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From the Editor's Desk

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As we get into the second half of 2020, it's a good opportunity for all of us to reflect on the first half of this year- and it certainly has been like no other.

As life continues to return to 'normal' or as normal as can be under the circumstances, we at Sanatan see it fitting to celebrate some successes. We have adapted and responded in this time of crisis with a continued focus on achieving outcomes we had set. We have remained united as a community, we have been supportive of each other and we are ready to commence from where we left off, now that there is going to be further easing of restrictions. We aim to proceed in a responsible and low risk manner that is consistent with, and complies with the latest health advice.

Our return to normalcy would include events within the mandated framework in consideration of the current COVID-19 restrictions. To enable such a successful transition your EMC is currently working on an interim calendar of events. Hopefully we will be able to see further easing of restrictions to enable us to meet as a larger group and celebrate our religious events.

During these challenging times, as a community we have worked and continue to work closely supporting each other. Some of us have lost dear ones, some of us have lost jobs leaving families in crisis, many of us have not been able to be with family overseas or interstate to partake in funerals and other events. To all of you my heartfelt sympathies. Sanatan appreciates that members have been working closely with, and within their communities to address many concerns. Please remain vigilant in what continues to be an ever-changing situation.

God willing this crisis will be over soon and life will hopefully get back to some normalcy. Till then let's all remain there for each other.

Jai Sanatan!

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COVID SAFE CHECKLIST

Gatherings of up to 20 people at homes, public spaces and lagoons.

Up to 20 people at hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks, places of worship and religious ceremonies.

Funerals - max 100

Gatherings of up 20 at weddings and parks.

Stay safe

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Message from the President Pt Anant Ram Sharma

Dear Members and fellow Sanatanis

Jai Shree Sita Ram

As your President it gives me great pleasure in informing you that despite the turbulent times your EMC has been working hard. COVID restrictions, as you ae well aware, have placed limitations on what we could/ could not do. The one thing that affected us the most was not being able to worship openly. However, I am sure that soon we will be able to do that as well. Keep your faith strong and we will surely get there.

My priority as President was to forge ahead with the Development Application and that is exactly what my EMC has done. The DA was lodged on 30th April. The steering committee for this is in constant contact with the Council and we are yet to hear from them officially. My sincere thanks to the DA team who worked tirelessly to achieve this.

Additionally, we have lodged the application of Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) with the Tax Office. We are anticipating the outcome of the DGR status.

The upkeep of the property at 550 Wembley Road has been continuous. We have had regular clean ups. I thank each one of you who came and supported the cleaning team. God bless you.

The weekly Ramayan program has been active. As the participation numbers are restricted to 20, please call Shree C. Hanuman ji to see if numbers will allow you to attend. It is anticipated that the musical program will be re-starting soon for our younger members. Please watch this space!

The EMC would like to welcome Mr Parmend Singh as a new committee member.

My dear members, families and friends as I have said, we will be keeping a low profile until the COVID-19 situation improves and the current restrictions are lifted by the government. Until then I request each one of you to stay home, do as much prayer as possible, and spend precious time with your family.

Radhe Radhe

Pt Anant Ram Sharma

President

Money Matters

Fund Raising - As you are all aware no programs could be held due to COVID-19 restrictions. This has impacted very heavily on our income generation. On a positive note, SQIL has unanimously pledged support during this difficult time. The Board members have agreed to donate the interest of the June quarter in full to SSDHAQ.

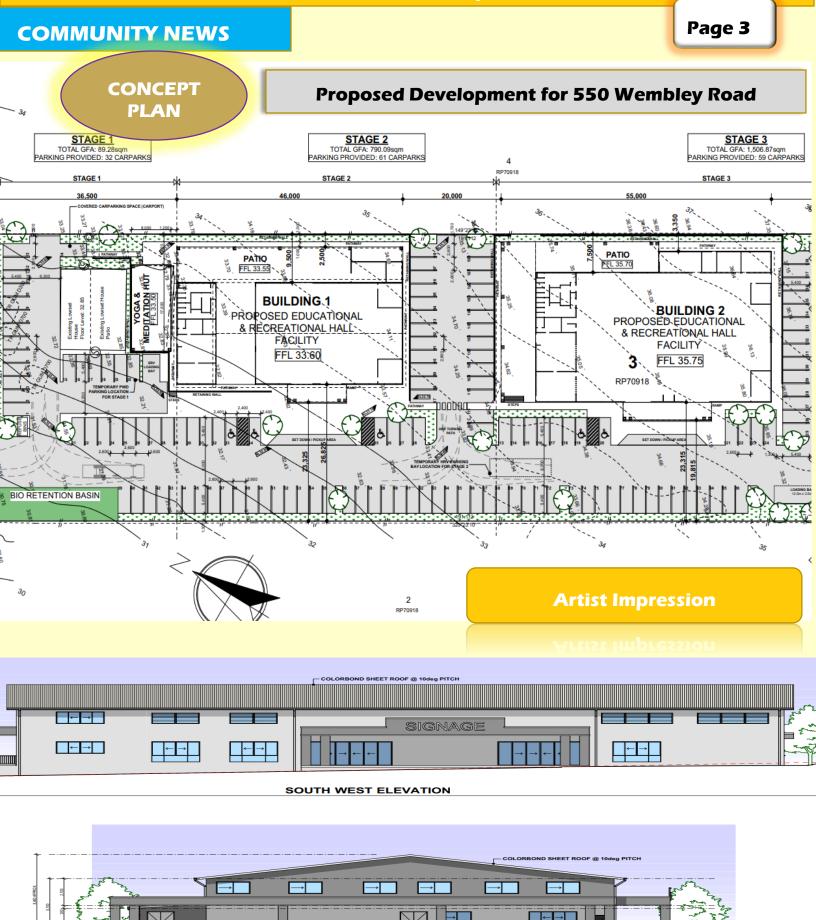
Development Application (DA)

In the last issue readers of this newsletter were advised that the EMC is in the process of lodging the DA with the Logan City Council. You are all advised that EMC engaged the services of Somerville Consultants (Town Planners) who lodged the DA on 30th April 2020. The DA team comprised of Pundit Anant, Narendra Singh, Divendra Prasad and Birendra Singh. Council accepted the application on 7th May. The Council had sought further clarification on the application and this has been provided accordingly. It is envisaged that the result of the application will be known soon. On page 3 some information is provided for the readers on the concept plan and an artist's impression of the proposed development for SSDHAQ. God willing, we will have a positive outcome to our application soon. See pages 3 & 4 for

The management of SSDHAQ sends its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to all members of the community who have lost loved ones during this crisis. We especially sympathize with those who were unable to partake in funeral services due to the restrictions.



Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

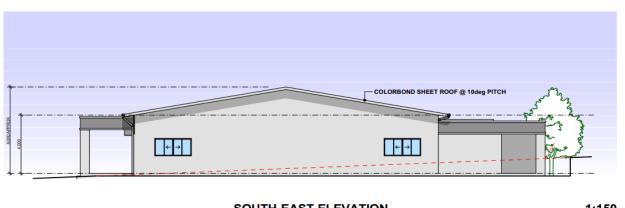


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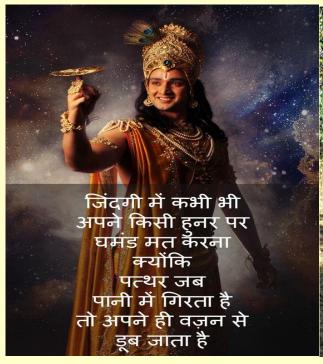
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We welcome written contributions articles and / or photos from our readers for the next issue. Any constructive feedback and / or suggestions can be emailed to ssdhaq@gmail.com

Community Involvement



The restrictions have not deterred members from helping clean up the property. While many members were not able to help at the last cleanup, some did turn up. Thank you all who did come for your efforts. The place looks better, thanks for your hard work and dedication.









STAY SAFE