

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

# SANATANA DHARMA PARIPALANA SEVA TRUST OF NEW ZEALAND

4th Annual General Meeting  
FY21-22



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Sunday 13th November 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM  
Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Wellington

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# AGENDA

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3: Treasurer Report

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5: Our Temple Building Project

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# SANATANA DHARMA PARIPALANA SEVA TRUST NEW ZEALAND



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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

dharmo rakshati rakshitah

Dharma protects the upholder of dharma





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# CHAIRPERSON REPORT



# Reflection FY21-22

This was our second year of full year of operations. Progress has been steady despite the dampening effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## 1 COMMUNITY

Our congregation is growing, and the communities we serve are expanding significantly.

## 2 DIVERSITY

The involvement of various Community groups continues to be strong as we celebrate the diversity of our Sanatana Dharma.

## 3 SERVICES

We have increased temple services & iHome pooja services, including the high-profile inauguration of the new building for the Indian High commission.





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# FY21-22 PROGRESS

Our performance over this period was steady, and we have seen several new devotee families visiting the temple, observing temple festivals and celebrating our cultural diversity. Our temple volunteers and priests have played a significant role and contributed to our growth.

Festivals / Celebrations	Activities	Services
Srinivasa Kalyanam well attended over 450 devotees at the Petone Hall and contributed over 12k to our temple funds.	Involvement of various Community groups continues to be strong as we celebrate the diversity of our Sanatana Dharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 Mundan (tonsure) Ceremonies</li><li>• Annaprasanams</li><li>• Bhoomi Pooja</li></ul>
Sivalinga prathista - Nov 2021, Sivaratri, Pradosham. Monthly / Puratasi Sri Vari Abhishekam	Education: VSN, LSN, spiritual discourses, Telugu classes conducted, Sundarkand Recitation, Community Bhajans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Vehicle Pooja</li><li>• Akshraabhyasam &amp; Vidhyaarambam</li><li>• Various Shanti Poojas</li><li>• Rudra Abhisekams</li></ul>
Sankaranti, Rama Navami, Krishna Janmastami, Yugadhi, Shankara Jayanti, Ramanuja Jayanti, Navaratri, Diwali, Karwa Chauth Hanumath Jayanthi, Mahalayam	Temple food stall fundraising.  SVWT Asthana Vidwan initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gruhapravesam</li><li>• Namakaranam (Naming the Newborn)</li><li>• Marriages (Hindu Style Wedding)</li><li>• Sri Satyanarayana Vratam</li></ul>





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# THANK YOU

As we step into our fifth year of SDPST establishment, we have come this long with all of your & our community's support.

One of our Objectives:  
*Build a spiritually vibrant society to spread goodness and values of Sanatana Dharma via education related to Hindu dharmas and values*

## VOLUNTEERS

To all our temple volunteer families; Volunteers who helps us with temple cleaning, food stalls, gardening, general maintenance.

All our priests - help us with day-day services, festivals, celebrations and home based pooja services.

## PRIESTS

## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Our community champions, who promote our mission, principles and objectives of Sanatana Dharma.





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# SECRETARY REPORT





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## OPERATIONS & SERVICES

Healthy & in good shape

Our Service Performance statement is attached to the Annual Report which details the activities

### FY 21-22 Highlights:

- Temple gives many families a chance to serve by being a Volunteer or a Priest.
- Temple engages professional cleaners to ensure Health & Safety of all devotees
- We also invested in virtual online technology and streamed most events live on Facebook
- Temple attendance has grown steadily with increased Poojas and Festivals
- Our fundraising events have continued with the support of a large number of volunteers
- Sambhojana Utsav 2021 was celebrated in Aug 2021 with great success



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## OPERATIONS & SERVICES

Looking ahead

One of our Objectives is:  
*Facilitate and conduct the education and learning of spirituality and Hindu holy scriptures, particularly with youth, to inculcate the timeless values of Sanatana Dharma*

Our focus:

- Conduct regular, monthly poojas, bhajans, abhishekams and outreach and extended services
- Continue educational services – VSN classes , LSN Classes, Telugu Patashala
- Re-launch Sri Madhuras cafeteria
- We are finding new opportunities for temple fund raising involving youth & next-generation community leaders
- Increases kids' involvement with temple festivals – like story telling, bhajans, and singing.



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# TREASURER REPORT





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# FINANCIAL POSITION

We are in a good financial position

**\$579K**

Our Equity

**150K**

Our cashbalance grew this year

**\$240K**

In our BNZ Term Deposit

**311**

Namadhenu Namas sponsored;  
We have 689 to go

**\$2K**

Fund raised for India Covid-19  
relief and passed on to Oxfam  
Aotearoa.

**2 YEARS**

Renewed our rental agreement  
with our long-term tenant.





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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Where the money came from?

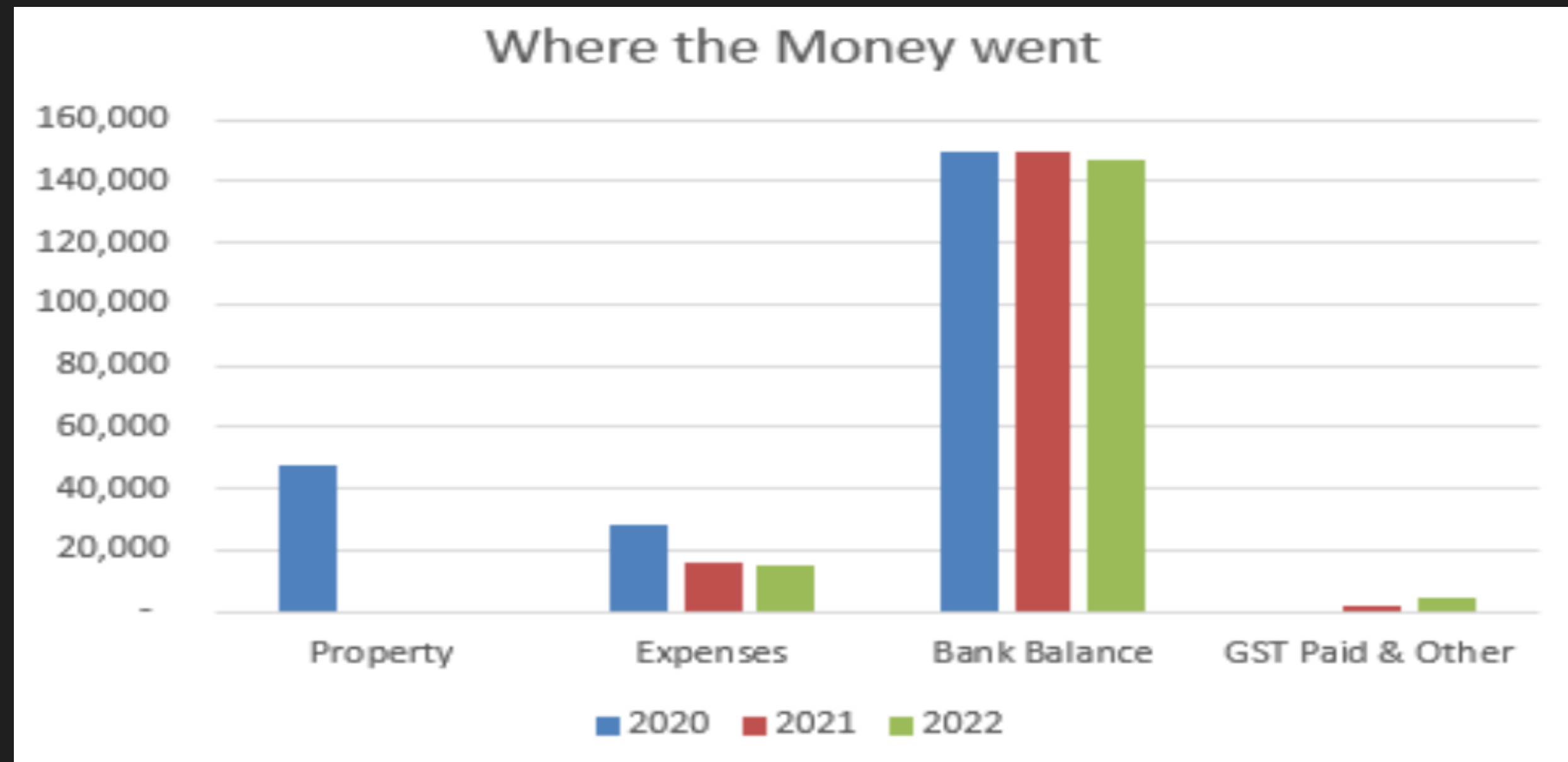




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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Where the money went?

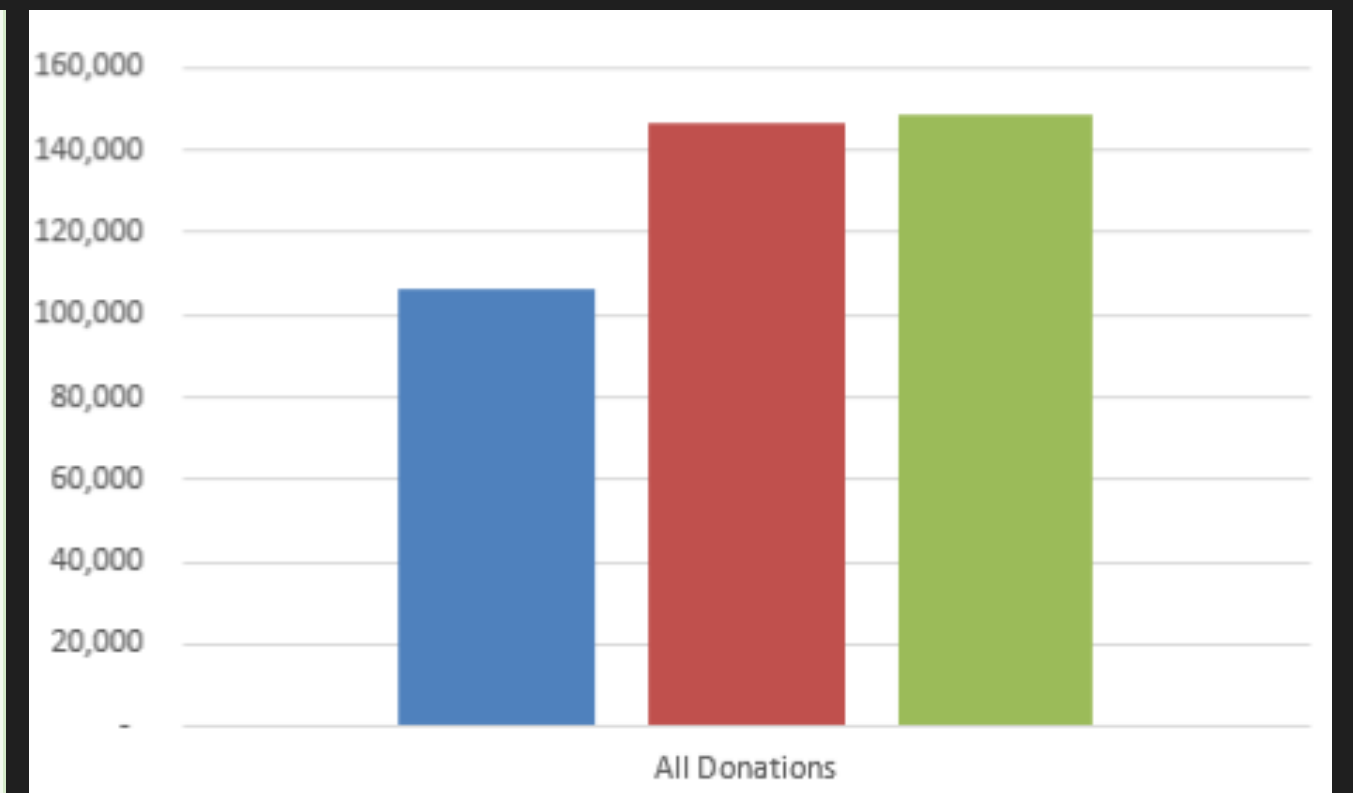
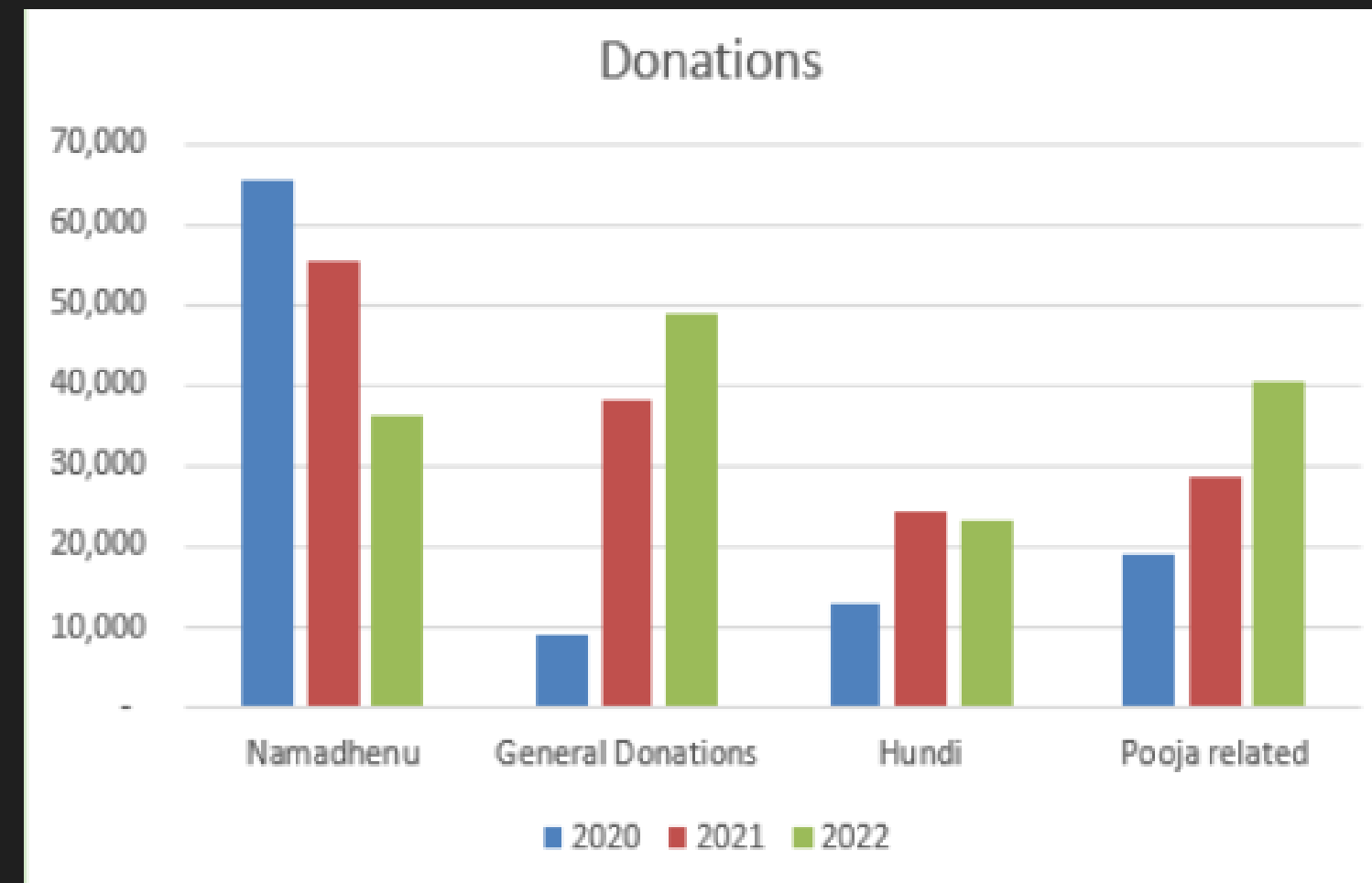




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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Donations

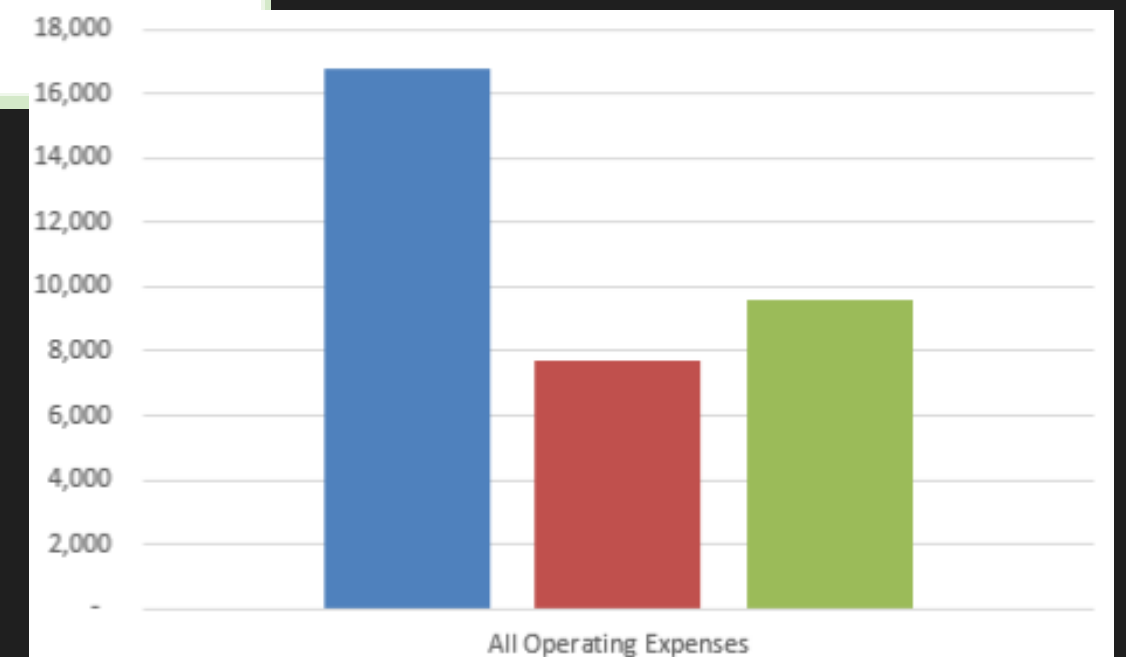
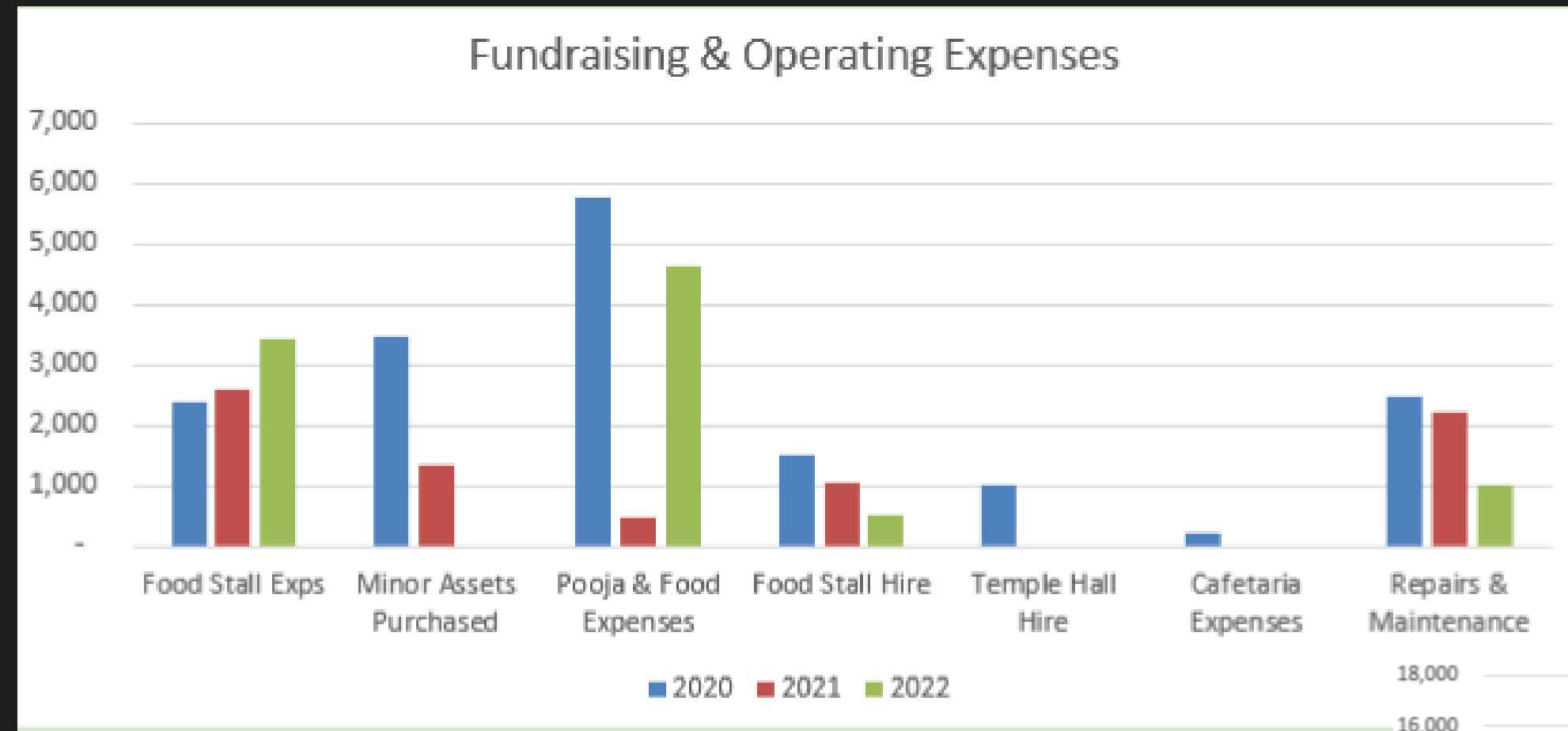




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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Fundraising & Operating Expenses

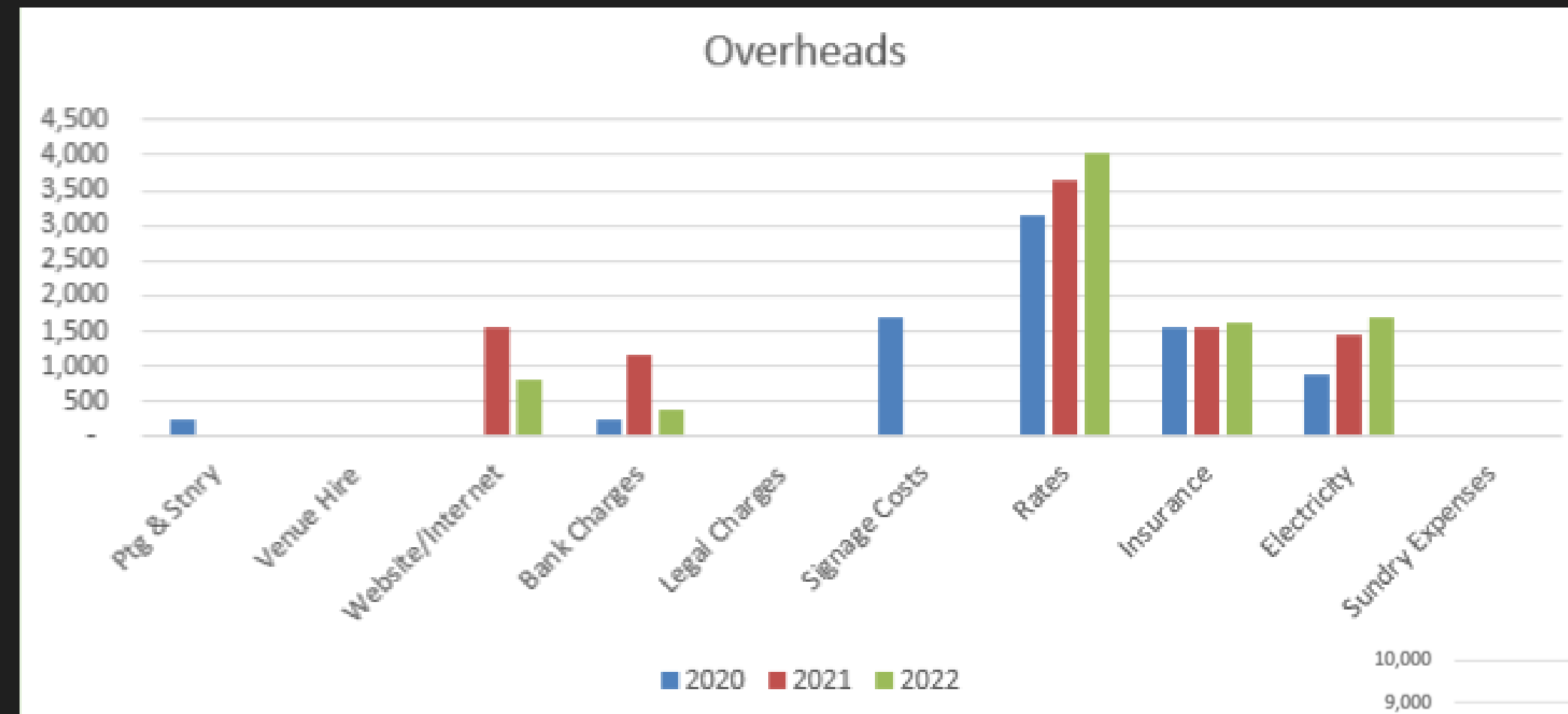




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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Overheads

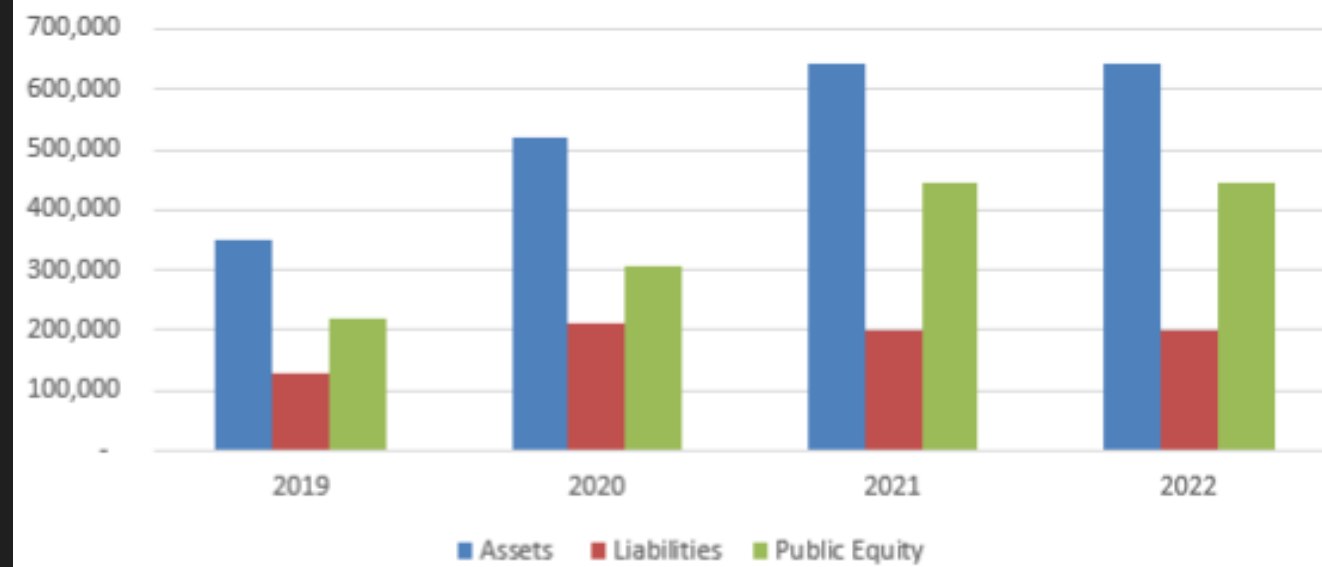




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# 4 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

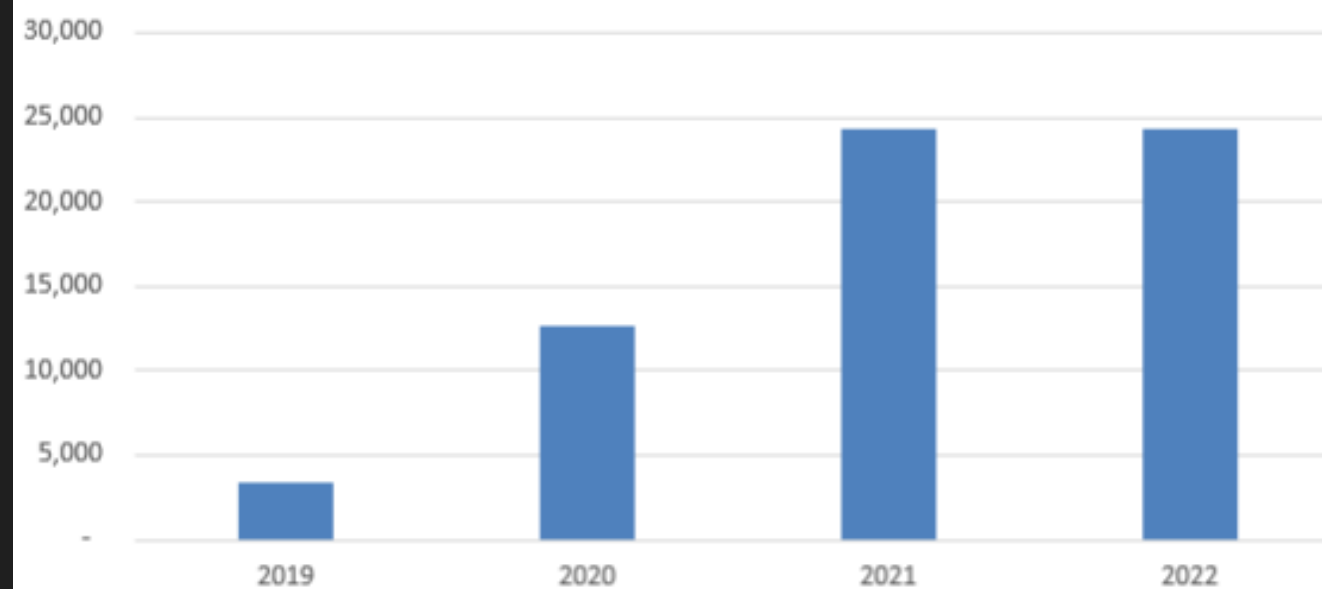
Building our Equity



Increasing Cash Balances



Increasing Hundi Collections





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# FINANCIAL POSITION

Looking ahead

## One of our Objectives is:

*Establish a place for  
worship for a larger Hindu  
community and foster  
multicultural  
understanding by sharing  
and learning various  
practices and differences.*

Where we are now:

- With your continued patronage, we have now established a good track record of financial performance and prudent governance
- We can now embark on our New Temple Build Project from a position of financial strength

# OUR PRIORITIES

One of our objectives is: *Celebrate Hindu festivals throughout the year to promote multicultural harmony and pass on the rich Sanatana Dharma traditions to the younger generation*



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## 01 INCREASE TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Increase temple activities through regular and vishesha poojas

## 02 OUTREACH & SEVA

Initiate outreach programs to extend to other communities, and increase seva opportunities.

## 03 HUB FOR COMMUNITY

Build a hub for the community – be a go-to place, focussing on the rich traditions:

1. Seniors
2. Education
3. Spiritual discourses
4. Wellness
5. Youth





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# YEAR UNDER REVIEW - Q&A

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# OUR TEMPLE BUILDING PROJECT





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# ABODE FOR LORD VENKATESWARA

- Having gone through Covid-19 for the last two years, we are now in a place able to formally start the project for **building the Heavenly abode** for Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple of Wellington
- We have **undertaken initial planning** and developed a set of Principles to guide us through this project. This has been discussed among the trustees and agreed.
- We considered several names for this project and chose '**Mahi Tahi**'. It is a Maori word which means partnership, work together. '**Vishwakarma**' is another name we plan to use downstream when we commence the actual build.
- This is no doubt is a **complex and challenging** undertaking for SDPST. This is **multi-disciplinary** and requires collaborating with several disciplines such as Engineering, Spiritual, Legal, Financial etc.
- We consider this a **multi-generational opportunity** to take time and "**think big**". A key Principle we will adopt is to **co-design with community**.
- Our immediate Next Steps are to undertake **community engagement** for a time-boxed period of **6-months**. This is required to do some of the foundational work before we can confidently answer some key questions of costs and schedule.





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# ABODE FOR LORD VENKATESWARA

- We have identified various **functional areas** that are required to provide vital input for this foundational undertaking.
- We are seeking **expressions of interest** from the **community** for your time, participation and valuable input.
- We plan to follow a structured process in the form of workshops, primarily **face-to-face**. There will also be a facility put in place for **offline input** from wider community, such as email, portal etc.
- The focus of these workshops will be to come up with **innovative ideas** to tackle some of the **key design decisions** that we can then filter down to the best ones. These decisions will form the basis for a **blueprint** which serves as a comprehensive guide to **making better choices** while avoiding **common errors**.
- We have identified some initial functional areas **for your consideration** and solicit your **expression of interest to shape the design** of this functional area. We request that you **please register your name and contact number** for the respective functional area.





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# VISWAKARMA

## Engagement Resource plan

Functional Area	Purpose	
Community Leaders / Champions	Provide input on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the various devotee community worshipping needs, practices, customs</li><li>Various Temple facilities and features from a worship, cultural and social perspective</li><li>Devotee user experience</li></ul>	
Temple Volunteers	Provide input and ideas from a Temple Operations & Support perspective	
Priests	Provide input on spiritual & pooja related matters for the project	





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# VISWAKARMA

## Engagement Resource plan

Functional Area	Purpose	
Engineering/ Trades	Building & construction related input such as trade networks etc	
Advisors	Provide general advice and consultancy	We plan to approach specific resources for their input on a case by case basis



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# VISWAKARMA

## Engagement Resource plan

Functional Area	Purpose	
SMEs	Experts in their field who can provide input on targeted matters, such as Legal, Financial, Architecture, fundraising, campaigns, procurement etc	These will operate on an ad hoc basis. Input will be sought when needed.
Local Authorities	City council by-laws, covenants and other compliance matters	
Other Temples	Peer temples (local and overseas) for input on temple design, build and practices	
SDPST Trustees	Overall strategic direction and Governance and Accountability of the project	Will be provided by SDPST Trustees



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Q&A

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# **SRI SRINIVASA KALYANA MAHOTSAVAM 2022**

**Shri Shirdi SaiBaba's Mandir, Auckland | Sunday 20 November**



# THANK YOU

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