



## **The Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam Inc.**

ABN 50 275 645 361 Reg. No. A0020949F

P O Box 146, The Basin, VIC 3154

Tel: Temple: 9762 1835 Canteen: 9762 1688

19 Nov 2019

Dear Devotee,

### **Re: Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple renovations**

We write to inform you of the exciting work that is being undertaken in the Temple.

As the first Hindu Temple and only Ganesha Temple in Victoria, we are proud to announce that construction of all the Shrines in granite has already begun in earnest. When completed, this will be the largest Temple of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Granite as you may be aware is a 'living' stone, able to absorb all the vibrations of the chanting and devotees' prayers. This is the reason it was used in most temple constructions in the olden days. Equally importantly, the Temple will be a long-lasting temple, as we can witness those in India and Sri Lanka constructed out of granite.

### **A synopsis of our plans are as follows:**

1. The entire Moolasthanam will now be constructed in full granite imported from Salem in Tamil Nadu. The new structure will be like our existing temple in the great Chola tradition. It will have 16 Ganeshas in different forms, will have the decorations for the Kostum Vigrahams and the Main Ganesha at the top of the Moolasthanam will be adorned with a beautiful Makarathoranam (Decorations around the Vinayagar) At the rear of the temple too, there will be Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar. All around the temple there will be 26 pillars engraved into the Moolasthanam.
2. The Sri Sivan, Sri Ambal and Sri Chandikeswarar Shrines too will be in full granite. The Sri Sivan and Sri Ambal shrines will also be taller than presently. All around the shrine decorations typical of the Chola tradition will also be included. All around the Sivan and Chandikeswarar Shrines, there will be 8 Rishabams. Around the Ambal there will be 8 Simhams.
3. The Durga Shrine will also be in full granite. This Shrine too will have statues of the Sri Durga on the roof in the front and on all the other three sides will have statues of Sri Chamundi, Sri Vaishnavi, and Sri Brahmi. On all corners, there will be 8 Simhams (lions).
4. The Murugan Shrine in granite will also depict a 2ft Murugan with Valli and Deivanai on the roof in the front, and will have Statues of Sri Thandayathapani, Sri Balamurugan and Sri Karthikeyan. The corners will be adorned by 8 peacocks.



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- 5 Sri Nagathambiran, Sri Hanuman, all the Navagrahams and Sri Vairavar will all be in granite. The shrines will be adorned with decorations typical of Indian temples.
- 6 The Kodisthamba Vinayagar will also have a new small granite shrine, which will make it exquisite and creative.
- 7 Overall the granite work will be unique, in their own way and will blend with the overall temple architecture. Thereby enhancing the look and grandeur of our, Sri Vakrahunda Vinayagar Temple..
- 8 As devotees would have noticed, a new construction is underway at the back of the temple. This will house the Nagathambiran and Hanuman Shrines. Also, there will be a Vahana Saalai, ( a place to keep all the vehicles of the deities)) a Madapali ( a place where food is cooked for the deities) , a Thivasham Room ( a place for the people to perform rights for their ancestors) and a cool room primarily to store flowers, and milk.
- 9 The Vasantha Mandapam, will be expanded to include all the Utsava Moorthis and will be clearly demarcated away from the rest of the temple.
- 10 The Navagraham will be moved further back to allow more space within the temple.

As a devotee of this temple we request you to be part of this great endeavour and donate generously towards building this 1000-year temple.

To help you visualise the architecture, we have an artist impression in three dimensions attached to this email.

Please select from the attached list any item that you would like to sponsor

We sincerely look forward to your help and support in this great once in a lifetime venture.

### **If you wish to donate, please contact any one of the following:**

President – Balaa -mobile -0421 210 620

Treasurer- Sivanathan-mobile -0402 069 716

Secretary - Shan Pillai- mobile - 0468811544

Suri- Mobile- 0470 293 217

Srinivasan- Mobile- 0470 203 500

### **You could do an internet transfer into the following account:**

The Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam

BSB:063233

Account Number: 10039273

Please indicate your name and the item you are taking.



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Each donation of \$50,000 will have ONE NAME or the FAMILY NAME engraved for posterity.

Thank you for your great support.

Yours sincerely,

Shan Pillai  
Secretary

*Ps*

*Please see an artist's impression in 3D of how the final completed Temple will look like.*

*Please copy this link and place in your browser:*

 [SVVT.mp4](#)



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THE FOLLOWING GRANITE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DONATION				
19/11/2019				
<b><u>Sri Vakarathunda Vinayagar and Main Moolasthanam</u></b>				
16-Vinayagars-	16 Each		Taken	\$—5,000
One Main-Vinayagar in the Front	1		Taken	\$—10,000
Makarathoranam for Main Vinayagar	1			\$ 15,000
Gaja-Lakshmi in front of the Moolasthanam	1			\$—15,000
Doors for the Moolasthanam with Carvings of Ganesha	4		taken	\$—20,000
Gomukai for Sri Vakrathunda-Vinayagar	1			\$—3,000
Lotus around the Gomukai for Sri Vakrathunda-Vinayagar	1			\$—2,000
Moolasthanam-Vinayagar Athara-Beedam	1 Stone			\$—10,000
Kalasam on top of Ganesha Shrine	1	Each		\$—5,000
Nila-Kaal for Moola-Vinayagar—ALL Taken-	0 Stones	each	TAKEN	\$—3,000
One Single Dome above the Vimaanam			Taken	\$—60,000
Steps up to the Moolasthanam in granite 5 taken	0 Steps	each		\$—2,500
Granite Stones for Moolasthanam only Availbale	278 Stones	Each		\$ 2,000
Granite Stones for Moolasthanam taken	122 Stones		TAKEN	\$ 244,000
Decorated pillars - Available	7 Pillars	each		\$ 3,000
Decorated pillars—Taken	19 pillars			
<b><u>Pillars and Decorations around the Kostum Deities (only 5 available)</u></b>				
Narthana-Ganapathy			Taken	\$—15,000
Vishnu			Taken	\$—15,000
Thechchanamoorthy			Taken	\$—15,000
Brahma			Taken	\$—15,000
Vishnu-Durga			Taken	\$—15,000
Granite-Ganesh Statue on side entrance of Temple			Taken	\$—15,000
Granite-Ganesh Statues on rear entrance of Temple			Taken	\$—15,000
Granite-Ganesh Statue in front of the temple (AUM Ganesha)			Taken	\$—20,000
<b><u>Kodimara Vinayagar</u></b>				
Kodimara-Vinayagar-shrine in full granite			taken	\$—20,000
<b><u>Sri Sivan Shrine</u></b>				
The entire Sivan Shrine-			TAKEN	\$—50,000
<b><u>Sri Ambal Shrine</u></b>				
The Entire Ambal Shrine			Taken	\$—50,000
Kalasam on top of Abirami Ambal Shrine			taken	\$—2,500
<b><u>Sri Siva Durga Shrine</u></b>				
Sri Siva Durga on top of the Shrine in Granite			Taken	\$—15,000
Sr-Chamundeeswary on the top of one of the sides			taken	\$—10,000
Sri Vaishnavi on the top of the shrine on one of the sides				\$ 10,000
Sri Brahmi on the top of the shrine on one of the sides				\$ 10,000
8 Simhams on all four corners on the top	8 Simhams	each		\$ 2,500
Gomukai for Durga Shrine			TAKEN	\$—2,500
Lotus around the Gomukai for Durga Shrine			TAKEN	\$—1,500
Nila Kaal for Durga shrine- Total 4	4 Stones	each	TAKEN	\$ 2,500
Kalasam on top of Durga Shrine			TAKEN	\$—3,000
New Athara-Beedam for Durga			Taken	\$—5,000
Doors for Durga Shrine	4			\$—10,000
Pillars around Durga Shrine	18 pillars	each		\$ 2,500
Steps up to Sri Durga shrine in granite—TAKEN-3	3 steps	each		\$—1,500



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<b>Sri Murugan Shrine</b>				
Murugan with Valli and Deivanai Statue on top of the Shrine			Taken	\$ — 20,000
Gomukai for Murugan Shrine			Taken	\$ — 2,500
Lotus around the Gomukai for Murugan Shrine			Taken	\$ — 1,500
New Murugan Statue (2.5 ft) with Valli and Devanai (inside the shrine)			Taken	\$ — 60,000
Nila Kaal for Murugan - taken 2	4 Stones	each	taken	\$ 2,500
Sri Balamurugan on the top of the shrine on one of the sides				\$ 10,000
Sri Kumaraswamy on top of the Shrine on one of the sides				\$ 10,000
<del>Sri Thandayuthapani on the top of the shrine on one of the sides</del>				<del>\$ — 10,000</del>
Kalasam on top of Murugan Shrine			Taken	\$ — 3,000
Doors for Murugan Shrine				10000
Pillars around Murugan Shrine	18 pillars	each		\$ 2,500
Steps up to Sri Murugan shrine in granite	3 steps	each	TAKEN	\$ — 1,500
PEACOCKS ON THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE SHRINE ON THW TOP	8 PEACOCKS	EACH	TAKEN 1	\$ 2,500
<b>Sri Hanuman Shrine</b>				
Hanuman Shrine in full granite				\$ 40,000
Contribution towards Hanuman Shrine needed				\$ 31,000
<del>Contribution towards Hanuman shrine committed</del>			Taken	<del>\$ — 7,000</del>
Kalasam on top of Hanuman Shrine			taken	\$ — 2,000
Pillars for the Hanuman Shrine — 3 taken	4 pillars	each	taken	\$ — 6,000
<b>Sri Nagathambiran Shrine</b>				
Nagathambiran Shrine in full granite				\$ 40,000
Kalasam on top of Nagathambiran Shrine			TAKEN	\$ — 2,000
Pillars for the Nagathambiran Shrine	4 pillars	each		\$ 1,500
<b>Sri Navagraham Shrine</b>				
9 Navagraham Statues at the top	9 statues	each		\$ 5,000
Athaara Beedam for all the 9 Navagrahams				\$ 5,000
Kalasam on top of Navagraham Shrine			TAKEN	\$ — 2,000
Pillars for the Navagraham	4 pillars	each		\$ 2,500
<b>Sri Chandikeswarar Shrine</b>				
The entire Chandikeswarar Shrine			taken	\$ — 20,000
<b>Sri Vairavar Shrine</b>				
The entire Vairavar Shrine			TAKEN	\$ — 20,000
Kalasam on top of Vairavar Shrine			taken	\$ — 2,000
New Aathara Beedam for Vairavar			taken	\$ — 2,000
<b>Others</b>				
New Beedams for all Kosta Dieties — 5 TAKEN	1 Stones	each		\$ — 1,000
<del>One Donation of \$50,000 has been received towards the Moolasthanam in granite construction</del>				
<del>One Donation \$50,000 has been committed towards the Shivan granite construction</del>				
<del>One Donation \$50,000 has been committed towards the Ambal granite construction</del>				
<del>One Donation \$50,000 has been committed towards the Door, Kodimara Vinayagar, Kalasam and Steps in granite construction</del>				
<del>One Donation \$51,000 has been committed towards the Ganesh statue in the front entrance, side entrance and rear entrance in granite construction</del>				
One Donation of \$50,000 has been committed for the Vinayagar Moolasthanam				
One Donation \$60,000 has been committed towards the Moolasthanam Viamana Dome in granite construction				



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### **Glossary of some of the terminology used above:**

**Athara Beedam-** The single piece granite stone on which the deity will sit or stand.

**Nilai Kaal-** The granite stone that is usually placed at the entrance of each shrine, where it is stated Luxmi resides. There will be four pieces for each entrance.

**Kodi Mara Vinayagar-** The Ganesha deity at the foot of the Kodmaran (Djusthambam), Flagpole

**Rishabam-** The carving of a Cow (the vehicle of Sri Sivan).

**Kalagam-** They are in the form of inverted pot, with pointed head facing the sky, is one of the prominent symbols of temples. Usually made from copper and often gold plated.

**Simham-** The carving of a lion (the vehicle of Sri Durga).

**Gomukai-** The granite structure from which the abhishega liquid comes out from the shrine. Usually made out of granite

**Lotus around the Gomukai -** The granite structure around the Gomukai so that the abhishega liquid does not spill everywhere.

**Kostum Deities-** These are the deities around the Moolasthanam, such as, Nirthana Ganapathy Vishnu, Thedchanamoorthy, Vishnu Durga and Brahma.