



Hota Newsletter

The Hindu Organisations, temples and Associations
(HOTA) Forum of Western Australia



January 2026 Edition

Glimpses of Hota Activities



Message

Namaste, 🙏

We extend our warm wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026.

The Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations (HOTA) Forum of Western Australia was formally established on 3 May 2025 as a collaborative platform for Hindu organisations, temples and associations across the state. HOTA brings together a diverse range of groups, including language associations, cultural and performing arts organisations, yoga and Ayurveda practitioners, and members of the broader Hindu community who uphold and celebrate Hindu values and traditions.

This newsletter will be circulated quarterly and will serve as a shared communication platform for the Hindu community of Western Australia. Many organisations face challenges in sharing information and staying informed about activities across the community. This newsletter aims to address that gap by providing a central source of updates, events and matters of interest, helping to improve visibility, participation and collaboration.

We invite you to treat this newsletter as a key communication link for the Hindu community in Western Australia. We encourage organisations to share relevant news, events and initiatives, and to forward this newsletter to others who may benefit from receiving it. If you know individuals or organisations who should be included, please share their contact details so they can be added to the mailing list.

This edition includes the unified 2026 Hindu Festival Calendar for Australia, developed through consultations and deliberations by Hindu priests and scholars from across the country, including Western Australia.

In this issue, we reflect on key HOTA activities and milestones from 2025. For the forthcoming issues we request all communities and individuals to share information about their events.

We intend posting all the news and information about the WA Hindu community on the HOTA (WA) website. If you have planned any event in 2026, please share it with us. Also, please inform us of the regular activities that you conduct (E.g. Gita classes, Children's classes, Youth programs, Seniors' activities etc) so that anyone looking for information can find it easily.

Please send us your feedback to make this newsletter very relevant to our community's needs.

Looking forward to growing this together.

Thank You

Praveena Mittal
Convenor, HOTA Forum (WA)



3rd May 2025 Launch of HOTA Forum (WA)



On Saturday, 3rd May 2025, Perth (WA) hosted the 8th Australian National Hindu Conference at Duxton Hotel. This was the first time this national conference was conducted in Western Australia. The theme was Dynamic communities: Vibrant Australia.

The inaugural session was attended by several members of parliament and senior officials of various government departments, besides many mayors and councillors. Despite it being the day of the Federal elections, a large number of Australian Hindus, many of them from the other states attended and participated enthusiastically.

The High Commissioner of India to Australia, His Excellency Mr Gopal Bagley travelled to Perth especially for the event. There were representatives

from over 30 Hindu and Sikh organisations, temples and associations. The mix of delegates reflected Australia's rich multicultural landscape, with Hindus from more than 20 countries, including Bharat (India), Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Kenya, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Fiji, and more. The atmosphere throughout the event was one of shared purpose, collaboration, and optimism.

There were guests from the local Jewish and Buddhist communities

There were 4 panel discussions, titled:

1. Collaboration among Hindu organisations, temples and associations.
2. Working with government agencies
3. Bringing Hindus from different countries together
4. Developing future leadership

Major Announcements and Outcomes

1. Launch of HOTA Forum (Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations) It is collaborative platform to unify the WA Hindu community and engage strategically with the community and the government.
2. Joint resolution to showcase the achievements and contributions of Hindus in Australia through national media and public platforms.
3. National Collaboration and Inspiration





HOTA Inaugural Meeting 28th June 2025



HOTA (WA) held its inaugural meeting on 28th June 2025. It was attended by representatives from 25 Hindu organisations, temples and associations.

The meeting included a presentation outlining the purpose of HOTA and its role within the community. Participants engaged in constructive discussions on key issues affecting the Hindu community in Western Australia and explored opportunities for collaboration and collective action.

Small group discussions highlighted the diverse needs within the community and reinforced the importance of ensuring that voices from all organisations are heard and that skills and talents across the community are effectively utilised.

It was agreed that an annual planning meeting at the beginning of each year will be held to set priorities, and guide HOTA activities. The next meeting is scheduled for 1st March 2026, and we request representation from all Hindu organisations, temples and associations to support coordinated and effective outcomes. Details of the meeting will be emailed to you. If you do not receive an email by Friday, 23rd January please reach out.

HOTA Rakshabandhan 22nd September 2025

The first HOTA Rakshabandhan celebration was held in Perth on 22nd September at the Hillview Multicultural Community Centre. It was attended by 120 people. Members of the Police, Australian Defence Forces and Emergency Services were the guest of honour. The Counsel General of India to Western Australia graced the event along with Senator Dean Smith and the Dy Mayor of the City of Canning Mark Bain.

After a welcome address and an AV presentation on Rakshabandhan, there were two classical dance performances. The rakhi tying ceremony included ladies from various Hindu organisations including those from the Nepalese, Balinese and Bangladeshi Hindu communities. Everyone felt included and they have conveyed their appreciation.

The event concluded with a scrumptious dinner. Most of the guests requested to be invited again next year. HOTA members expressed their pleasure on this being a joint Hindu event, in every sense of the word.

HOTA Rakshabandhan will be a regular annual event and we expect many organization will participate in 2026.





Hindu Manifesto Book Event



The book titled Hindu Manifesto, took more than 15 years to write. It presents a framework for social upliftment grounded in Hindu values, with relevance to contemporary Australian society as well.

Swami Vigyananandji, organiser of the World Hindu Congress and author of the Hindu Manifesto, visited Perth for the book launch event. He addressed the audience in depth and participated in an extended question-and-answer session. The event held at the Indian community centre in Willetton was engaging, informative and widely appreciated by the attendees.

A mechanical engineer with honours, from the Indian institute of

Technology IIT Kharakpur, Swamiji uses his scientific thought and analytical skills in organising the Hindu community all over the world. Swami Vigyananand is the Jt. General Secretary of Vishva Hindu Parishad (Bharat), Where he leads international coordination. His other positions are:

Convenor of the World Hindu Economic Forum | **Organizer** of World Hindu Congress

General Secretary of the World Buddhist Cultural Foundation | **Managing Trustee** of the Hindu Education Board

Managing Trustee of Hindu Academicians | **Managing Trustee** of Hindu Media Forum

Managing Trustee of Hindu Post | **Managing Trustee** of Hindu Organisations Temple and Association Forum (HOTA)

Swamiji's contribution to Hindu resurgence is beyond compare.

Prayer Meeting for Victims of the Bondi massacre – 21st December 2025

The Hindu community of Western Australia was deeply affected by the tragic events in Sydney on 14 December. In response, a prayer meeting was held in solidarity with the Jewish community.

The gathering took place at the Temple David Synagogue in Mount Lawley and was well attended. Members of the Jewish community expressed their appreciation for the gesture of support. Hon Simon Ernfeld MLC, the only Jewish member of Parliament, addressed the gathering.

The event reflected unity, mutual respect and a shared commitment to standing together against violence and extremism.



Important Information



Forthcoming HOTA events in 2026

Sunday, 1st March – HOTA Annual Meeting and lunch (9.30 am– 2.30 pm)

May event – TBC

Saturday, 8th August – HOTA Rakshabandhan

Saturday, 28th November – Event TBC

If you do not receive an email about the February HOTA meeting, by 25th January please contact us hota.wa@vhp.org.au.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE for Submission – 15th February 2026

The WA Government is seeking feedback on a proposed Multicultural Act. All ethnic communities across WA are actively contributing to the consultation. It is important that Hindu communities also do their part by sharing views and encouraging family and community participation. Submissions close on 15th February 2026. This is our chance to speak. To contribute to this discussion, please use the link

WA Multicultural Act Development | OMI <https://share.google/O7SDxmeIdWlfyZJi>

AFTER BONDI

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The Hindu Community stands with us

The Hindu Community invited the Jewish Community to join them as they honoured the innocent lives lost at Bondi and reaffirmed our shared commitment to peace, compassion and unity.

Organised by Praveena Mittal, President of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. (WA) and coordinator of Hindu Organisations and Temples and Associations Forum, the prayer meeting on 21 December included messages from Simon Ehrenfeld MLC, Monk Swami Aprokshanand and Captain

innocent Jewish families who had gathered peacefully to observe a religious festival.

'We unequivocally condemn all forms of antisemitism, Hinduphobia and religiously motivated hatred. Violence, threats and intimidation against people because of their faith, identity or heritage are an affront to human dignity and have no place in Australia or anywhere in the world.

'As two of the world's oldest living civilisations, Hindus and Jews share a deep understanding of faith, tradition, family and the painful consequences of persecution. Our histories remind us that hatred left unchecked endangers not only targeted communities but the moral foundations of society itself.

'We pray for peace for the souls of those affected, strength and comfort for their families, and healing for communities experiencing fear and grief.

'Standing together, we reaffirm our shared commitment to peace, mutual respect and the defence of religious freedom.

'In unity, we send a clear message: hate will not divide us and violence will not silence our faiths.'

Rajesh Mittal. Hilary Silbert spoke on behalf of Rabbi Kim Ettlinger, who was unable to attend.

Praveena Mittal delivered the following message, in part:

'The Hindu community stands united in grief, solidarity and resolve following the recent acts of violence and intimidation directed at

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The prayer meeting held in Perth for the victims of the Bondi terrorist attack was widely covered by the press.

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Link: https://maccabean.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Current_Issues/V54-No23-9-JANUARY-2026-LR.pdf

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Upcoming events



Shree Swaminarayan Vigrahatm

VADTAL DHAM
Perth (Australia)

Invites You to

2102nd & 2103rd

Ghar Sabha

13 & 14 January 2026

Maha Prasad : 06:00 Pm to 07:00 Pm
Katha Time : 7:00 Pm. to 8:30 Pm.

Orator : Pujya Sadguru Swami
Shree Nityaswarupdasji

Venue : **Shree Jalaram Sanatan Mandir - Perth**
4 Accomplish Way, Gnaranga, WA, 6077 (Australia)

For More Info : Jayubhai Soni 0431 237 010 Nitin Satani 0433 567 740
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KALEMATA MANDIR PERTH

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MAKAR SANKRANTI

WEDNESDAY 14/01/2026
FROM 7PM ONWARDS

Address: 3/5 Dobra Road, Yangebup
6164 WA

Mahaprasad will be served.
SPECIAL HAWAN WILL BE PERFORMED

FOLLOW US:
KALI MATA MANDIR - PERTH

Samooohika Sri Satyanarayana Pooja

Date: 17 January, 2026 | Time: 7PM
Venue: Rostrata Family Centre, Willetton, WA

VTCS Bank Account Details for registrations:
A/C Name: Vedic Training and Cultural Service (Inc) WA
Bank Name: CBA
BSB: 066-155 A/C No:10195304
(reg amount \$51 per family)

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Leeming Centre: 4 Aulberry Parade, Leeming #
Time: 03:00 PM to 06:00 PM. Contact: 0401207457

Bassendean Community Hall, - 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact: 0433 587 025

Mary Davis Community Centre 17 Settlers Ave, Baldvies #
Time: 03:30 PM to 05:30 PM. Contact: 0466 681 345

Fee: \$250/Child/per year (+\$3.95 Transaction Fee)
e-mail: prajna@jaf.org.au # www.prajna4me.org

Jai Srimannarayana!

With The Blessings of His Holiness
Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji

JET Australia Foundation Perth Chapter
invites you for

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
28 February 2026
&
Sunday
1 March 2026

Experience Lord Balaji (Sri Venkateswara Swamy) sevas in Perth, just like in Tirumala.
Immerse yourself in two days of divine rituals and bliss.

Watch out for more details soon

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Sri BHAJAN JAMMING 2026

An Evening of Devotional Music

**SATURDAY
14TH MARCH, 2026**
TIMING 6:00PM - 9:00PM

211 Arthur St, Dayton WA 6055

Light Snacks Will be Provided

For More Info Contact us:
DIPANKAR THACKER: 0425 257 499
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Vishu CELEBRATION 2026

Date: Monday, 06th of April 2026 - Time: 10.00 AM onwards
Venue: **KELMSCOTT HALL, 60 RIVER ROAD, KELMSCOTT WA 6111**

Contact persons
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AYODHYA TO AUSTRALIA

CHINMAYATHANUMAN FESTIVAL

AN OFFERING FOR
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12th April, 2026
Langley Park East
Riverside Drive, Perth

75th ANNIVERSARY

GUIDED BY PUJYA SWAMI
SWAROOPANANDA
GLOBAL HEAD OF CHINMAYA MISSION

Jai Srimannarayana!

With The Blessings of
His Holiness Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji

JET Australia Foundation Perth Chapter
Cordially Invites You to

Sri Srinivasa Aradhana

(Every Month - 3rd Saturday)

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Venue: **Mandala Hall**
1 Mandala Crescent, Bateman, Western Australia

7:00PM - 7:15 PM - Registrations for Archana
7:15PM - 8:30 PM - Sankalpam & Performing Archana with flowers
Harati and Mangalashasanam chanting
Narayana Pranishat chanting, Acharyaachanam and Closing prayers,
8:30PM - 9:00 PM - Thirth Prasadam followed by Dinner

Join us for Divine Blessings

For hosting and other details contact
Srinivas Missala - 0470 596 992 Vikram Mody - 0452 143 772
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Unified Hindu Festival Calendar 2026 for Australia



For more information or to provide feedback, please contact us via the emails listed below.

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- Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations- hota@vhp.org.au
- Australian Council of Hindu Clergy- info@achcinc.org.au
- Coordinator of the Unified Hindu Festival Calendar- auspanchang4all@gmail.com

"Let your discussions be unified, your gatherings guided by a shared purpose. Meet as one; collaborate as one; act as one; sit together; speak together; exchange ideas together; embrace a common vision, so that you may work towards a singular goal, a shared reality.

This is the essence of the concluding message of the Rig-Veda."

For Monthly Panchang use one of the following links to download.
 Australian Council of Hindu Clergy Inc.
www.austriancouncilofhinduclergy.com/panchang.html
 Hindu Heritage Society Inc.
<https://hinduheritage.org.au/panchang>
 HOTA (VHP Australia)
<https://www.vhp.org.au/united-hindu-festivals>

The 2026 festival calendar was prepared by the Australian Council of Hindu Clergy (ACHC), in collaboration with Hindu Organizations, Temples, and Associations (HOTA) & Hindus of Australia

Our Panchang Karta, Shri Neti Siva Rama Krishna Shastri, together with all participated organisation representatives and association purohits attended the meeting and unanimously agreed on the proposed dates.

The Priests

- Pt.Narayan Bhatt ji - ACHC / Hindu Heritage Society
- Pt.Siva Srinivasan ji - ACHC / Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Sydney
- Pt. Krishnamurthi Venkatraman ji - ACHC
- Pt Samir Vyas ji - ACHC / Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Sydney
- Pt.Jagdish Sharma ji - President, Sanatan Dharma Pratidinhi Sabha
- Pt.Krish Mishra ji - President, Brahman Purohit Mahasabha
- Pt.Rakesh Sharma ji - Vice President, Brahman Purohit Mahasabha.
- Pt.Rishi Sharma ji - Public officer, Brahman purohit Mahasabha
- Pt.Shiva Shanmugam ji - Sri Shiva Mandir, Minto.

Association Heads

- Sri.Subrahmanyan Ramarathinam ji - HOTA / VHP
- Pt Nirav Maharaj ji, GJSK Australia, Perth
- Dr Avinash Karpe ji, Hindus of Australia, Canberra
- Hardik Vyas ji, Hindus of Australia, Brisbane.
- Pt Pramod Rai ji, Arya Samaj, Shane Park
- Arunesh Seth ji - MD- Mahasangh
- Yogesh Chanda ji- Secretary, Sanatan Dharma Pratidinhi Sabha

January - पौष मास - Pausha

Pausha Purnima	-	03/01/2026
Lohri	-	13/01/2026
Bhogi	-	14/01/2026
Makar Sankranti- Pongal	-	15/01/2026
Magha Gupt Navratra from - 20/01/2026- 27/01/2026		
Vasant panchami	-	23/01/2026
Bhishma Ashtami	-	26/01/2026

February - माघ मास Magha

Magha Purnima	-	02/02/2026
Mahashivratri	-	15/02/2026
Chaturdashi Tithi Begins - 10:34 PM on Feb 15, 2026		
Chaturdashi Tithi Ends - 11:04 PM on Feb 16, 2026		
On 16th Feb, Shivaratri Parana Time - 06:31 AM to 04:28 PM		

March - फाल्गुन मास Phalguna

Holika Dahan	-	02/03/2026*
CHANDRA GRAHAN	-	03/03/2026*
Sydney / Melbourne / Canberra Lunar Eclipse Start - 8:50 pm 03rd, March Lunar Eclipse End - 12:17 am 04th, March		
Phalguna Purnima	-	03/03/2026
Holi Utsav	-	04/03/2026
Ugadi / Chaitra Navratra	- start-	20/03/2026
Ram Navami	-	27/03/2026

April - चैत्र मास Chaitra

Hanuman Jayanti	-	02/04/2026 *
Chaitra Purnima	-	02/04/2026
Hindu Solar New Year	-	14/04/2026
Akshay Tritiya - Parashuram Jayanti	-	20/04/26
Adi Shankara Jayanti	-	21/04/2026
Ramanuja Jayanti	-	22/04/2026
Mata Sita Jayanti	-	25/04/2026

May - वैशाख मास Vaisakha

Buddha Purnima	-	01/05/2026
Narada Jayanti	-	02/05/2026
Shani Jayanti - Vat Savitri Vrat	-	16/05/2026
Adhika Maas start	-	17/05/2026 - 15/06/2026
Jyeshtha Adhik Purnima	-	31/05/2026

June - ज्येष्ठ मास Jyeshtha

Ganga Dashera	-	24/06/2026
Nirjala Ekadashi	-	25/06/2026
Jyeshtha Purnima	-	30/06/2026

July - आषाढ़ मास Ashadha

Ashadh Gupt Navratra starts	-	15/07/2026
Ashadh Gupt Navratra Ends	-	23/07/2026
Ashadha Gupt Navratra, also known as Gayatri Navratra, is a sacred nine-day festival dedicated to Goddess Durga and her divine forms. Unlike the main Navratris, it is observed quietly and holds deep spiritual and tantric importance		
Jagannath Rath Yatra	-	16/07/2026
Guru / Vyas Purnima	-	29/07/2026

August- श्रावण मास Shraavan

Hariyali Teej	-	15/08/2026
Naag Panchami	-	17/08/2026
Onam	-	26/08/2026
Varalakshmi Vratam	-	28/08/2026
Shraavan Mondays The sacred month of Shraavan (Sawan), dedicated to Lord Shiva, is one of the most auspicious times for devotion and fasting. In 2026, it will be observed from August 3rd to August 24th, and will continue under the Amant calendar until September 7th, 2026. Devotees perform Rudrabhishek, chant "Om Namah Shivaya," and seek Lord Shiva's blessings for peace and prosperity.		
Raksha Bandhan	-	28/08/2026

September- भाद्रपद मास Bhadrapad

Krishna Janam Ashtami	-	04/09/2026
Veerabhadra Jayanti	-	14/09/2026
Haritalika Teej	-	14/09/2026
Vinayak Chaturthi	-	15/09/2026
Anant Chaturdashi	-	25/09/2026
Pitra Purnima	-	26/09/2026
Pitra Paksha start	-	27/09/2026

October- आश्विन मास Ashwin

Sarv pitri visarjan	-	10/10/2026
Navratra / Ghatsthapna	-	11/10/2026
Durgashtami	-	19/10/2026
Dussera / Vijaya Dashami	-	21/10/2026
Sharad Purnima	-	25/10/2026
Karwa Chauth	-	29/10/2026

November- कार्तिक मास Kartika

Dhan Thrayodashi	-	06/11/2026
Yama Deep Daanam	-	07/11/2026
Deepawali/ Lakshmi Puja	-	08/11/2026
Govardhan puja/ Anna Koot	-	10/11/2026
Bhai dooj	-	11/11/2026
Chhath puja	-	15/11/2026
Tulsi Vivah	-	21/11/2026
Kartik Purnima	-	24/11/2026

December- मार्गशीर्ष मास Margashirsh

Vivah Panchami	-	14/12/2026
Gita Jayanti	-	20/12/2026
Dattatreya Jayanti	-	23/12/2026
Margashirsha Purnima	-	24/12/2026

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