



# SRI MANDIR

The First Hindu Temple

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## *Sri Mandir Patrika* *December 2023*

### About Sri Mandir

#### Location:

286 Cumberland Road, Auburn NSW 2144

Website: [www.srimandir.org](http://www.srimandir.org)

Email: [srimandir@hotmail.com.au](mailto:srimandir@hotmail.com.au)

Phone: 02 9643 1919

#### Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 10.00am to 12.00 noon, 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Weekends and Public Holidays 10.30am to 8.00pm

#### Key Festivals and Events:

Our key festivals are regularly updated on your website. You can also download Panchang for the year from our website as well. We will be publishing SMEC meeting dates on the website soon.

**Message from Sri Mandir Executive Committee (SMEC):** As we bid farewell to another remarkable year at Sri Mandir, we take this opportunity to share the highlights and achievements that have shaped our community in 2023. We thank you to all our volunteers for their contribution and hard work during the year. We also thank all our devotees and members who has visited temple regularly and have supported our temple.

**Unauthorized Communication Alert:** It has come to our attention that some of our valued members have received unauthorized correspondence from an unknown sender. We want to categorically state that these communications do not originate from Sri Mandir. We strongly condemn these malicious and offensive actions. Such behavior not only goes against the values and principles we uphold at Sri Mandir but also aims to cause harm and disharmony within our community. We use official letterheads and established communication platforms for any correspondence with our esteemed members and devotees. It deeply concerns us that a handful of individuals are attempting to tarnish the reputation of our temple through these unwarranted and inappropriate messages. We urge you to be vigilant and cautious of any such communications purportedly from Sri Mandir that do not adhere to our established communication standards. If you receive any suspicious communication purportedly from Sri Mandir that deviates from our standard



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protocols, please inform us immediately. Thank you for your understanding and continued trust in Sri Mandir.

**Cash Handling and other payment methods:** In line with the evolving digital landscape, we've taken a significant step forward by initiating efforts to reduce cash transactions within Sri Mandir. We are receiving more than 80% of the payment through electronic fund transfers and less than 20% by cash. While we remain flexible with payment methods, we aim to minimise cash at Sri Mandir premises. This move aims to enhance convenience and security for all our devotees, ensuring a seamless experience during your visits. We accept donations and payments for Sri Mandir through:

- Electronic Transfer Puja and Sponsorship –  
Account name: Sri Mandir -BSB: 062 223 Account no: 11067599
- Electronic Transfer Tax Deductible Building and Education fund  
Account Name: Sri Mandir - BSB: 062 443 - Account No: 11001618
- In person by EFTPOS and cash  
At Sri Mandir The First Hindu Temple, 286 Cumberland Road, Auburn NSW 2144

**Initiative Towards a Greener Future:** In our commitment to environmental stewardship, Sri Mandir has taken a significant stride towards sustainability. We're delighted to inform that we've ceased the use of disposable plates, contributing to a more eco-conscious approach within our temple premises.

Instead, we've embraced a more sustainable practice by implementing stainless steel plates for serving food. This transition not only reduces our environmental footprint but also embodies our dedication to fostering a greener and healthier planet.

Furthermore, we've installed an industrial dishwasher to efficiently clean and sanitize these reusable plates. Thank you for being a part of this important endeavor as we strive for a more environmentally conscious and mindful community.

**Development of Mobile APP:** We are developing an interactive APP to improve Sri Mandir's online presence. This APP will provide easy access to Sri Mandir information from mobile devices. We are hoping to launch this APP early next year.

**Online Pooja booking:** While we are working on APP for Online Pooja bookings, please continue to send your pooja request to [srimandir@hotmail.com](mailto:srimandir@hotmail.com).

**Sub-Committee Member Volunteers:** Financial members can support Sri Mandir by joining one of the sub-committees as a volunteer. If you would like to join a subcommittee, please send us sub-committee member application form. You can download load the application form from our website or from the link below:

<https://www.srimandir.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SriMandirSUBMEM02.pdf>



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**Update from Annual General Meeting (AGM):** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Your active involvement and support have been instrumental in charting the course for our temple's growth and prosperity. Financial report 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were presented and approved. CNR Accounting and Taxation was appointed as Auditors for Sri Mandir.

New SMEC was appointed at the AGM, where the Returning Officer reported that only four valid nominations were received for the committee, which was lesser than number of positions available, there was no need for an election. The Returning Officer declared that all four following nominees were appointed to the Committee without the necessity of a vote.

1. Mr. Brijesh Modasia - Executive Member
2. Mr. Rajendra Chauhan - Executive Member
3. Mr. Vikash Solonki - Executive Member
4. Mr. Ketan Parmar - Executive Member

SMEC held a meeting after the AGM and appointed the following members to fill vacant roles of Office Bearers on casual basis till next AGM:

1. President: Mr. Chand Chadha
2. Vice President: Mr. Chander Gupta
3. Treasurer: Mr. Rajesh Sethi
4. Secretary: Mrs. Amita Kant

**Educational classes for Children:** We are in the process to start educational classes for primary school age children to develop their knowledge on Hindu religion. Please let us know by email to [srимандир@hotmail.com](mailto:srимандир@hotmail.com) , if you are interested to participate as a volunteer, would like your children to attend classes, preferred days and time such as an evening or weekend, any other ideas.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with various temple activities. If you are interested in contributing your time and skills, please reach out to SMEC at [srимандир@hotmail.com](mailto:srимандир@hotmail.com) .

#### **We are working on:**

- Pitt Town project for development of our new temple.
- Addressing the issue of online puja bookings,
- Development of APP will add Improvement to our online resources website and social media channels.
- Developing strategies to improve communication within our members

We welcome you all of you at Sri Mandir Auburn. Please send your comments, compliments to [srимандир@hotmail.com](mailto:srимандир@hotmail.com)