

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

Sanatana Dharma Paripalana Seva Trust of New Zealand

7th Annual General Meeting

FY24-25



Sunday 23 November | 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Wellington

www.svwt.org.nz





SDPST NZ

SANATANA DHARMA PARIPALANA SEVA TRUST NEW ZEALAND

Incorporated as a trust (No 2718691) under the Charitable Trusts Act, 1957
The Trust has been granted “Charitable Status” under the Charities Act, 2005 and its Registered
Charity number is CC 56159.

OUR PRINCIPLES

Sarvejana sukhino bhavantu

May the people of the world be happy

vasudhaiva kutumbakam

the world is one family

dharma rakshati rakshitah

Dharma protects the upholder of dharma

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Annual Report of the Trustees

Audited Accounts 2024-2025

Ram Parivar Proposal

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Chairperson's Report

Our Accomplishments

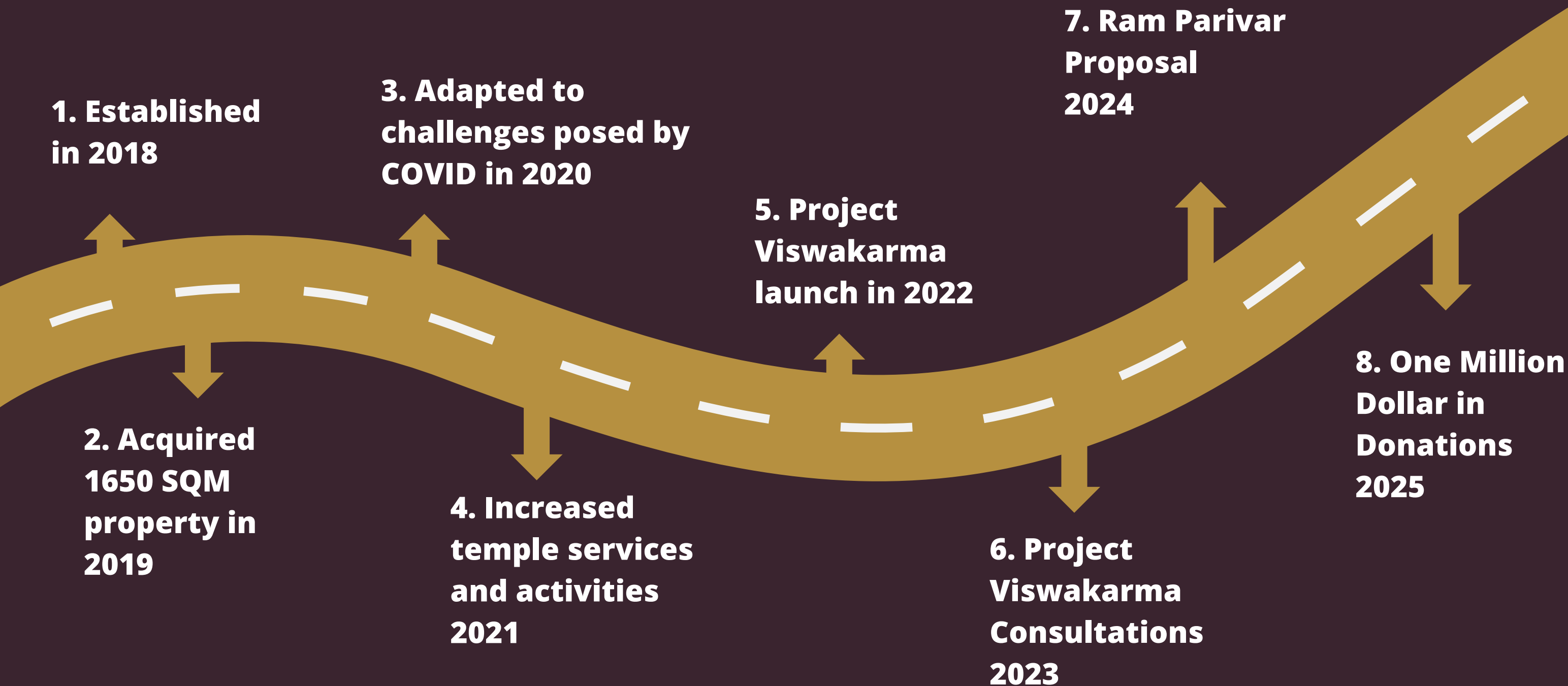


Chairperson's Report

Our Accomplishments



Our Journey



Reflection FY25

Serving the Community

7

Years Since
Inception

6

Years Since
Temple
Operations

20+

Volunteer
Priests

40+

Volunteer
Families
Serving Temple

150+

Events in Year
FY25

Festivals and Celebrations

Sri Srinivasa Kalyanam	Clay Ganesha Making	Sri Sudharshana Homam	Fundraising Food Fairs
Sambhojana Utsav	Children Skits, Bhajans, Paintings	Sri Varalakshmi Pooja	Mahaalaya Paksham
Sri Rama Navami	Kumarabhojanam & Samithadhaanam	Sri Samuhika Satyanarayana Swamy Vratam	Devi Navaratri Utsav
Sri Krishna Janmastami	Ekadhasa Rudra Japa, Parayanam	English Spiritual Discourse by Sri U Ve Dr Venkatesh	Akhand Ramayan Paat
Rik & Yajur Upakarma	Ugadi, Vishu and Tamil New Year	Puratasi Sanivara Abishekam	Srimath Hanumath Jayanti

Festivals and Celebrations - Highlights

Two SSKMs conducted at Petone this year!. One in Oct 24 and One in May 25.

Temple also conducted a Private Srinivasa Kalyanam and a Sita Rama Kalyanam for our Telugu Devotees

Grand Kirtan Night conducted by Sri Saraswati Sathsang Ramayan Mandali was a great success and raised \$15k for the Temple

Rama Navami & Krishna Janmashtami were celebrated with great enthusiasm .Sri Saraswati Sathsang Ramayan Mandali organised the entire celebration

Temple organised Upanyasams in English & Tamil by Thirukudanthai Dr U Ve Venkatesh Swami in Petone Hall, Indian High Commission and at our Temple in Feb 2025.

Akhand Ramayan Paat was conducted for over 24 hours in Feb 2025 attracting 100s of devotees.

Attukaal Pongala was celebrated with over 30 Malayali Devotee Families cooking Bhagavathy Neivedium outdoor on wood-fired brick stoves in traditional mud pots and offering it to Devi.

Mathru Pithri Diwas was celebrated for the first time in our Temple in Mar 2025. It is our Sanatana Dharma way of honouring our Parents (Pitru Devo Bhavah)

Every first Tuesday of the month Tulsidas Sunder Kand is recited at the Temple.

Temple facilitated in conducting Last Rites of many departed souls from Cremation to Shraadha.

Satyanarayana Swamy Vratam was conducted 4 times during the year.

Temple continued its strong fundraising drive with numerous food stalls and Sambhojana Utsav in June 2025.

Festivals and Celebrations - Highlights

Rudrabhishekam, Sivarathri, Ugadhi & Vishu were celebrated.

Making Ganesha is Clay has become a very popular event. This year we had over 40 children participating.

Yajur Upakarma was celebrated with Havan - with over 25 Devotees participating in the Tread Changing ceremony.

Bhajan Groups performed at the Temple on a regular basis especially for Festivals like Navaratri.

Temple catered snack items at various small Home Private Events like Birthdays, Pre Wedding Events.

Temple Priests continue to serve Devotees with Home Poojas like Griha Pravesh, Satyanarayana Pooja etc.

Jeeyar Education Trust organised VSN is done on the last Saturday of every month.

SVWT participates in the Skanda Sashti Sahasra Kumara Bhojanam event every year. This is a Global event organised by Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam.

Karva Chauth Vrat Pooja is conducted in the Temple every year.

Amavasya, Mahalaya/ Pitru Paksha Tharpanam and Swayampaakam is organised in Temple every year.

Maha Periyava Jayanti observed and celebrated in grand manner at our temple by Anusham group.

Ekadasha Rudra Parayanam, Homam and Japam well attended by 12+ ritwiks and 100+ devotees.



Attukaal Pongala @ SVWT





Clay Ganesha Making by Young Devotees



Community VSN @ SVWT



Mahalayam 2024



Grand Kirtan Night 2024



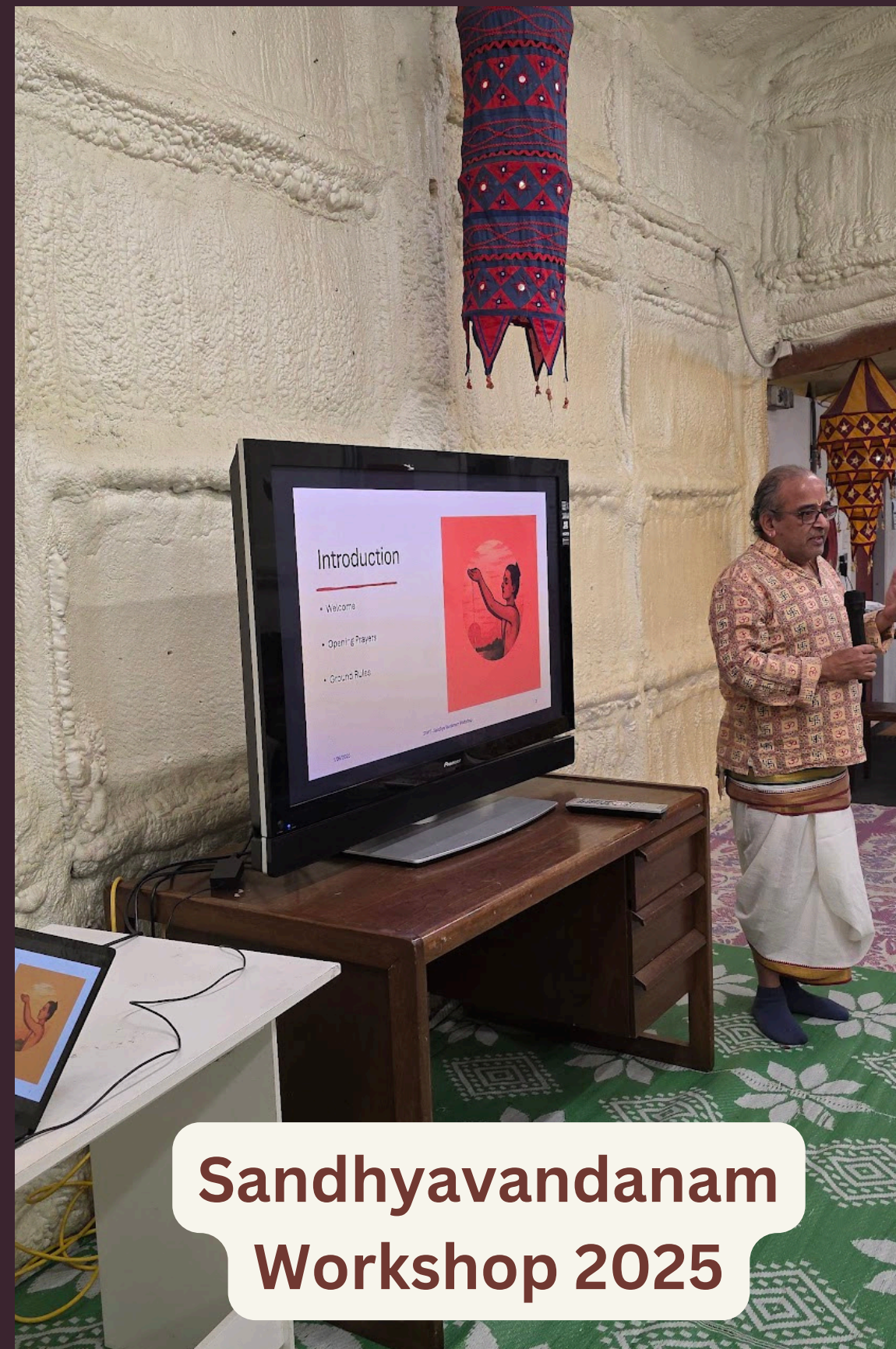
Dr. Venkatesh Upanyasam - 2025





Maha Shivaratri 2025







**Suvasini & Kanya Pooja
2024**



**Samithadhaanam &
Kumarabhojanam**



**Maha Periyava
Jayanti 2025**







Diwali Vishesa Pushpanjali 2024

Thank You for Your Continued Support



Strengthened by Faith, Supported by You

*Thank!
You!*

Our Volunteers

Temple is run with the help of Volunteer Priests and about Volunteer Families. Besides these, many more families volunteer in the kitchen, in the garden and the food stalls and fairs & so on.

Bhajan Mandalies & Music Schools

We sincerely appreciate all our community bhajan mandalies and music schools - the add colour, diversity, arts & Satsang opportunities to our community.

BIG THANK YOU

All our Volunteers - families, priests, devotees rendering various services to the temple.
All the sponsors, event coordinators, community champions and supporters
All our trustees & their family members.

Maintenance & Support

We thank our maintenance support volunteers who help us with time-to-time building maintenance, including repairs, electrical, garden, and cleaning.

Financial Update

Financial Performance & Position



Financial Performance



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Donations (In Thousands)

Natural Account	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Notes
Namadhenu	\$168	\$67	\$58	\$44	\$41	\$60	\$38	\$476	Leave your Name on the Temple Wall
Hundi	\$3	\$13	\$24	\$23	\$24	\$30	\$35	\$153	Increasing Devotee base-Keep visiting and develop Spiritually
Pooja Related	\$21	\$19	\$29	\$41	\$35	\$31	\$67	\$242	
General Donations	\$25	\$7	\$39	\$41	\$21	\$41	\$177	\$350	
Donations Total	\$217	\$106	\$150	\$149	\$120	\$162	\$317	\$1,221	Testament to your faith in our Mission

Financial Performance



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Other Income (In Thousands)

Natural Account	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Notes
Interest	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$16	\$36	\$45	\$103	Increased Term Deposits but rates have gone down
Rent Income	\$0	\$9	\$9	\$12	\$12	\$16	\$13	\$71	Steady - We will take care of our Tenant
Fund Raising	\$15	\$20	\$17	\$16	\$37	\$34	\$28	\$166	Economic Downturn and Job losses affect this number
Income Total	\$15	\$30	\$28	\$31	\$65	\$86	\$86	\$340	
Total (Donations + Income)	\$232	\$136	\$178	\$180	\$186	\$248	\$403	\$1,562	

Financial Performance



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Expenses (In Thousands)

Natural Account	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Notes
Expenses	\$11	\$25	\$17	\$18	\$25	\$22	\$29	\$147	We have been frugal in our spend but Rates have doubled
Depreciation	\$0	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$17	\$142	Our Building is now only 68k in the books. Aggressive Depreciation.
Total Expenses	\$11	\$50	\$42	\$43	\$50	\$47	\$46	\$289	Running this place on the Smell of an Oil rag
Surplus (Donations+Income- Expenses)	\$221	\$86	\$136	\$137	\$136	\$201	\$357	\$1,274	Extremely Strong Financials

Financial Position



Financial Position (In Thousands)

Natural Account	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Oct 31, 2025	Notes
Bank	\$3	\$153	\$304	\$454	\$607	\$793	\$1,103	\$1,230	Position of Strength
Land	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	RV is \$660k
Building	\$168	\$185	\$160	\$135	\$110	\$85	\$68	\$68	4 Years to go
A/Cs Receivable	\$51						\$3		
Total Assets	\$401	\$519	\$645	\$770	\$897	\$1,058	\$1,354	\$1,478	
GST / Payable		\$1	\$2	\$2	\$4	\$3	\$3		
Trustee Loans	\$180	\$210	\$198	\$188	\$178	\$138	\$78	\$78	Converted into Donation is \$62k
Public Equity	\$221	\$308	\$445	\$579	\$715	\$917	\$1,273	\$1,400	Public owns 95% of our Temple
Total Liabilities	\$401	\$519	\$645	\$770	\$897	\$1,058	\$1,354	\$1,478	

Temple Build - The Big Picture

Forecast (In Thousands)

As at 31 Oct 2025 - In the Bank	\$1,230
Next 8 Months; June 2026	\$120
Add 1 more year; June 2027	\$250
Total Equity	\$1,600
Add; Namadhenu; Extra Donations	\$600
Total	\$2,200



On Track to Start Build:
December 2026

Ram Parivar

Proposal



Ram Parivar Murthi Proposal

Concept of Bhoga Murthi

Festivals
Abhishekams
Procession

Placement

In the Garba Griha or
Ardamantapam

Proposed Use

Rama Navami
Navaratri & Diwali
Sita Rama Vivah
Akhand Ramayan & Hanuman Chalisa

Existing Venkateswara Swami

Srinivasa Kalyanam
Dolotsavam / House Visits



Ram Parivar Murthi Proposal (Contd)

Evaluating Options & Cost

Supplier	1.5 ft	2.0 ft	2.5 ft	3.0 ft
Supplier 1	\$3,166	\$4,354	\$9,994	\$14,645
Supplier 2	\$1,939	\$3,859	\$6,828	\$10,687
Supplier 3		\$10,212	\$12,765	
Packing & Freight			\$2,078	
Customs (if any)			\$1,336	
Total Vigraham Cost			\$10,242	
Paraphernalia (<i>Table /Abhisheka arrangement ,brass Thiruvachi, Garlands, Vastrams, Ornaments</i>)			\$4,758	
Total Budgeted Cost			\$15,000	



Follow up & Due Diligence

- Followed up with Supplier 1 and Supplier 2
- Reference check done for **Supplier 2** - our Preferred Supplier
- Order being placed soon.

Timeframe: Rama Navami 2026

Governance & Operating Model



SDPST Governance & Operating Model

A review was recently completed of our Rules to ensure effectiveness and strengthen the future posture.

Our Governance Model was established in 2018 and has served well, providing stability and reliable decision-making.

Today, the Trust is managing all activities directly, which shows strong commitment – but it makes future growth hard to sustain.

Balancing day-to-day temple needs with the demands of the Build Project is becoming challenging, and this needs adjustment.

We now have an opportunity to bring in and mentor the next generation of leaders to support long-term growth.

Framework for SDPST Governance and Operating Model

Accountability & Responsibility covers 4 core Functions

PLAN

EXECUTE

ADMINISTER

SUPPORT

Defines policies & process for how we work together

OPERATING MODEL

Defines the mechanisms we will use to make decisions

GOVERNANCE

Our Future Governance Model – Key Points

Governance Forums

We will have clear governance forums, each with a defined purpose and responsibilities.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (BoT) will continue to provide overall strategic direction and have Accountability for Trust Governance.

Advisory Forum

Advisory Forum will support the BoT with community perspectives and expert input on strategic matters.



Committees

Committees will be formed for:

- Day-to-Day Operations
- Festivals & Events
- Strategic Projects

Decision-making model

Each committee will have a simple decision-making model, clear roles, and the right mix of skills.

Reporting Line

Committees will report to the BoT to ensure alignment with Trust strategy and values and will be empowered with delegated authority to deliver effectively.

Charter / Terms of Reference : “SDPST Advisory Forum”

Purpose

To give Trustees independent guidance and wider community perspectives, helping ensure decisions support our long-term vision and values.

Focus

- Big Picture strategy and long-term planning
- Major projects, risks and future opportunities
- Community viewpoints on important issues.

Role

Provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Who

Mix of:

- Subject experts
- Community representatives
- Emerging & Respected leaders.

How

- Meets once a month or as agreed (about 1 hour)
- Will have a structure to provide shared or majority advice
- Is voluntary and for a fixed term
- Appointed by Trustees.

Governance & Operating Model - Summary

- Our Trust Deed that defines our Charitable Purpose remains overall Fit For Purpose.
- Our Governance & Operating Model will undergo a process of Transition.
- There will be a period of bedding-in while this stabilises.



Viswakarma

Workstream Model



Mobilising the Detail Design Phase

- Building on the Concept Design outcomes, the Detailed Design (DD) Phase will create a design document clearly specifying our requirements and standards, ***ready for architectural proposals***.
- To ensure the right expertise is applied, work will be organised into ***focused workstreams***, each handling a key aspect of temple design or construction.
- Together, these steps will help deliver a ***high-quality temple project*** for our community.

Workstreams

#	Short Name	Description
1	Design & Engineering	Develops the architectural, structural, and compliance plans for the temple.
2	Site Preparation & Development	Prepares the land and logistics for construction activities.
3	Foundation	Designs and constructs the temple’s foundational support.
4	Superstructure construction	Builds the main structural elements above the foundation.
5	Building Systems & Infrastructure	Installs essential utilities and site infrastructure.
6	Finishing & Exterior Works	Completes the temple’s interior and exterior aesthetic features.
7	Religious & Spiritual Planning	Plan and co-ordinate all religious and spiritual workflows

Scope of Workstream 1: Design & Engineering

1.1 **Site Survey & Geotechnical Investigation:** *Conduct topographic and soil analysis to determine site constraints and foundation requirements.*

Skills: Geotechnical Engineer, Land Surveyor

1.2 **Architectural Schematics & 3D Rendering:** *Create conceptual designs and visual models to define the temple's form and aesthetic.*

Skills: Architect, 3D Visualizer

1.3 **Structural Engineering & Calculations:** *Perform load analysis and design the structural frame for stability and safety.*

Skills: Structural Engineer

1.4 **MEP Systems Design:** *Plan the layout for all electrical, plumbing, and climate control systems.*

Skills: MEP Engineer

1.5 **Construction Document Preparation:** *Produce detailed drawings and specifications for construction bidding and execution.*

Skills: Architect, CAD Technician

1.6 **Regulatory Consenting:** *Secure all necessary government and regulatory approvals before construction.*

Skills: Resource consent co-ordinator/Advisor, Project Manager

1.7 **Financial Feasibility:** *Confirm project financial feasibility.*

Skills: Financial Modelling & Analysis

Next Steps



Deliverable

The outcome from the Detailed Design phase will be a comprehensive document that forms the basis for the RFP, enables consent, and supports engaging a contractor for the Build Phase.



Governance

Before proceeding, we will implement a gating review to confirm financial viability and reassess our marketing strategy, including bank engagement and funding arrangements for project approval.



Community Engagement

We will prepare a Project definition document outlining these plans and share to invite feedback and ensure transparency.

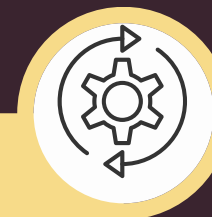
Target Timeline

April 2026



**Complete Detailed
Design**

December 2026



Build Start



**Ground Breaking /
Bhoomi Pooja**



August 2026





*Thank!
You!*



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THANK YOU

Thank you for attending our 7th AGM on Sunday, 23 November, at SVWT. We truly value and appreciate your ongoing support and assistance. Our audited accounts and AGM presentation can be found on our temple website.

Yours in Service,
The Trustees of the SDPS Trust, New Zealand

