



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney
CLOVER MOORE AO

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Sai Paravastu
President Hindu Council Australia
By email president@hinducouncil.com.au

Dear Sai

Hindu Heritage Month

I refer to your email requesting the City of Sydney support Hindu Heritage Month.

I value the important efforts of the Hindu Council, which works tirelessly to promote Hindu culture and history. Your events, cultural showcases and educational workshops connect people to their community, and create greater awareness about your traditions and beliefs. I commend everyone at the Hindu Council for their vital contribution to the cultural life of Australia.

The City of Sydney is home to a diverse population, including people from more than 200 different nationalities. Almost half of Sydney's population was born overseas and about 30 per cent speak a language other than English. We aim to celebrate, promote and strengthen diverse communities and create a vibrant and inclusive community. It is this diversity that makes Sydney such an exciting place to work, live in and visit.

To acknowledge and celebrate Diwali in October this year, we will host a themed morning tea at our St Helen's Community Centre in Glebe. This will be an opportunity for the community to learn more about Diwali and Hinduism, while sharing food associated with Diwali. We will also include book displays celebrating Diwali in relevant City of Sydney libraries.

For Hindu Heritage Month 2025, I encourage you to promote your Sydney events on our What's On website, which is free of charge. You can create a listing at whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

If you would like to speak to a Council officer about Hindu Heritage Month, you can contact Kirsten Woodward, Executive Manager Social City, on 02 9265 9333 or at kwoodward@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Grants and sponsorships

We support a range of different cultural events and celebrations through our Grants and Sponsorship programs. I encourage you to visit our website and find out what support you may be eligible for. Our latest funding round is currently open for applications.

Our grants cover a range of areas, including community services, creativity and festivals. Our Summer Round is currently open and will close on Tuesday 11 March 2025. You can apply for venues to hold events, street banners to advertise and cash funding. Find out more on our website at city.sydney/GrantsandSponsorships.

If you would like to speak with City staff about the grants and sponsorships we have available, you can contact Cathy Brown, Grants Officer, on 02 9265 9333 or at cabrown@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clover" and the last name "Moore" clearly distinguishable.

Clover Moore AO
Lord Mayor of Sydney