could not be accomplished.

Goals and objectives accomplished;

- Maintained HSV values of improving the religious services, devotee focus, working together, transparency and honesty and be courageous to face challenges.
- Appointed a new Manager for Café and function hall to improve the performance and service.
- Accomplished the West side car park including a roundabout to join the East to West and North to South access road and a new second gate entrance to the car park.
- Applied for a State Government grant and received \$100,000 to repair and maintain the cultural centre building and to widen the existing main access road entrance with a new automatic gate.
- Installed Solar panels to the Cultural centre.
- Upgraded the children play area.
- Applied for a Federal Government grant to improve the security and safety of the devotees and staff. Amount of \$408,000 was granted to install a more secured fence around the compound, additional CCTV security cameras and solar lights for West side car park etc. We are yet to receive the first instalment and the works will commence in December 2020 / January 2021.

We formed various Sub-committees and the responsibilities were allocated to the chairpersons to achieve their goals associated to our Mission. The details of the Sub-committee reports are provided below on their accomplishments.

All our major temple and cultural events were well attended until March 2020. Members and devotees are very appreciative of the commitment, religious rigour, devotion and dedication by our priests performing the rituals at our temple.

It was very unfortunate that, due to COVID – 19 Pandemic the temple and the café was closed for public entry from 22nd of March 2020. Lord Shiva Mahotshavam was performed by the priests, staff and Management Committee members (2 – 3 members per session) due to restriction on number of people that was limited to 10.

Our in-house priests performing the daily poojas and any other significant events such as abishekams, homams etc. Recently, we have commenced live streaming some of the major events in the temple.

During this lock down period, i.e., from April 2020 onwards our revenue has dropped by approximately 75%, to in the range of \$45K to \$75K per month. The major part of this revenue was from Job Keeper allowance and other government grants. We undertook many cost reduction initiatives and also deferred the loan repayment with National Australia Bank. Monthly cost was in the range of \$120K to 140K. With the existing savings we were able to manage a positive cash flow until the end of November 2020, i.e., for 8 months. We have negotiated a credit facility of \$250,000 with National Australia Bank in addition to the existing loan. This credit facility will be utilized in the coming months.

We have continuously developed procedures to improve society operations in accordance with statutory bodies.

All the achievements we made would not have been possible without the dedication and cooperation of the management committee members, subcommittee members, volunteers, staff and devotees.

The management sincerely thanks all of them and encourages your continued support for the future.

The Management Committee of 2019 - 2020

### **Temple Administration Subcommittee (TASC) 2019/2020 Report**

The Temple Administration Subcommittee (TASC) consists of highly experienced and dedicated volunteers in temple endeavours, whose advice were very valuable for administering the temple activities efficiently and effectively. The subcommittee met on a monthly basis. The important events that took place for this period were as follows:

- Navarathri and Vijayadashami festivals – organised by the Spiritual Sub Committee
- Deepavali festival- This attracted many devotees and the highlight was the fireworks and participation by many including members of the Federal and State Parliament.
- 1<sup>st</sup> of January New Year day, was well attended with a record number of sponsors for Shri Shiva Sangabishekam and Shri Vishnu Sahasrakalasa Abisekam. Many devotees took part in Maheswara Pooja.
- Holi festival – Not celebrated due to COVID 19. Religious ceremony was performed in the garden opposite to the Priests quarters.
- Temple was closed to the public on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 due to COVID 19. Shivan Mahotsavam was celebrated from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The festival was conducted by Kailasaraj Kurukkal assisted by all other priests. The priests conducted the festival without the devotees due to the lockdown of the temple on account of COVID 19. A special sahadaai was constructed to accommodate all 5 Deities for circumambulation inside and outside the temple. Mr Vijayan, who helps the HSV for the maintenance of the Vahanams constructed the sahadaai within 2 days and the HSV is thankful to him for his help and support.
- We had the Kumbabishekam anniversary with 108 sangabishekam on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.
- We buy abundance of flowers for our daily poojahs and for various events and store them in our refrigerator inside the temple. As we did not have enough space in the fridge for storing the flowers, after very careful consideration we bought a portable mobile cool room 2.7 m x 1.5 m (9ft x 5ft) to store the flowers. This portable mobile cool room is kept between the madapalli and the disabled carpark.
- Tamizh New Year celebration was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 with One hundred and eight Sangabishekam to Vallipilliyar in the morning and followed with circumambulation of specially improvised Ther in the evening with Pancha Muga Pilliyar. As the temple was closed to the public, the priests, temple manager and two management committee members participated in the morning and in the evening two management committee members and two Café Annapoorani employees took part to help to carry Deities. From 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 we allowed devotees to the temple in accordance with and in compliance of the restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government. The temple is under complete lockdown with the implementation of stage 4 restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government from 2nd August 2020 but the nithya poojahs are being performed to all Deities. Management Committee is thankful to all the volunteers for providing selfless service to the temple.

We are thankful to all our priests for providing excellent service to the devotees and the temple managers Messrs. Gnanathanimuthalvan, and Jeevakumar, the maintenance Manager Mr. Ravindran for their valuable dedicated contribution to the Temple administration and maintenance. We are also thankful to Mr Thirulogachelvan for keeping the temple neat and tidy all the time.

## Cultural and Spiritual Report 2019/2020

Cultural and Spiritual events at Shiva Vishnu Temple have been smoothly progressing until an unexpected virus – COVID- 19 attacked the whole world. As a result of this, Federal and State Governments of Australia brought in restrictions, including social distancing and limit on the number of persons in an enclosed environment that, included places of religious worship and associated events.

Until March 2020, the Sanathan Dharma Sansthan (Hinduism School) class, Temple Bhajans, Victoria Sky Yoga and meditation classes were conducted in the Cultural Hall of the Hindu Society of Victoria. The committee is proud these schools and teachers for their efforts in continuing their prospective classes through Zoom communications.

**The temple Bhajan** Coordinator, Mr Muruga with the help of Ms Susi Raj organised the weekly Friday Bhajans, between 8.15 pm and 9.00 pm (except on days the special poojas are held) and the enthusiastic students sang bhajans from the bottom of their hearts. On the day of Mahashivarathri, Shivan-related Bhajans were sung by these students, supported by their families and friends, accompanied by musical instruments.

**Sanathana Dharma Sansthan** (Hinduism School) continued teaching about Gods, Saints, Temples, Festivals, Devotional songs, Thevarams and bhajans under the tutelage of Mrs Mangalam Vasani and Mr Kugan Kugathan and assisted by Ms Lakshanya Vasani and Mrs Medini Balachandran and some parents of the students. Nearly 60 students from various Hindu backgrounds attend the school. The school celebrated its annual concert on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to showcase what the children had been learning over the past years. This year's performance of Bhaktaprahallad was highly appreciated by the audience and parents. It was a privilege to have the head of Vedanta Centre, Swami Sunishthananda as the chief guest for the Annual prize giving on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 followed by a scrumptious vegetarian dinner proudly catered by HSV Annapoorani Café.

**Victoria SKY Meditation Society** organised their regular simplified Kundalini Yoga Meditation and Kaya Kalpa Yoga on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The SKY Meditation Society and the participants were pleased with the HSV for allocating a room for their use. Apart from regular classes, SKY Yoga society had a prayer and meditation on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for World Peace, on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Wife appreciation Day event, on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 Kaya Kalpa Yoga Course and on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Kaya Kalpa Yoga Meditation in the HSV Cultural Hall Meditation room.

**Navarathri festival** started on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019, with students from over fifty music and dance schools offering homage to Goddess performing Carnatic and Vocal music, various Indian classical dances, Bhajans and Miruthangam. On all the nine days (29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 7<sup>th</sup> Oct) devotees and families gathered in the Cultural Hall and encouraged these students.

During these nine days, HSV gave an opportunity to the artists of Indian Australian Artists to display their painting mainly relating to Hinduism and expose the art of painting to the devotees.

Hindu Society Library, located in the Cultural and Heritage Hall, has various selection of books on aspect of Hinduism. in Tamil, Hindi and English. Small group of Hindu devotees gather occasionally to listen to religious topics.

Hon Jason Wood, MP, Assistant Minister for customs, Community, safety and Multicultural Affairs, during his visit to the temple, commended HSV for idea the Hindu Museum and library in the Hall. On 20<sup>th</sup> October, Saiva Sithantha Centre organised an Indian Classical recital in the Peacock Hall, with artists Shri O. S. Arun (Vocal) Shri Suresh Babu (Violin), Shri Ravi M. Ravichandhira, OAM (Mridangam) and Shri Sai Nivaeithan Ravichandhira (Tabla).

Tamil Society of Melbourne, organised launching of Saiva Encyclopaedia 10 Volumes) by author Prof Dr Selvaganapathy on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the Peacock Hall. Tamil Scholar Prof Saratha Nambiarooran launched these encyclopaedias with excellent explanation. Next day the Prof. Saratha Nambiarooran's illustration about Avvyar's Amutha Thamil was well appreciated by the devotees, in the Library. She briefly visited the Museum of the cultural hall where she expressed her respect to HSV for this wonderful idea of displaying painting representing various aspect of Hinduism.

In February 2020, Shrimathi Shobha Sekhar, partnered with Mental Health Foundation Australia, organised her fund raising concert "Varshaya (prayer for downpour) comprising Music Ensembles, solos and dance performances by leading schools and artists. The Peacock hall was packed with audience whose contributions were donated towards the Victorian Bushfire appeal.

The Cultural and Spiritual committee thank all the teachers, parents, students, devotees and volunteers for their dedicated support given during the year and pray to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu for healthy, harmonious years ahead .

## Safety & Security Sub Committee Report 2020

During Diwali celebrations in October, we implemented several safety and security measures to protect the devotees. Management employed 'Adaptive Security' to assist us in security as well as coordinating parking. A number of our prior parking zones were closed due to works so we had to thoroughly organize parking for the event. We had a consistent feed of security footage with a security manager watching live leading to no incidents reported. Fireworks started at approximately 8.30pm and ran for 20 minutes under the authority of a licensed party.

The New Year's event also ran successfully with no incidents reported. We utilized a traffic management company to effectively organize the inflow and outflow of vehicles. We also hired a third-party security firm to assist us on the day. The HSV Café was closed after 12.30pm and the hall was then open to the Anadhanam devotees to dine in. We tried to prioritise seating for people with disabilities, parents with children and the elderly. This could be improved in the future with a volunteer directing the seating in the hall.

There were several reportable safety/security incidents that happened this year:

- A temple devotee verbally threatened committee members during normal temple hours. Police were contacted and an incident report was submitted for investigation. In the future, improvements in the complaint process should be done to reduce the likelihood of these situations occurring.
- There was a verbal altercation with a volunteer and café management. Specifically, the volunteer refused to follow management's request to wear proper attire while in the kitchen area. This incident was reported to Worksafe, and after an investigation, a recommendation to outline strict health and safety standards was given. In the future, a health and safety document and contract authorised by the committee will be given to all volunteers/staff. The health and safety contract must be signed before entering the kitchen area again to entrust that volunteers/staff will follow our requested health and safety procedures.
- There was an attempted burglary in the middle of the night (February 2020). Wilson Security arrived during the burglary and culprits fled from the scene. After the incident, we decided to extend our contract with Wilson Security for a further 12 months.
- We organised a visit with the Assistant Federal Minister of Multicultural Affairs to examine the premises and request a grant towards security. 90% of our requested budget was approved and will be utilised towards a number of safety and security measures including improving our current safety camera network, introducing solar lights and improving the external fencing of the premises.

Due to the current circumstances of Covid-19, the safety and security of the HSV complex has been more challenging than previous years. Strictly complying to government regulations, the temple and HSV complex has been closed for much of the year. Before the complete shutdown of the temple during Stage 3, there were many restrictions in place to keep devotees safe. These included worship sessions scheduled each day, a maximum of 20 devotees for each session, maintaining and enforcing the recommended 6 feet social distance, thoroughly cleaning the premises and other necessary restrictions. We acknowledge that this has caused some anxiety and exasperation among devotees, volunteers, and employees. However, we believe that the HSV has a social responsibility during these difficult times. There have been several infrastructural improvements including security around the entry/exit doors and gates. Specifically, new main gates and safety cameras focusing on this entry point were implemented. We strive to implement more improvements of these security measures in the future. HSV management has asked employees, volunteers and devotees in being extra vigilant during these times. This will be maintained with extra safety and security procedures dependent on the government restrictions. We hope to open as soon as possible, and we will have safety measures in place to make sure devotees and members can worship in a safe and healthy environment.

## **Technical, Facilities Maintenance Subcommittee Annual Report 2019/2020 Asset and Facilities Maintenance Subcommittee.**

TFM Sub Committee was very active for first six months until the COVID 19 Pandemic struck in Melbourne.

The highlights for the year 2019/2020 are:

1. West side car was completed with internal access roads, roundabouts. It was officially opened by the State member of parliament Ms Sonya Kilkenny on the Deepavali day 27th October 2019.
2. Received another grant of \$100K from the State Government for cultural centre repair, new gates and other maintenance work for the temple. Some minor repairs and repainting were done to the Cultural centre.
3. The widening of Temple Entrance (Gate 1) Driveway and Installation of Automatic Sliding Gate has been completed.
4. Current Planning permit had an expiry date of April 2020 and it has been extended for another two years.
5. Landscaping for the West side car park and other areas was planned but due to COVID 19 restrictions, it was put on hold.
6. The temple and the cultural centre Garden are kept on a very good standard and it was praised by the visiting MPs, Local Councillors and other authorities on several occasions.
7. A Portable cabin was purchased for the new priest from India.
8. Children play area was upgraded.
9. Concreting in front of fire pump area (Water tank) and hand washing area.
10. Café dining area was repainted, toilets floor was refurbished, store room and other areas were cleaned and repainted.
11. Solar Panels installed on the Cultural Centre roof and commissioned in August 2020; thereby it will bring savings to electricity bills for a long period of time.
12. A Federal government grant of \$408k approved by the Federal Assistant Minister Hon. Jason Wood for security and safety improvements of HSV premises. This grant is to be utilised to install additional CCTV cameras, Solar lights for West side car park, new fencing around the premises. The work is expected to commence after normalcy return from the current Pandemic.

We thank Mr. Ravindran, Maintenance Manager for smooth running of construction and maintenance activities around the premises, Mr. Sritharan for his continued dedication and hard work and all other employees and volunteers on maintaining the garden in an excellent condition. We thank the café staff for repainting the café area.

Special Thanks to the members of the Technical Sub Committee for their valuable contribution during the year.

## **Hindu Society of Victoria - Management Committee 2019-20 – Publicity Sub-Committee Report**

Activities of the Publicity sub-committee during the 2019-20 comprised dissemination of temple activities and events through the media of audio-visual, electronic, online and print.

### **Dissemination of events in temple premises**

The temple events have been presented to devotees within the temple premises as a slide show that was refreshed on a fortnightly basis. For further information to devotees, the costs for various poojas and archanas have been included in the presentation.

### **Electronic dissemination to HSV members, patrons and devotees**

Special temple events and poojas are disseminated to the public by e-mail, HSV Facebook page and Twitter, using MailChimp as the platform. In order to promote brand identification for HSV, the flyer has been standardised with a characteristic masthead, images and logo, as well as background and foreground colour schemes as listed below:

Masthead background:



Flyer background colour: 255 217 102

The email database comprises 2206 contacts among whom 1896 are subscribers. Further, the website has 1105 contacts of whom 1101 are subscribers.

Extent of engagement by audience:

Analytics indicate that, typically, about 35% of the recipients click open the emails. The number goes up to about 45% when announcements about temple closure or opening due to COVID-related restrictions are posted.

### **Radio announcements**

Radio announcements in Tamizh have been provided to all the Tamizh radio channels on a regular basis for dissemination during their regular broadcasts.

### **Dissemination through print**

Two issues of Panchavati have been published during the current year (January 2020 and June 2020). In order to extend the reach of Panchavati, an electronic version of the publication is made available on the HSV website subsequent to dissemination by post.

### **Organized visits to Temple**

Tours of the temple were arranged for organised groups upon request. In particular, a tour arranged for U3A in January and February was well-received.

### **HSV Youtube Channel**

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSGqc6vDdzRydW05p7K9Sg>):

A new HSV Youtube channel has been created and was launched on April 14, 2020 on the occasion of the Tamizh New Year with invocation and greetings by the temple priests. This has been a timely initiative since it has provided a platform for sharing temple events in real time during the current, challenging period of temple closure and limited access. Together with the IT sub-committee, livestreaming of special temple poojas and events have been initiated. The major events that have been livestreamed and presented at the channel include Dhanvanthri and Mrthyunjaya Homams, Ganesh Chathurthi, Sankatahara Chathurthi, and Krishna Jayanthi. The livestreaming has been received very well by the community. The channel has received up to 2.3K views per event.

### **Issues to be addressed in the future:**

More extensive and interactive engagement with the community through social media.

Owning and securing social media accounts.

A mechanism for receiving feedback about the temple from the community, acting up on the feedback and closing the loop.

**HSV IT Sub-Committee Annual Report 2019-20.**

Submitted at Management Committee Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020

IT-Sub committee helped the Management Committee to run the Temple functions smoothly by giving support to Telephone, Email, Web, POS, Publications etc services during 2019-20 .

We acknowledge the valuable contributions and support given by the following members in running the IT functions smoothly at different stages

***Rambabu Sammohinivis, Warren Nageswaran, Aiyathurai Kirupakaran, Madapusi Srinivasan, Rajeswar Susarla , Vadivelu Rahuraman, Koteswara Rao Sanagapalli and Syam Chitrala.***

1. Internet and Telephone System
  - Existing slow ADSL Internet connection was replaced with Telstra high speed NBN broadband services. This improved the internet speed from 18mbps to 45mbps and the frequent problems with Temple/Canteen POS transactions processing were totally eliminated
  - All the existing Landline telephone handsets were upgraded into digital, IP phones and connected to a feature rich NEC PABX system to meet current and future requirements.
  - All the existing mobile and telephone connections were reviewed and disconnected unnecessary lines to reduce monthly expenditure
  - Replaced Lift emergency phone, Fire alarm emergency phone, Security Alarm phone with NBN compatible equipment
2. Website maintenance
  - The Website was streamlined and removed obsolete webpages
  - Regularly updated the temple events, announcements in a timely manner
  - Actively maintained the website to publish the COVID-19 updates
  - Published the Video Live streaming of Vinayaka Chaturthi 2020 from Vasantha Mandapam, which gave a chance to around 2000 devotees to view the Vinayaka Pooja during COVID-19 Melbourne lockdown time
  - Researched and configured the website to be ready for online bookings of Temple Poojas or Canteen Takeaway booking
  - Regularly communicated with the email subscribers regarding the upcoming events and functions
3. Point of Sale Systems
  - Regularly added new products and services into HSV Canteen and Temple Point of Sale System Terminals
  - Provided the regular operational support to the POS services
  - Interacted with the suppliers to get better value and response to our service calls
  - Installed the "Order Ready to collect" On-screen display announcing systems in Canteen, so that Customers can pickup their ordered food when ready instead of crowding near the counters. Many thanks to ***Rohan Vijayaratham*** for his help in installing the TV and configuring the number display system.
4. PCs, Laptops and Software
  - Upgraded the PCs with Windows 10 latest versions
  - Installed robust Anti-Virus software with automatic renewal option
  - Maintained MC Email accounts in Office365 Exchange and cleaned up Inactive accounts
  - Relocated Function booking software from unauthorised website into more secured authorised place
  - Procured Telstra Business Messaging services to send SMS to sponsoring devotees on a regular basis
  - Facilitated Virtual TEAM meetings for monthly MC meetings during COVID-19 lockdown period
5. Future development Ideas
  - Implement Online Canteen Order Booking system so that the customers can book the items online and pick up the food as takeaway or dine-in in the Canteen. This will reduce Queue waiting times at the Canteen counters during the busy days
  - Implement Online Pooja Booking services, so that Devotees can book the Pooja from their Home, pay the money online.
  - Develop the Telephone reception services to give better experience to Devotees
  - Implement fully functional cloud based "Function Booking Services" to give better experience during "Marriage /Function bookings"
  - Encourage the Management committee to use @hsvtemple.com.au email accounts for official communications instead of personal emails
  - Manage the Temple files, documents in electronic form in a secured cloud environment
  - Facilitate secured, controlled electronic communication facilities to interact regularly with Members, Devotees and Supporters through e-Panchavati and reduce unnecessary printing and posting costs

## **Community Activity Committee (CAC)**

It had been a challenging year for CAC team since the last AGM in August 2019. There was a reduction in number of volunteers helping the café Annapoorani operation which was filled by some of the Management Committee members and the student staffs. We recruited a new Manager for café operation in November 2019.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the café operation and the function hall was closed from 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 for more than six months. This had an impact to our operational and financial performance.

- Café total revenue for the year (9 months) is amounted to \$1,068,387 compared to last year (12 months) it was \$1,173,596. The revenue was down by \$105,209. If the café was not closed due COVID-19 then the forecasted revenue would have exceeded \$1.4 million compared to last year \$1.2 million. An increase in revenue would have been approximately \$200K.
- Café catering material expenses for 9 months \$258K compared to last year for 12 months \$392K. If the café was not closed due COVID-19 then the forecasted material expenses would have been \$344K compared to last year \$392K. A savings or decrease in expenses would have been approximately \$48K, due to operational improvements.
- Café employment related expenses for 12 months \$464K compared to last year for 12 months \$437K. Even though the café was closed due to COVID-19 we were paying the wages for 5 permanent staff members. If the café was not closed due COVID-19 then the forecasted employment related expenses including for contract staffs (ABN) would have been \$520K compared to last year \$437K. An increase in expenses would have been approximately \$83K, due to annual wage increase, and wages related to the café Manager and student staffs.

Following are some of the improvements that we have made to the café.

### **Summary of improvements:**

To begin with we started to strictly follow work ethics, food handling, health and safety procedures, which made further improvements to our café operation.

We have made some structural changes to improve and speed up the food service. **Example:** Kitchen food service, Bain Marrie was moved to the middle of the kitchen to enable service & make it easier to function from both sides.

A new dishwasher was purchased from the State Government grant of \$10K specifically provided for this purpose. The toilet area was refurbished with new floor.

Integrated our purchasing with new ZERO accounting system which reduced manual checking and saved time.

We developed a Volunteer policy manual and a Work place behaviour policy manual as requested and guided by WorkSafe Victoria authorities.

Café employees painted the kitchen & dining area when the café was closed due to Covid-19 restriction.

### **1. Customer service**

Customer number calling system has been introduced by installing two large display screens.

Provided in-house training for front of house staff to establish exceptional customer service protocol and have an attention for detail.

Started to use both terminals during peak hours – this has reduced wait times at queue line and keeps customers happy.

### **2. Kitchen Operation**

Combined modern and traditional technology in back-of-house and front of house service.

Prepared standardized recipe cards for the kitchen to have consistency in preparing the food.

Started to use the **Combi Oven** to Maximise the efficient working practice and enhance productivity.

Changed food storage process to avoid wastage and spoilage.

Controlled bulk cooking to avoid excessive food being prepared.

Using Pan saver cover in the kitchen Bain Marie. **Objective:** Save time and money, eliminate “baked-on” and “burnt-on” food from pots and Pans. Save on water and energy. Improves hygiene in the kitchen.

Purchasing & inventory is under control to minimise over stocking & to save on cost.

### **3. Take away food counter (Future plan)**

To meet customer expectation & to boost our sales, we intend to acquire a system soon that will allow our clients to order on-line & pick-up their orders.

Planning to use a separate window for take away pick-up orders. This will prevent customers from standing in-line inside the restaurant.

For weddings and functions we plan to prepare and re-design the menu / presentation to attract both older & younger generation.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers worked hard during weekends and public holidays performing various services like annathanams, wedding caterings, internal and external caterings and organising functions and café operations simultaneously. Our sincere gratitude to all the staff members, volunteers and the Management.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019 AT THE HSV CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CENTRE PEACOCK HALL 52 BOUNDARY ROAD, CARRUM DOWNS VIC 3201**

#### **1. Prayer to lord Ganesh - offered by Mr.P.Thanikasalam**

#### **2. Meeting declared open**

President Dr. Mylvaganam Sivakadadchan announced at 3.05pm that quorum is reached and requested the members to cast their votes with the Returning officer to elect the new Management Committee for the year 2019–2020.

President informed the members that the management committee for 2018-2019 started their journey with four major goals and objectives; (1) Accomplish the Punaravarthana Kumbhabishekam, (2) Accomplish the West side car park construction for 210 parking spaces with separate entrance and access roads, (3) Increase the revenue and remain within the budget for Kumbhabishekam as approved by the members at the last AGM, (4) Maintain HSV values being improve the services, devotee focus, working together, transparency and honesty and be courageous to challenge.

President further informed that all the management committee members, various Sub-committee members, volunteers and staff have worked together as a team and cooperated with him in implementing those goals and objectives were set at the beginning of 2018 – 2019 term. President thanked the management committee members, sub-committee members, the volunteers and the staff for their dedication and hard work.

President continued that during this term;

As part of the Kumbhabishekam, the following new constructions were completed.

1. New shrine for Lord Sakarath Alwar, 2. New shrine for Lord Iyapan, 3. New Yagasalai and a 4. New Store room for temple items.

Major milestones for West side car park were completed and would be completed 100% before end of August 2019 subject to weather permits.

HSV's revenue for 2018-2019 exceeded \$3.9 million and we remained below the allocated budget for Kumbhabishekam.

President informed members that more details can be found the Financial report and sub-committee reports published in the special edition Panchavati AGM issue 2 of July 2019.

#### **3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

The president informed the members that minutes were circulated to members in advance in the Special Edition of Society's Panchavati Newsletter AGM issue 2 of July 2019. President requested members to raise any questions and waited for few minutes for those who have not read the minutes to read. The President requested if members are agreeable with the minutes then to propose and second. No corrections were proposed.

Mr. Sampanthar proposed that minutes are correct and in order. Mr. Balachandra seconded.

The minutes were adopted.

#### 4 Adoption of the Annual Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The President informed that the annual report was embodied in the Panchavati AGM 2019 Issue 2 Panchavati of July 2019 and circulated to members to familiarize the contents before coming to the meeting. If the annual report is in order requested members to propose and second.

Proposed by Mr. Arivalagan. Seconded by Mr. Thuraiatnam. The annual report was adopted.

#### 5. Audited Financial Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The President informed the house that the Audited Financial Accounts were embodied in the AGM 2019 Panchavati Issue 2 of July 2019 and circulated to the members in order for them to review at their own time. He then requested the Treasurer to present the Audited Financial Statement to the members.

The treasurer Mr. Kanagasabapathy Jasotharan informed that 2018-2019 financial year had been a challenging year due to;

- Punaravarthana Kumbabishekam held after 12 years
- Westside carpark project for 210 cars spaces and access roads
- Disruption to regular temple events due to construction related to the Kumbabishekam

Treasurer continued, as the 2018/2019 financial year is very different from last year due to Kumbabishekam, the direct comparison with 2017/2018 financial year can be challenging.

During 2018/2019 financial year, the society;

- Returned operating surplus of \$366,178.00
- Increased net equity position to \$11,594,606.00
- Benefited by increased revenue from
  - Pooja collection by 0.3%
  - Café income by 6.2%
  - Donations by 42.5% (due to Kumbabishekam)
- Negatively impacted by loss of revenue from
  - Cultural center by 32%
  - Other income by 21%
- Benefited by decrease in
  - Cultural Centre Expenses by 21%
  - Interest payment by 21%

#### TOTAL REVENUE

2018	2019	Increase	In percentage
\$3.58 M	3.91M	\$ 334K	9.3%

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

2018	2019	Increase	In percentage
\$2.97M	\$3.55M	575K	19.3%

**OPERATING SURPLUS**

2018	2019	Decrease	In Percentage
\$607K	\$366K	241K	39.7%

The treasurer also mentioned that at the 2018 AGM General members approved a borrowing of 1.0 million dollars from National Australia Bank to facilitate the Kumbhabishekam and the Kumbhabishekam was completed within budget and the time frame.

The committee drew only \$616,000 loan facility for completion of the Kumbhabishekam project.

The Westside car park budget was revised from \$555K to 858K by the management committee due to increase in scope and access roads.

New accounting software ZERO was implemented with number of integrations so that paper & manual entries are eliminated.

The Treasurer thanked Mr. Varendran for all his assistance during this difficult period and HSV Accountant Mr. Santhuru for swiftly adapting the new accounting software with a very minimal time frame. A special thanks to Undial count team, HSV staff & priests for all their dedicated work. Finally, he thanked the Management Committee for their support and dedication.

Mr. Murugiah, asked clarification on the \$616K spent for Kumbhabishekam. Whether the amount of \$616K spent on Kumbhabishekam, was part of general expense of the Society. The treasurer responded saying that amount was part of the bank loan approved by the members at the last year (2018) AGM, specific for Kumbhabishekam.

Mr. Jeganathan commented that the ritual cost of \$423K for Kumbhabishekam is high and asked for a breakdown. The treasurer read the breakdown of the \$432K and also explained that cost included all the travel and accommodation related expenses for the priests came from overseas and also included all the pooja items imported from India. Also provided the information on the cost details for Saraswathy, Durga and Lakshmi statues which was less than budgeted. Mr. Palasubramaniam confirmed that 2 quotations were obtained.

President asked the members if there were no more questions, and if the accounts are in order, members to propose and second.

Proposed by; Mr. Sampanthar and Seconded by: Mr. Vasanthakumar. The Audited Financial accounts were approved and adopted by the members.

**6. Election of members of the Council of Ex-Presidents:**

The following members were elected to the Council of Ex-Presidents

Ex-President	Proposed by	Seconded by
Mr. Kathirgamanathan	Mr. Balachandra	Mr. Ambikaibalan
Mr. Thanikasalam	Mr. D. Ravindran	Mr. Nalliah
Mr. Ramaprasad	Mr. Sampanthar	Mr. Rao Sanagapalli
Mr. Hari Gudru	Mr. Rajeswar (Dina)	Mr. Thiruvagasam
Mr. Vijeyakumar	Mr. Arulsothy	Mr. Sivasakthivel

**7. Appointment of****a. Honorary Solicitor**

Honorary Solicitor	Proposed by	Seconded by
Mr. Ambikaibalan	Mr. Mathanasenarajah	Mr. Murugiah

**b. Honorary Accounting Officer**

Honorary Accounting Officer	Proposed by	Seconded by
Mr. Balachandra	Mr. Sampanthar	Mr. Ambikaibalan

**C. External Auditor**

An External Auditor	Proposed by	Seconded by
Banks Group	Mr. D. Ravindran	Mr. Ramaprasad

**8. Break for refreshment:**

Refreshments were distributed and meeting continued.

**9. Any other business of which notice in writing has been given to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the annual General Meeting:**

President informed the members that there were two Resolutions received and it was published in the Panchavatti AGM issue 2 and posted to members 21 days prior to the AGM.

Resolution 1. Candidate profile statement to be published

Proposed by: Ravi Ravindran. Seconded by: Arunothayaraj Palanda Audityan

Resolution 2. Maintaining up to date members Register

Proposed by: Ravi Ravindran. Seconded by: Rohan Vijayarathnam

President called Mr. Ravindran and Mr. Arunothayaraj to read the details of the resolution 1 on 'publishing the candidate profile statement' to the members.

Mr. Ravindran and Mr. Arunothayaraj read the resolution 1 to the members.

**Resolution**

A candidate may provide a statement of maximum of 200 words with the Returning Officer for Printing in Panchavathi, distribution to members by email and for inclusion in the postal ballot pack sent to voters. In addition, publish in HSV website. The candidate can include passport size photograph. If a candidate does not wish to provide statement, the Returning Officer must include such advice in the communications. Candidates of uncontested position also allowed to provide statement. The statements must be distributed via Panchavathi & email 28 days before the election and included in ballot pack sent out for postal voting.

The candidate statement must be accompanied by a signed and dated declaration by the candidate that states:

*I declare that my candidate statement is true and correct, that it does not contain matter that may mislead or deceive a member in the casting of the member's vote.*

The following members Mr. Suntharesan, Mr. Arivalagan, Mr Rao Sanagapalli, Ms Kana Intheresan, Mr. Ambikaibalan provided their comments on the resolution and It was agreed by the members that 28 days to be changed to 21 days and the word 'must' to be replaced by 'shall'.

It is hereby resolved and accepted that;

A candidate may provide a statement of maximum of 200 words with the Returning Officer for Printing in Panchavathi, distribution to members by email and for inclusion in the postal ballot pack sent to voters. In addition, publish in HSV website. The candidate can include passport size photograph. If a candidate does not wish to provide statement, the Returning Officer 'shall' include such advice in the communications. Candidates of uncontested position also allowed to provide statement. The statements 'shall' be distributed via Panchavathi & email '21' days before the election and included in ballot pack sent out for postal voting. The candidate statement must be accompanied by a signed and dated declaration by the candidate that states:

*I declare that my candidate statement is true and correct, that it does not contain matter that may mislead or deceive a member in the casting of the member's vote.'*

President called Mr Ravindran and Mr Rohan Vijayaratham to read the details of the resolution 2 on 'maintaining the up to date members register.

Mr Ravindran and Mr Rohan Vijayaratham read the resolution 2 to the members.

#### **Resolution: Maintaining UpToDate Members' Register**

- It is proposed, an electronic register with security access & backup is established. A suitable & well-established cloud-based member application widely used in Australia must be adopted to maintain the register.
- Members should have the facility to update their details on-line.
- Primary means of communications via email expect for small number of older members.
- The register to include full name, postal address, email address, mobile number, date of joining, date of cessation, reason for cessation.
- All members must have individual records even if they are treated as family membership.
- The register must comply Privacy Policy in accordance with Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC)
- An independently audited report containing membership numbers (current, additions, cessations) by membership class published as part of AGM report. The report should include histogram on membership years by members.
- Obituary of deceased members published in Panchavathi

Mr. Nithiyanathan questioned about where to go when someone want to change the address. It was answered that the current process is to provide the details to the temple managers office or send email to the Secretary.

The Returning officer informed the President that the voting count is completed and election results were available to announce. President suspended the discussion on this resolution temporarily

#### **10. Election of Management Committee for 2019-2020**

The Returning Officer Mr. Andrew Fisher from Banks Group announced the election results to the members and read the names of duly elected new management committee members for 2018 – 2019 to all the members.

**11. New Management Committee for 2019 - 2020**

<b>1. President</b>	<b>Dr Mylvaganam Sivakadadchan</b>
<b>2. Vice President 1</b>	<b>Mr Selliah Nalliah</b>
<b>3. Vice President 2</b>	<b>Mr Balasubamaniam Rengarajan</b>
<b>4. Secretary</b>	<b>Mr Sabaratnam Kathirkhanthan</b>
<b>5. Assistant secretary</b>	<b>Ms Usha Rani Gullapalli</b>
<b>6. Treasurer</b>	<b>Mr Nageswaran Sittampalam</b>
<b>7. Assistant Treasurer</b>	<b>Mr Narenthiran Mahenthiran</b>
<b>8. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Aiyathurai Kirupakaran</b>
<b>9. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Thambiah Thangaratnam</b>
<b>10. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Srinivasan Madapusi</b>
<b>11. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mrs Ranjini Somasundaram</b>
<b>12. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Aynkaran sivaratnam</b>
<b>13. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Vadivelu Rahunaman</b>
<b>14. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Surya Venkata Rajeswar Susarala</b>
<b>15. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Rambabu Sammohinivis</b>
<b>16. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Thuraisingam Shanmugananthakumar</b>
<b>17. Committee Member</b>	<b>Mr Thavarajah Sriharan</b>

The Returning Officer declared that above members were elected as the new management committee for 2019 – 2020 year and was accepted by the members.

The discussion continued on resolution 2;

Mr. Thanikasalam requested the house to consider all aspects on this resolution and consider any violation on privacy issues.

Mr. Ambikaibalan also mentioned that privacy might be an issue and the privacy law should be considered.

Mr Sampanthar requested the Secretary to provide the comment in relation to this resolution and the Secretary informed the members that the statistical data provided in the resolution are not verified, the management Committee was not informed and the some of the data not correct.

The following members Mr. Aravinthan, Mr. Ram Babu, Mr. Suntharesan, Mr. Arivalagan, Mr. Jeganathan, Mr. Nithiyananthan, Mr. Arunothayaraj also discussed their views on this resolution.

Around 6.12pm Mr. Thanikasalm informed the President that there was no quorum in the house.

President informed the house that due to not enough quorum, resolution 2 cannot be discussed further and called for the meeting to close.

**12. Meeting closed at 6.14pm with prayer by Mr. Thanikasalam**

**Dr Mylvaganam Sivakadadchan**  
HSV President

**Mr. Sabaratnam Kathirkhanthan**  
HSV Secretary

## HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED

### Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Management Committee is pleased to submit the financial report of the Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated (HSV or Society) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

#### **Management committee members**

The following members of the Hindu Society of Victoria were elected to manage the Hindu Society of Victoria at the annual general meeting of the members held on 25th August 2019.

The management committee is responsible for the Society's management as per delegation of powers granted by the HSV Constitution for the Society's management until a new management committee is installed.

Dr. Mylvaganam Sivakadachan (President)

Shri Setliah Nalliah (Vice President)

Shri Balasubramaniam Rengarajan (Vice President)

Shri Aiyathurai Kirupakaran

Mrs. Ranjini Somasundaram

Shri Vadivelu Raghuraman

Shri Balakrishnar Rajasekar (Co-opted on 17/11/2019)

Shri Rambabu Sammohini

Shri Thambiah Thangaratnam

Shri Thiraisingam Shanmuganathanakumar (Resigned on 20/09/2019)

Shri Sabaratnam Kathirakanthan (Secretary)

Sittampalam Nageswaran (Treasurer) (Resigned on 26/05/2020)

Kumarasamy Palasubramaniam (Co-opted on 07/06/2020)

Mrs. Usha Rani Gollapalli (Assistant Secretary)

Shri Narenthiran Mahenthiran (Assistant Treasurer)

Shri Srinivasan Madaposi

Shri Surya Venkata Rajeswar Susarla

Shri Aynkaran Sivaratnam

Shri Thavarajah Sriharan

#### **The Principal place of Business of the Association:**

The Hindu Society of Victoria  
52, Boundary Road  
Carrum Downs  
Victoria 3201

Telephone number: (03) 9782 0878


#### **Principal activities of the Association:**


The principal activities of the Society during the financial year were:

- to manage the Shiva Vishnu Temple with the primary objective of providing a place of worship to members of the Society and others including people of all faith; and
- to promote the culture and tradition of Hinduism as prescribed in the Vedic Scripts; and
- to manage the Cultural Centre and the Cafe.

The Management Committee (MC) assumed responsibility of the Hindu Society of Victoria on 25th of August 2019.

This report is presented and signed in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Management Committee on 09th August 2020.

  
Dr. Mylvaganam Sivakadachan (President)  
President

  
Shri Kumarasamy Palasubramaniam (Treasurer)  
Treasurer

Dated this 09th August 2020.

## **HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED**

### **Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020**

#### **Financial Highlights**

The Management Committee and the Treasurer are pleased to report on the financial performance of the society in accordance with the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic). An abbreviated financial Statement for the year ending 30th June 2020 and the Auditor's Report are appended below. The surplus for the year has been reduced due to the COVID 19 pandemic, temple and canteen were closed to public from 21st March to 28th May and then opened from 29th May to 6th of July with restricted numbers. Last quarter of the year had virtually no income.

<b><u>Profitability</u></b>	<b><u>2019/20</u></b>	<b><u>2018/19</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>
	<b><u>\$'000</u></b>	<b><u>\$'000</u></b>	<b><u>\$'000</u></b>	<b><u>As a %</u></b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>				
Pooja collection	944	1075	(131)	(12)
Donations	539	1046	(507)	(48)
Cultural Centre Income	153	242	(89)	(37)
Café & Catering Income	1068	1174	(106)	(9)
Other Income	<u>531</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>41</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3235</b>	<b>3914</b>	<b>(679)</b>	<b>(17)</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>				
Pooja Expenses	174	210	36	17
Cultural Centre Expenses	65	50	(15)	30
Café and Catering Material expenses	258	392	134	34
Employment Expenses	1236	1,144	(92)	(8)
Depreciation	738	517	(221)	(43)
Interest Expense	97	139	42	30
Other expenses including				
Utilities	611	663	52	8
Kumbabishekam Expenses	0	433	433	(100)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>3,179</u></b>	<b><u>3,548</u></b>	<b><u>369</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>(310)</b>	<b>(85)</b>

#### **Notes**

##### **Employment Expenses**

Temple	662	615
Café	464	437
General & Admin	<u>110</u>	<u>92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>1144</b>

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**Financial Highlights Contd.,**

**Relevant Statistics**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of Weddings	22	16
Number of Guests or Meals for Weddings	5,304	4,341
Number of Annathanam Meals Sponsored by devotees	21725	26475
Number of Annathanam Meals Sponsored by HSV	5100	5900
<b>Total number of Annathanam meals for the Year</b>	<b>26825</b>	<b>32375</b>

**Liquidity**

<b>Loans/Lease/Long term creditors</b>	<b>NAB Loan</b>
Balance as at 01st July 2019	\$ 3,064,268
Balance as at 30th June 2020	\$ 2,961,268
Repaid during year (Instalments)	\$ 525,000
Borrowings less Deposits	\$ 422,000
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>\$ 103,000</b>

**Interest Free Loan**

Balance as at 01st July 2019	\$ 40,000
Balance as at 30th June 2020	\$ 30,000
<b>Decrease ( Repaid )</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

**In Summary:**

NAB Loans net decrease	\$ 103,000
Interest free loan re-paid	\$ 10,000
<b>Total decrease in loan liability</b>	<b>\$ 113,000</b>

**Debt / Equity Ratio**

	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
Total Liability	\$ 3,527,610	\$ 3,958,489
Total Equity	\$ 11,610,811	\$ 11,594,606
<b>Ratio</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>34%</b>

**Note and Conclusion**

Annathanam meals served in 2020 were 5,500 fewer than 2019. This was due to the fact that Kumbhabhishekam day alone in 2019 had 4000 meals served. Furthermore, no Annathanam were served between April and June due to the impact of COVID 19 restrictions.

NAB loan decreased only by \$103,000 due to the deferral of monthly loan principal repayments provided as part of the COVID relief package from April 2020 onwards.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our predecessors, management committee members, HSV staff members, including our priests.  
 Special thanks to finance team, undial count team, procurement team, cafe and temple volunteers.

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**Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020**

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Pooja Collections		943,591	1,074,946
Donations		538,727	1,046,517
Cultural Centre Income		153,392	242,299
Cafe and Catering Income		1,068,387	1,173,596
Cultural performance		2,720	33,326
Priest Services		58,770	66,682
Membership Subscriptions		40,490	5,886
Advertisements		341	5,544
Sundry Income		79,925	78,856
School Fund Distribution	10	15,000	15,000
Job Keeper Grant		78,000	-
ATO Cash Flow Boost		50,000	-
Govt. Grant car park		32,454	129,816
Government grants	9	154,800	28,000
<b>Total operating revenue</b>		<b>3,216,596</b>	<b>3,900,467</b>
<b><u>Other income</u></b>			
Interest Income		3,688	4,072
Property Income		15,040	9,870
<b>Total other revenue</b>		<b>18,728</b>	<b>13,942</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>3,235,324</b>	<b>3,914,409</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Pooja Expenses		174,212	210,029
Kumbabishekam Ritual Expenses		-	433,577
Cafe and Catering Material Expenses		258,476	391,547
Cultural Performance and Concerts		-	500
Employment Expenses		1,236,379	1,144,386
Priest Services		27,022	34,814
Workcover Insurance		8,907	8,818
Festivals Expenses		22,368	20,871
Cultural Centre Expenses		65,008	50,361
Cleaning and Maintenance		194,352	233,433
Insurance		39,383	38,624
Depreciation		737,905	517,332
Rates		10,668	11,097
Electricity		93,798	79,481
Gas		24,834	22,794
Water		37,572	36,738
Telephone		10,633	10,859
Security		34,736	17,623
Printing and Stationery		24,534	42,897
Postage		3,146	3,852
Bad Debts		3,864	-
Donations		10,202	-
Assurance Services		17,000	12,000
Sundry Expenses		19,966	38,794
AGM/SGM Expenses		8,993	9,000
Bank Fees & Charges		18,282	40,006
Interest Expenses		96,881	138,798
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,179,119</b>	<b>3,548,231</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>56,205</b>	<b>366,178</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>8,610,867</b>	<b>8,244,689</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus at the end of the year</b>		<b>8,667,073</b>	<b>8,610,867</b>

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**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020**

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	249,481	405,659
Temple Jewellery	14	109,252	109,252
Receivables	3	23,409	33,333
Prepayment		4,826	-
Deposits		18,810	18,810
Inventory - Community Services		10,691	9,131
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>416,468</b>	<b>576,185</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	4	14,721,952	14,976,909
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>14,721,952</b>	<b>14,976,909</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>15,138,420</b>	<b>15,553,095</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	5	89,448	437,739
Provisions	6	221,444	212,172
Wedding Deposits		52,791	28,651
Borrowings	7	321,665	739,996
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>685,348</b>	<b>1,418,557</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	7	2,669,603	2,364,273
Prepaid Hall Hire Program		172,659	175,659
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,842,262</b>	<b>2,539,932</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,527,610</b>	<b>3,958,489</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>11,610,811</b>	<b>11,594,606</b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Victorian State Government Grant	9	800,004	825,004
HSV School Building Fund - Distribution	10	470,900	485,900
HSV School Building Fund	10	729	729
Life Membership Fund		154,532	137,032
Revaluation Reserve		1,535,074	1,535,074
Accumulated surplus	13	8,649,572	8,610,867
<b>Total members funds</b>		<b>11,610,811</b>	<b>11,594,606</b>
<b>Total equity at beginning of financial year</b>		<b>11,594,606</b>	<b>11,247,553</b>
HSV School Building Fund - Distributed	10	(15,000)	(15,000)
HSV School Building Fund	10	-	15,050
Victorian State Government Grant	9	(25,000)	(25,000)
Revaluation Reserve		-	5,824
Operating Surplus for the period		56,205	366,178
<b>Total equity at end of financial year</b>		<b>11,610,811</b>	<b>11,594,606</b>

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**Statement of Changes in Equity**

	Accumulated Surplus	Revaluation Reserve	Life Membership Fund	School Building Fund	Government Grant
<b>2020</b>					
Balance at 1 July 2019	8,610,867	1,535,074	137,032	486,629	825,004
Surplus for the year	56,205				
Transfer to Life Membership Fund	(17,500)		17,500		
Transfer from School Building Fund to Income				(15,000)	
Transfer from Government Grant to Income					(25,000)
Balance at 30 June 2020	8,649,572	1,535,074	154,532	471,629	800,004
<b>2019</b>					
Balance at 1 July 2018	8,244,689	1,529,250	137,032	486,578	850,004
Surplus for the year	366,178				
Transfer to Revaluation Reserve		5,824			
Transfer to Life Membership Fund	-		-		
Transfer from School Building Fund to Income				51	
Transfer from Government Grant to Income					(25,000)
Balance at 30 June 2019	8,610,867	1,535,074	137,032	486,629	825,004

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**Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020**

<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2,019</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Pooja & Festival Collections		943,591	1,074,946
Donations Received		538,727	988,662
Cultural Centre & Catering Receipts		1,375,020	1,554,847
Interest Received		3,688	4,072
Other Receipts		248,160	246,107
Interest Paid		(96,881)	(127,209)
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,572,535)	(2,777,520)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>439,770</b>	<b>963,905</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payment for Fixed asset purchases		(482,948)	(1,419,099)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(482,948)</b>	<b>(1,419,099)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from Interest- Free Loans			
Repayment of Interest-Free Loans			
Net Withdrawal		422,000	808,000
Repayment of Borrowings		(535,000)	(192,000)
HSV School Building Fund	10	-	15,051
<b>Net cash (used) / from financing activities</b>		<b>(113,000)</b>	<b>631,051</b>
<b>Net decrease / increase in cash held</b>		<b>(156,178)</b>	<b>175,857</b>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		225,659	49,802
Term Deposit		180,000	180,000
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	2	<b>249,481</b>	<b>405,659</b>
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>			
Cash in hand		3,658	15,374
Cash at Bank - HSV		65,208	201,671
Cash at Bank - Donation Account		240	8,239
Cash at Bank - School building fund		375	375
Term deposit		180,000	180,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>249,481</b>	<b>405,659</b>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by Operating Activities</b>			
<b>Operating surplus</b>		<b>56,205</b>	<b>366,178</b>
<b>Non-cash items affecting operating surplus:</b>			
Depreciation and Adjustments	4	737,905	525,550
Amortisation - School Fund Distribution	10	(15,000)	(15,000)
Amortisation - Government grants	9	(25,000)	(25,000)
Donations		-	(63,276)
Rental Income		-	(60,180)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>			
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	3	9,924	(22,733)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory		(1,560)	1,490
(Increase)/Decrease in prepaid expenses		(4,826)	38,624
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors and accruals		(60,982)	293,996
Increase(Decrease) in Prepaid Hall Hire programme		(3,000)	(3,000)
Increase(Decrease) in Prepaid Revenue		(263,168)	(97,346)
Increase( Decrease ) in Provisions		9272	24,603
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>439,770</b>	<b>963,905</b>

**HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED**  
**Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020**

**The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.**

**Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Victoria). The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Society in the preparation of the financial report:

**(a) Income Tax**

As the Society is granted Tax-Exempt status no income tax has been provided in the accounts.

**(b) Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Freehold Land has been revalued and brought to account at the revaluation based on 05th April 2016.

The Society has adopted straight line method of depreciation which is calculated from the month after the acquisition of the asset.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate	Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings (Portable Offices)	15%	Plant and Machinery	15%
Buildings (Priest Quarters)	4%	Electrical Equipment	15-25%
Temple Veethy (Road)	6%	Equipment	12-15%
Perimeter Fencing	10%	Furniture & Fixtures	10-15%
CHC Structural, Framing & Finishing	2.5%	CHC Services	4%
CHC External & Kitchen	10%	CHC Museum	10%
Buildings Improvements	9%		

The carrying amount of non-current assets is reviewed annually by the executive committee members to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets.

**(c) Employee Entitlements**

Provision has been made for the Society's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. Change in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Superannuation Contributions are made by the Society to complying employee superannuation funds selected by each employee.

**(d) Cash and deposits**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash in hand, at banks and deposits.

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**The accompanying notes form part of this financial report contd...**

**(e) Revenue and other income**

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, have been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscription is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year.

Grants are recognised in income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs on a systematic basis.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

**Note 2: Cash and cash equivalents**

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Cash in hand		3,658	15,374
Cash at bank		65,448	209,911
Cash at bank - School Building Fund		375	375
Cash on deposit		180,000	180,000
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>249,481</b>	<b>405,659</b>

**Note 3: Receivables**

Trade Debtors	1,559	33,133
Debtors-Wedding hall hire		-
Staff Loan	21,850	200
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>23,409</b>	<b>33,333</b>

**Note 4: Fixed assets**

Asset Class	Cost or Valuation as at 1 July 2019	Accumulated Depreciation 1 July 2019	Additions during the year	Adjustm's	adjustm's	Annual Depreciat'n	Total Cost 30 June 2020	Total Acc. Depreciation 30 June 2020	Total WDV 30 June 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land at Valuation	1,600,000						1,600,000		1,600,000
Buildings	3,462,351	469,914	90,363			159,254	3,552,714	629,168	2,923,546
Road Works	450,183	149,728	954,471			53,718	1,404,655	203,446	1,201,209
Vahanams	218,272	108,740				9,784	218,272	118,524	99,748
Children Park	29,595	28,620	22,336			4,307	51,931	32,927	19,004
Fencing	53,566	52,259	18,151			1,782	71,517	54,041	17,476
Office Equipment	54,781	34,852	2,337			4,863	57,118	39,715	17,403
Plant & Equipment	370,460	211,648	57,056			31,795	427,517	243,443	184,073
Cafe Equip	44,047	32,716				1,862	44,047	34,577	9,469
Furniture & Fittings	31,958	21,265	5,115			3,284	37,072	24,548	12,524
Temporary Structures	124,107	119,454				742	124,107	120,196	3,911
CHC - Structural Cost	3,242,317	567,451	24,060			97,802	3,266,377	665,253	2,601,124
CHC - Framing & Finishing	3,478,982	608,822				104,369	3,478,982	713,191	2,765,791
CHC - Services	4,442,400	1,235,767				177,696	4,442,400	1,413,463	3,028,937
CHC - External	314,209	219,947				31,421	314,209	251,368	62,842
CHC - Kitchen Equip.	257,985	177,876				25,798	257,985	203,674	54,310
CHC - Museum	120,903	79,603				12,090	120,903	91,693	29,210
CHC - Furn. & Fittings	173,368	121,358				17,337	173,368	138,694	34,674
Temple Jewellery	0						0		0
Work-in-Progress - Carpark	747,641	0		747,641			0	0	0
Work-in-Progress - Solar System		0	56,700				56,700	0	56,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,326,177</b>	<b>4,240,017</b>	<b>1,230,589</b>	<b>747,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>737,905</b>	<b>19,699,874</b>	<b>4,977,922</b>	<b>14,721,952</b>

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**The accompanying notes form part of this financial report contd...**

<b><u>Note 5 : Creditors and Accruals</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
Trade Creditors	22,688	47,075
Superannuation Payable	20,141	22,295
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	48,761	64,604
Payable to ATO	(2,142)	16,457
West side car park Liability	-	254,854
Government Grant - Carpark Project	-	32,454
	<b>89,448</b>	<b>437,739</b>
<b><u>Note 6 : Provisions</u></b>		
Employee Entitlements	<b>221,444</b>	<b>212,172</b>
<b><u>Note 7: Borrowings</u></b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Bank Loan NAB-Secured	291,665	699,996
Interest Free Loans	30,000	40,000
	<b>321,665</b>	<b>739,996</b>
<b>Non- current</b>		
Bank Loan NAB - Secured	2,669,603	2,364,273
Retention On Construction	-	-
Interest bearing Loans	-	-
	<b>2,669,603</b>	<b>2,364,273</b>

**Bank Loan - Secured**

The HSV secured a NAB Business Markets Flexible Rate loan on the 8th December 2010 with a limit of \$5.0 million for the the Cultural Centre project. This loan is secured over the Temple property including the CHC As at end of June 2020 an amount of \$2,961 million (2019 \$3,064 million) is outstanding. The full amount of the loan is on a variable rate of interest. Interest on NAB Loan paid monthly and the current interest rate is 3.624%  
 Loan repayments suspended from April to September this year.

**Note 8: Events subsequent to reporting date**

The management committee is not aware of any material events, subsequent to the reporting date, that would have an impact on the financial statement or on the affairs of the Society.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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**The accompanying notes form part of this financial report contd...**

**Note 9: Victorian State Government Grant**

The State Government of Victoria provided a grant of \$1 million under the Cultural Precincts and Community infrastructure Fund Programme to fund the establishment of a Hindu Cultural and Education Centre.

Grants are to be recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs, which they are intended to compensate on a systematic basis. The government grant was received towards the construction cost of the Cultural Centre as a result the government grant of \$1million is credited to the income statement on a straight line basis over the expected lives of the related assets. Victorian State Government Grant now stands at \$800,004 as at 30th June 2020 (2019: \$825,004).

State govt grant received during the year 154,800

**Note 10: HSV School Building Fund Distribution**

During the year the Trust did not receive donations (2019: \$15,051). The school building fund now stands at \$729 as at 30th June 2020 (2019: \$729).

	\$
Cumulative Undistributed balance as at 30 June 2018	485,900
Undistributed for the year 2019	729
Donations Received during the year 2020	-
	<hr/> 486,629
Less: Undistributed for the year 2020	729
Amortisation for the current year to income statement	<hr/> 13,000
Cumulative Undistributed balance as at 30 June 2020	<hr/> <b>470,900</b> <hr/>

The distribution is credited to income statement on a straight line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.

**Note 11: Revaluation of Land and Buildings**

The land and Building assets were revalued by Charter Keck Cramer on 05th April 2016.

			\$
Land at Valuation	5.85 hectares	\$273,500 per ha (Approx.)	1,600,000
Buildings			
Main Temple Hall (and related)	1470 Sq. M	@ \$1,650	2,425,000
Gopurams			500,000
Priest Residences			160,000
Madrappalli			38,500
Ratham Shelter			20,000
Toilet block			25,000
Parking area and Bituminous concrete (85 spaces)			75,000
Other improvements			106,500
Total for Buildings			3,350,000
Total Value of the property			4,950,000

The valuations have been carefully considered and it was determined that of the two classes of assets namely land and buildings only the revaluation of the land should be recorded in the books. This is because the cost of the buildings approximates the value determined by the Valuer.

**Note 12: Disclosure of Related Party Transactions**

The Management Committee, their close family members, and entities controlled or significantly influenced by them have undertaken no transactions with the HSV during the year.

**Note 13: Accumulated Surplus**

Bal per Income Statement	8,667,073
Less Transfer to Life Membership Fund	<u>17,500</u>
	<b><u>8,649,573</u></b>

**Note 14: Temple Jewellery**

Temple Jewellery now reclassified as current asset

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**Accountable Officers' Declaration**

We the undersigned, being members of the committee of the Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated, certify that the statement attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30th June 2020.

The Management Committee has also authorised the annual financial statement to be presented to the members of the Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated at the annual general meeting to be held on 18th October 2020 or any adjournment date.

**Dr. Mylvaganam Sivakadachan**  
**Hindu Society of Victoria (President)**



**Kumarasamy Palasubramaniam**  
**Hindu Society of Victoria (Treasurer)**



**Dated this 09th August 2020.**



## **Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated A0001538M**

### **Independent Audit Report to the members of Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated**

#### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated, which comprises the Income Statement for the year ending 30 June 2020, the Balance Sheet as at that date, the Cash Flow Statement, Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Accountable Officers' Declaration.

#### **Management Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The management committee members of Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The officers' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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A0001538M**

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(Australia) Incorporated**

**Opinion**

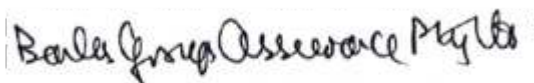
In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated as at 30 June 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Emphasis of matter – Going Concern**

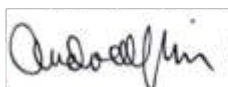
Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the entity's going concern position. While there are cash holdings of approximately \$250,000 at 30 June 2020, these are being depleted due to the temporary cessation of temple and café operations. It is uncertain when these activities can recommence, however efforts are being made on various fronts which indicate that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

**Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants  
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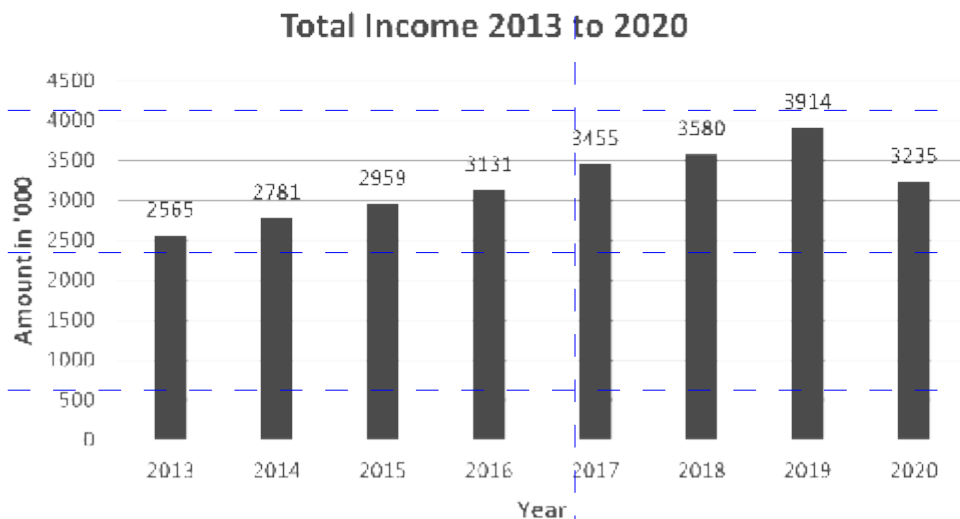
Andrew Fisher, Partner  
Registration number 306364

Melbourne, Australia  
9 August 2020

## A Snapshot of Hindu Society of Victoria's Finances from the year 2013 to 2020

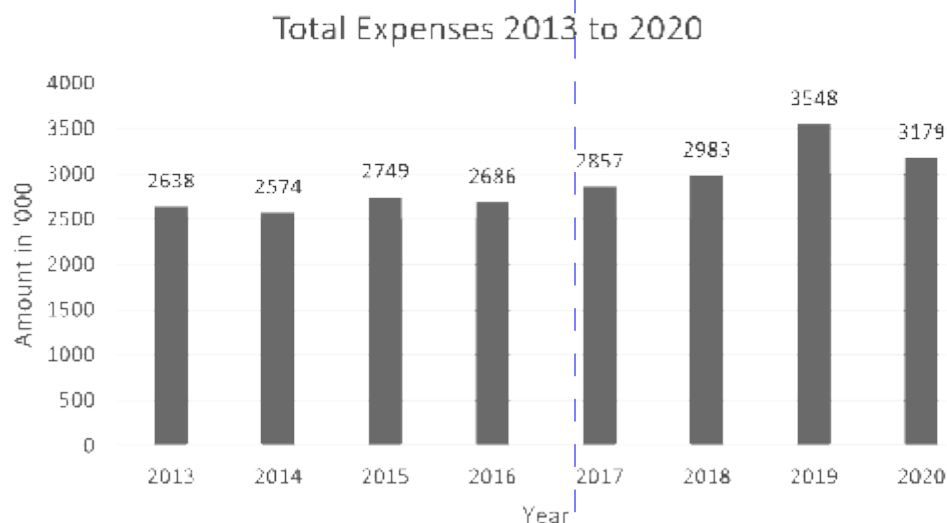
### Total Income

Hindu Society's yearly total income has been steadily increased from 2.565 million in 2013 and peaked in the last Kumbhabishkekam year 2019 to 3.914 million. This trend has been disturbed by the current COVID 19 pandemic which has reduced the total income for the year by about half a million to 3.235 million.



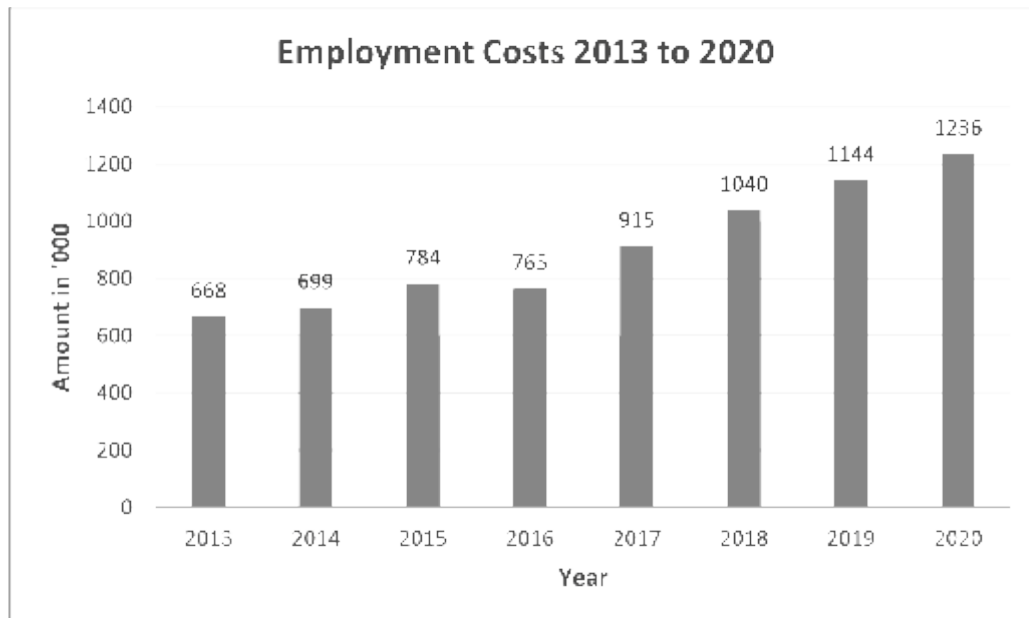
### Total Expenses

Total expenses also increased in most of the years, it was 2.638 million in 2013, peaked in the Kumbhabishkekam year 2019 to 3.548 million then came down to 3.179 million in 2020. One of the reasons for the total expenses relatively high in 2020 is, an increase of 221 thousand in depreciation charges for the year as 2.774 million worth of capital works added in the last month of last year's financial year and during this financial year.



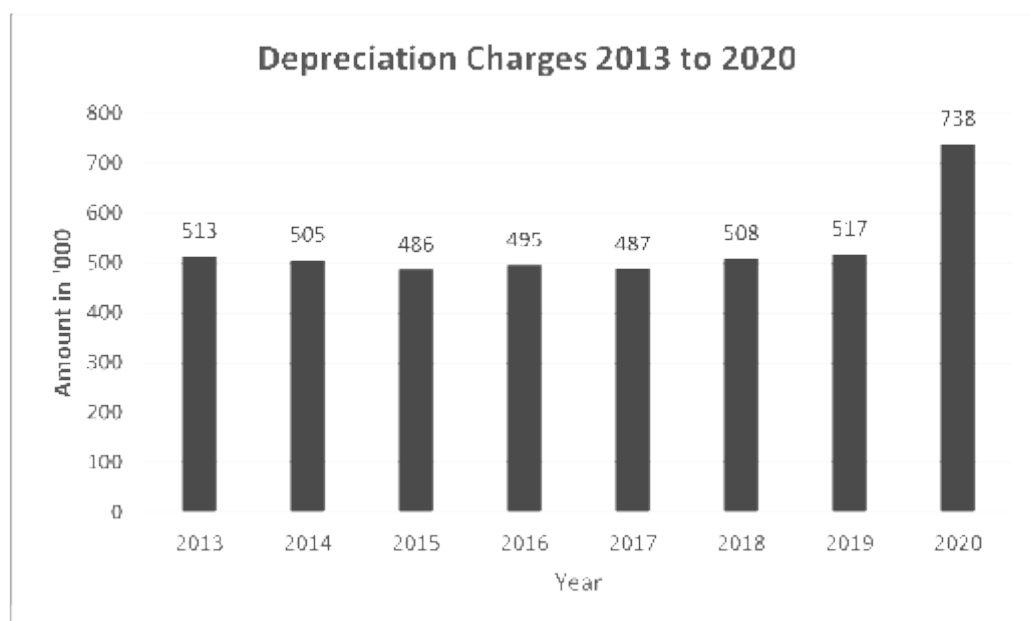
### Employment Expenses

Generally, yearly Employment expenses had increased year after year with the exception in 2016. In the past four years the actual costs have increased but the variances between the years were on a sliding scale, the variance between 2016 - 2017 was 150k, in 2017 - 2018 it was 125k, in 2018 - 2019 it was 104k and in 2019 - 2020 it was 92K.



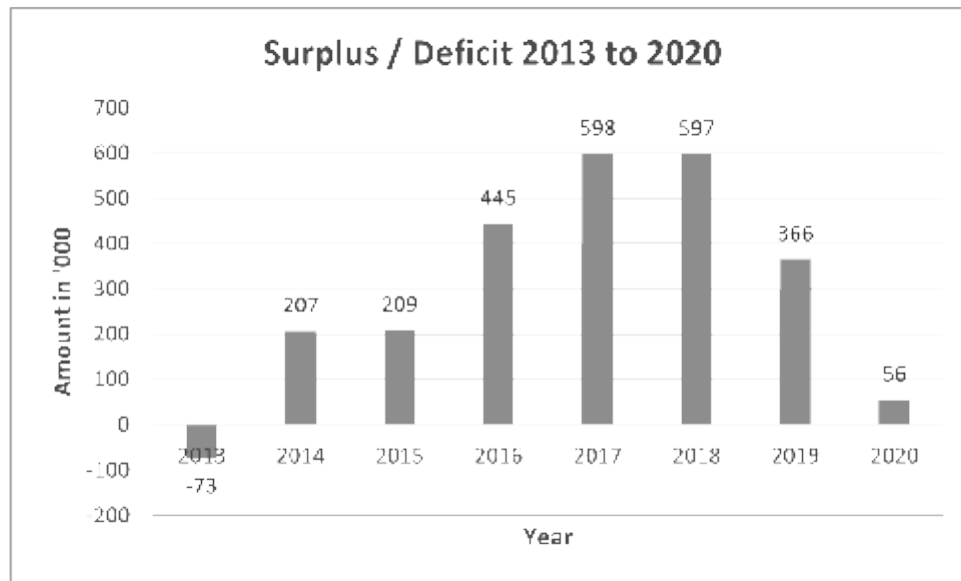
### Depreciation Charges

Yearly Depreciation charges were decreasing from 2013 to 2017 and then started to increase from 2018. In 2020 it increased by 221 thousand which is a record high so far due to 2.774 million worth of assets added in last year and this year.



### Surplus / Deficit

Year 2013 had a deficit of 73k and the next seven years had a continuous surplus. 2020 surplus was 56k, the profit was down due to the effect of the COVID 19 shutdown for almost one quarter of the year, the lost revenue estimated to be around a half of million.



### Total Liabilities and Total Equity



As it can be seen in the above Bar Chart total liabilities had been reduced yearly from 2013 to 2018 then it increased in 2019 because of the additional borrowing from the bank to conduct the Kumbhabhishekam in 2019 and again it had been reduced in 2020.

### Current Ratio, Debt Ratio and Debt Equity Ratio

Current Ratio measures what percentage of the current liabilities can be paid off with the current assets.

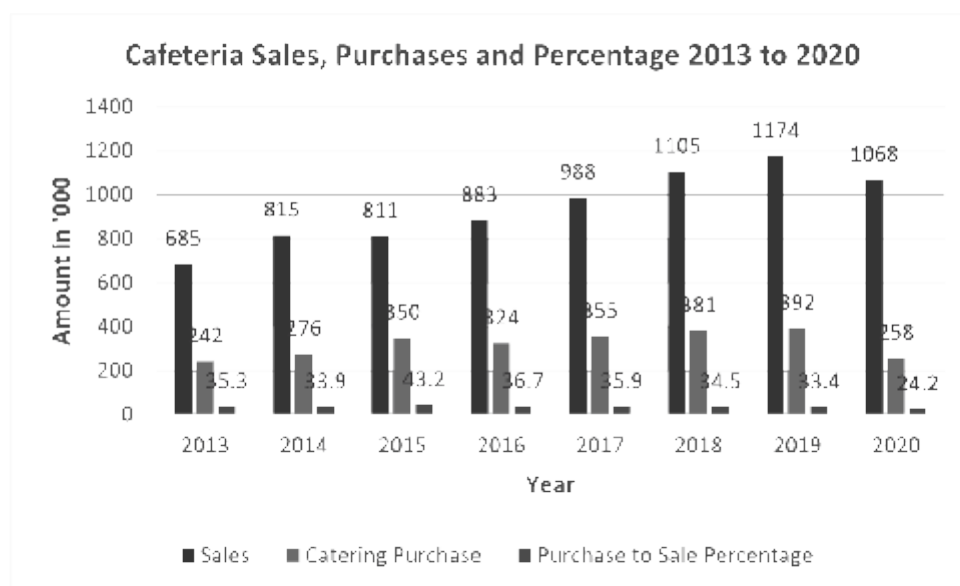
Debt Ratio measures the percentage of the assets that are financed by debt.

Debt Equity Ratio measures the leverage of an entity.

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Current Ratio	24%	33%	24%	28%	28%	29%	33%	28%
Debt Ratio	44%	41%	37%	32%	26%	22%	25%	23%
Debt Equity Ratio	79%	69%	59%	46%	35%	28%	34%	30%

Current Ratio throughout the periods considered in the table above had been less than ideal but not got worse. Debt Ratio and Debt Equity Ratio had been improving in most of the years considered except for 2019 where additional borrowing from the bank was made to finance the Kumbhabhishekam Project. All the above accounting ratios are useful to shareholders to decide their ongoing investment in the entity, Hindu Society of Victoria is an Incorporated Association and does not pay dividend or need to return the Equity to its members. Debt Ratio indicates that only 23% of the HSV assets are financed by debt. Debt Equity Ratio indicates that the HSV total liabilities are 30% of the total equity.

### Cafeteria Operations



Hindu Society generate its income in many ways to fund its activities, the two main ways are temple operation and the canteen operation. Temple Income increased from 1.4 million in 2013 to 2.1 million in the Kumbhabhishekam year and then dropped to 1.5 million in 2020. Temple missed on three hundred to three hundred and fifty thousand in income due to the COVID 19 restriction. All the temple calendar festivals and special Poojas were conducted without devotees and not much sponsorship. Canteen income had increased steadily over the years as shown in the Bar Chart above with the exception in 2020. It is estimated that the canteen lost in sales revenue about two hundred to three hundred thousand in the months of late March to June due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Cost of goods sold percentage had come down from a highest percentage of 43.2 in 2015 to an ever-lowest percentage of 24.2 in 2020, lower cost of goods sold percentage lead to higher gross profit.

Entire World is severely affected by the current COVID 19 Pandemic, many businesses have gone bust and many are struggling to survive, Hindu Society is also in the same boat of survival, with the grace of the Almighty the Society will come out strong, healthy and financially well-off.

**The Hindu Society of Victoria (Australia) Inc**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**July To September**

	2020	2019
<b>Income</b>		
Catering Income	\$1,297	\$318,778
Cultural Performances and Concerts	\$0	\$614
Donation-Other	\$6,555	\$162,236
Income-Priest Services	\$0	\$24,334
Insurance Claim	\$0	\$13,677
Membership Subscription	\$500	\$1,500
Other-Kumbhabishegam	\$0	\$1,081
Pooja Collection	\$34,985	\$290,730
Sundry Income	\$1,725	\$18,710
Rental Income	\$2,668	\$2,820
Government Grants	\$177,000	\$62,400
Wedding Income	\$0	\$69,259
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$224,731</b>	<b>\$966,138</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Pooja Expenses	\$4,001	\$42,774
AGM Expenses	\$0	\$8,993
Bank Charges	\$2,856	\$7,083
Employment Expenditures, Workcover	\$195,527	\$315,057
Utilities	\$10,282	\$34,599
Catering Material Expenses	\$101	\$81,160
Insurance	\$14,477	\$14,721
Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance	\$15,511	\$65,425
Priest Services	\$2,187	\$9,978
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$3,922	\$2,976
Rates - Council	\$2,344	\$2,518
Security	\$3,820	\$6,916
Sundry Expenses	\$18,199	\$11,979
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$273,227</b>	<b>\$604,177</b>
<b>Earnings before Interest &amp; Depreciation</b>	<b>\$(48,496)</b>	<b>\$361,961</b>
Interest Expense	\$0	\$23,769
Depreciation	\$198,794	\$175,234
<b>Operating Surplus / Deficit ( )</b>	<b>\$(247,290)</b>	<b>\$162,958</b>

**Note:** Current year's total income and expenditures are very much less compared to last year's due to the shutdown of the Temple, Canteen and Cultural Hall facilities because of the COVID 19 Restrictions.  
Our bank agreed to defer the loan instalments and interest for six months from April this year.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF HINDU SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (AUST) INC

Position	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017
<b>President</b>	Dr.M.Sivakadachan	Dr.M.Sivakadachan	Dr.K.R.Sanagapalli	Mr.RCH Guduru
<b>Vice President</b>	Mr.S.Nalliah	Mr.S.Nalliah	Mr.R.Kandasamy	Mr.R.Kandasamy
	Mr.B.Rangarajan	Mr.B.Rangarajan	Mr.S.Betanabhatla	Mr.S.Betanabhatla
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr.S.Kathirkhanthan	Mr.S.Kathirkhanthan	Mr.S.Nalliah	Mr.S.Nalliah
<b>Asst Secretary</b>	Mrs.U.R.Gutlapalli	Dr.U.Venkararaman	Dr.M.Sivakadachan	Dr.M.Sivakadachan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr.S.Nageswaran Till 25/5/2020 Mr.K.Palasubramaniam From 7/6/2020	Mr.I.Kanagasabapathy	Mr.S.Kathirkhanthan	Mr.S.Kathirkhanthan
<b>Asst Treasurer</b>	Mr.N.Mahenthiran	Mrs.I.Parameswaran	Mr.R.K.Kolipara	Dr.KR Sanagapalli
<b>Committee Members</b>	Mr.T.Thangaratnam Mr.A.Kirupaharan Mr.V.Rahuraman Mr.V.R.Susarla Mr.T.Shanmuganantha kumar / Mr.B.Rajasekar Mr.T.Sriharan Dr.S.Madapusi Mr.R.Sammohiniavis Mrs.R.Somasundaram Mr.A.Sivaratnam	Mr.A.Kirupaharan Mr.B.Rajasekar Mr.A.Kolanukonda Dr.P.Arunothayaraj Mr.A.Mukunthas Mr.T.Thangaranam Dr.S.Madapusi Mr.K.Palasubramaniam Mr.K.Padmakumar Mrs.U.Gutlapalli	Mr.A.Kirupaharan Mr.A.Mukunthas Dr.A.Tharmarajah Mr.B.Rangarajan Mrs.I.Parameswaran Mr.B.Rajasekar Mr.R.Lakshminathan Mr.R.Vijayaratham Mrs.Vithagapandithan Mr.V.Sivarantha	Mr.B.Rajasekar Mr.RamGarg/ Mr.B.Rangarajan Mr.A.Kirupaharan Mr.R.K.Kolipara Mr.N.Mahenthiran Mr.A.Muhunthas Mrs.I.Parameswaran Mr.S.Vithagapandithan Mr.A.Yogatheswaran Mrs.P.Ramakrishnan/ Mr.R.Ramanathan

The details published in the AGM Issue1 Panchavati, inadvertently missed the Name of Mr.T.Thangaratnam due to a duplication of name. The error is greatly regretted. This has been corrected and reissued.