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9th Australian National Hindu Conference Concludes Successfully in Brisbane

The 9th Australian National Hindu Conference, themed “Building Communities, Powering Australia,” concluded successfully in Brisbane on Saturday, 9 May 2026, bringing together Hindu leaders, academics, youth representatives, policymakers, temple representatives, and community organisations from across Australia.

Hosted by the Queensland Chapter of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (VHP Australia) at the VOCO Hotel, Brisbane, the Conference attracted about 200 delegates from various states and territories. The event served as a national platform to discuss how Hindu Australians can continue contributing meaningfully to Australia’s economy, science and technology, healthcare, public administration, politics, and broader Australian society.

This was the second Australian National Hindu Conference held in Brisbane, with the first conference organised in the city in August 2016.

The Conference received strong support and representation from Federal, State, and Local Government leaders. On behalf of the Queensland Government, Hon Fiona Simpson MP, Minister for Women and Women’s Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and Minister for Multiculturalism, delivered a message on behalf of the Premier of Queensland, Hon David Crisafulli MP. The message was read out during the inaugural session.

Senator Paul Scarr, Senator for Queensland, Ms Corrine McMillan MP, Member for Mansfield, and Ms Margaret Nightingale MP, Member for Inala and Mr Peter Russo MP, Member for Toohey, (representing the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Steven Miles MP) attended the inaugural session. Congratulatory messages were received from the Hon Mayors of Brisbane, Ipswich and Logan and were read out during the inaugural session.

Senator Hon Paul Scarr officially released the first copy of the Conference Souvenir.

Special guests included Swami Atmeshananda, President of the Vedanta Centre Australia, along with representatives from Hindu Organisations, temples, associations, cultural organisations, language schools, youth groups, and Hindus originating from various countries and regions across Australia. The Conference reflected the diversity and unity of the Australian Hindu community and truly embodied a national gathering.

The Conference commenced with a welcome address by Shri Subramanian Ramamoorthy, National President of VHP Australia Inc., followed by the keynote address by Dr Mano Krishnamohan, President of the Queensland Chapter of VHP Australia. In her keynote address, Dr Mano Krishnamohan highlighted the significant contributions of Hindu Australians to Australian society. Referring to Australian Bureau of Statistics data from 2021, she noted that Hindu Dharma is the fastest-growing religion in Australia and that Hindu Australians possess high educational qualifications and are strongly represented in professional sectors. Her presentation provided statistical evidence of the community’s growing contribution to Australia’s economic, social, and cultural development.

The Conference also featured a presentation by Smt Akila Ramarathinam, National General Secretary of VHP Australia, titled “Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia in Service of Society.”

Deliberations and panel discussions were conducted under six major themes:

- Partnering with Government to Build Stronger Communities
- Hindu Youth – Future Leadership and Responsibility towards Hindu Society
- Positioning Hindus in Academia and Media

- Encouraging Hindu Participation in Public Institutions: Pathways and Preparation
- Bringing Hindus from Different Countries Together
- Hindu Temples, Language Organisations, Cultural Organisations, and Denominational Organisations Serving Hindu Society

The organisers thanked all delegates, speakers, dignitaries, sponsors, volunteers, and community organisations for contributing to the success of the Conference and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening Australia’s multicultural and socially cohesive society through community service and collaboration.

About VHP Australia:

The Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (VHP Australia) is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organisation serving the Australian Hindu community and wider Australian society for over 30 years under the guiding principle of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” — One Earth, One Family, One Future.

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