



Marathi Katta Australia Pty. Ltd.
Acting as Trustee for
Marathi Katta Australia
ABN: 31 757 005 731



Dear friends,
warm greetings to all 🙏
!! Shri Ganeshaya Namah !!
Lord Ganesha is the deity of wisdom and intellect. 🙏



As in every year, we are delighted to celebrate the 24th year of our Ganesh Festival with great enthusiasm and joy. Although we all live far away from our motherland, it is the love, trust, and harmony among us that makes our Ganeshotsav more vibrant and memorable every year.

This year too, we will continue the same spirit of celebration, and your participation is extremely important. We warmly request everyone to take part in the festival and showcase their talents. Registration is compulsory for all performances and activities.

Next year we will be celebrating our Silver Jubilee Year, and the foundation for that grand celebration will be laid during this year's Ganeshotsav. We look forward to beginning that journey together with the same enthusiasm and dedication.

We sincerely hope that your participation this year will bring great energy, enthusiasm, and joy to our celebration. Therefore, we encourage you to register as soon as possible and kindly request that you send us your RSVP at the earliest.

Now, let's take a look at this year's program schedule:

Venue:

Shri Shiv Mandir

201 Eagleview Road, Minto NSW 2566

Dates:

Monday, 14 September 2026 to Saturday, 26 September 2026

Daily morning and evening pooja and aarti will be conducted throughout the festival. For more information, please contact:

Mrs. Jayashree Deshpande

Mobile: 0425 365 631

In addition, a variety of cultural and community programs have been planned during the festival.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with various activities and arrangements. Your support and participation will truly make this celebration even more successful and memorable.

We deeply value your love and support for the Marathi community, and we are confident that, together, we will continue to strengthen and grow our Marathi Katta for years to come.

2026 Executive Committee

Group Leaders: Mr. Jaywant Gaikwad and Mr. Anand Chaudhary

Treasurers: Mr. Amit Vidwans and Mr. Rajendra Bandi

Important Parking Notice

Please note that parking on the road outside the Shri Shiv Mandir premises is illegal and may result in fines. Marathi Katta Australia will not be responsible for any fines, penalties, or other consequences arising from illegal parking. We kindly request everyone to take note of this.

As the number of devotees attending the Marathi Katta Australia Ganesh Festival continues to grow, and due to the limited parking facilities at the temple, we respectfully request all devotees to carpool wherever possible, especially on the Maha Prasad Day.

Alternatively, you may park your vehicle at Minto Mall and enjoy a short walk of approximately 500 metres to Shri Shiv Mandir.

In addition, on Maha Prasad Day (Saturday, 19 September 2026), Marathi Katta Australia will provide a pick-up and drop-off shuttle service between Minto Station and Shri Shiv Mandir every 30 minutes, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, upon request.

We kindly request everyone to make use of these options and support us in ensuring a smooth and enjoyable festival experience for all.

To avail of the shuttle service, please contact:

Mr. Anand Chaudhary

Mobile: 0432 107 633

Shri Ganeshotsav 2026 – Programme Schedule 🙏

Date/Day	Time	Program	Contact
14th Sept 2026 Monday Shri Ganesh Chaturthi	4pm to 5pm	Shree Ganapati welcoming procession	Jayawant Gaikwad 0478 094 804
	5pm to 7pm	Shree Ganapati pratisthapana & Aarati	Anand Chaudhari 0432 107 633
19th Sept 2026 Saturday	9am to 11.45am	Shree Ganapati & Satyanarayana Pooja and Aarati	Jayashri Deshpande 0425 365 631
	12pm to 2pm	Mahaprasad	Ashwini Vidwans 0438 267 159
			Neeta Ganu 0422 314 464
	2.30pm to 5pm	Bhaktisangeet	Vrunda Mehendale 0413 895 649
	7pm to 8pm	Shree Ganapati Pooja & Aarati	Jayashri Deshpande 0425 365 631
20th Sep 2026 Sunday	10am to 11am	Shree Ganapati Pooja & Aarati	Jayashri Deshpande 0425 365 631
	10.30am to 12.30pm	Drawing competition	Trupti Dewale 0422 862 774
	4.30pm to 6pm	Atharvshirsh Pathan	Rajeev Chandurkar 0422 104 362
	6pm to 7pm	Shree Ganapati Pooja & Aarati	Jayashri Deshpande 0425 365 631
25th Sep 2026 Friday Anant Chaturdashi	4pm to 6pm	Shree Ganapati Visarjan procession	Anand Chaudhari 0432 107 633
26th Sep 2026 Saturday	2.30pm to 6pm	Cultural Program (VGD)	Seema Amarale 0424 682 225
			Nikita Joshi 0469 083 709
		Venue: TBA	Email: vgd@marathikatta.org Entry Fee: \$5 per person

To ensure the smooth and successful organisation of all festival events, we kindly request that you RSVP (confirm your attendance) for all programmes by [Wednesday, 30 Augus2026](#). Please contact any of the committee members listed above at your earliest convenience. Kindly note that Marathi Katta Australia utilises the funds raised during each Ganeshotsav to support charitable and community service initiatives.

Donations can also be made conveniently via online banking using the following bank details:

[Account Name:](#)

[Marathi Katta Australia Pty Ltd ITF Marathi Katta Australia](#)

[BSB: 062-320](#)

[Account Number: 10955620](#)

Please write your first name and last name in the 'Payment Details' or payment reference when making the payment.

Important Information

- Donations are voluntary. Please note that only donations made in the name of Marathi Katta Australia are tax-deductible. Donations received by Marathi Katta Australia are used to support the temple's activities as well as various charitable initiatives. For more information, please visit: www.marathikatta.org
- Please note that your RSVP for the Variety Talent Show (VGD) will be confirmed only after the payment has been made via Net Banking to the Marathi Katta Australia bank account mentioned above. In the Payment Details (payment reference), please include: Your first name and last name, and the number of participants attending the VGD. Example: Anand Chaudhari 3Pvgd
- During the Ganesh Festival at Shri Shiv Mandir, Shri Gajanan Pooja will be performed daily at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM (please refer to the festival program schedule for details).
- If you wish to perform a Shri Ganapati Pooja, advance registration is required. For registration and further information, please contact:
[Mrs. Jayashree Deshpande](#)
[Mobile: 0425 365 631](#)
- For all Ganesh devotees, as every year, Shri Ganapati Atharvashirsha Sahasravartan has been organised on 20th September 2026.
- The decoration done in the temple for Ganeshotsav is always creative and attractive. This year, we are providing an opportunity for everyone to showcase their artistic talents. Interested artists are requested to contact [Mr. Anand Chaudhary on 0432 107 633](#).
- The ever-increasing participation of everyone in Ganeshotsav is truly encouraging. To ensure smooth and well-organised parking arrangements for the vehicles of devotees attending the event, we need helping hands. We especially invite enthusiastic young members to come forward and volunteer. Those who are willing to contribute their time and help with this responsibility are requested to contact [Mr. Anand Chaudhary on 0432 107 633](#).

As every year, participants must bring their own colour pencils, crayons, drawing paper pad, etc. for the drawing competition. Please inform [Mrs. Trupti Devale](#) of your child's full name and age before 30th August 2026 by contacting her on 0422 862 774.

Parents of participating children and the event coordinators are requested to ensure that the performances presented in the Variety Entertainment Program (Vividh Gunadarshan) are suitable and in keeping with the spirit of Ganeshotsav. For more information regarding this program, please contact [Mrs. Seema Amrale – 0424 682 225](#) or [Mrs. Nikita Joshi – 0432 645 575](#). You may also contact us via email at vgd@marathikatta.org.

Please note that the entry fee for the Variety Entertainment Program (Vividh Gunadarshan) is \$5 per participant. The amount collected through this contribution will be used towards the expenses of organising the Variety Entertainment Program.

Food Allergies Disclaimer & Safety Advice

Devotees, please note that the food provided (including Prasad or Bhojan Prasad) during Ganapati festival (14-09-2026 to 26-09-2026) including Cultural programme (VGD) which is on

26-09-2026 may contain or have traces of nuts and nut oils or may have been made alongside other products containing nuts & peanuts. Marathi Katta Australia (MKA) cannot be held responsible for any issues resulting from food allergies. Parents should ensure that children are suitably supervised at all times to avoid the risk of choking & any allergic reactions. This is especially important in very young children.

Notice:

Please strictly note that photography of any kind is strictly prohibited for anyone other than the authorised volunteers/organisers. We kindly request everyone's cooperation in following this instruction.