



ॐ Southern African Hindu Samaj of Victoria ॐ

SAHSOV

Committee Member | Expression of Interest

TOGETHER IN SERVICE, UNITED IN CULTURE

Namaste, Pranam, Jai Shree Krishna, Vanakkam

Sawubona, Mhoro, Muli Bwanji, Moni, Olá, Wa Uhala Po, Dumela, Khotso, Shikamoo

Why we need you

SAHSOV exists so our unique identity as Southern African Hindus doesn't slowly fade into "we used to do that". We carry our Hindu faith and traditions, and we carry Africa in our hearts too. We're building a home for that blended heritage right here in Victoria, so our kids and grandkids grow up proud, grounded, and connected.

But let's be honest. Culture doesn't preserve itself. Events don't organise themselves. Newcomers don't get welcomed by accident. A community like ours is built by people who put their hand up. That's where the committee comes in, and that's why we're inviting you to express your interest.

"We are African not because we are born in Africa, but because Africa is born in us."

What the committee does

Committee members help bring our vision and mission to life. Guided by Dharma and the spirit of Ubuntu, the committee works across our community priorities:

- **Cultural and religious connection** – festivals, satsangs, religious functions, and cultural gatherings that keep our traditions lived and shared.
- **Youth involvement and leadership** – creating opportunities for young people to participate, volunteer, lead, and grow in confidence and identity.
- **Community support and belonging** – social events and family gatherings so no one feels like they're doing life alone.
- **Support for newcomers** – helping new families and individuals settle into Victoria through guidance, connections, and practical support.
- **Seva, service and charity** – charity drives and outreach projects so our values are lived through action, not just spoken about.
- **Business and professional connection** – networking, referrals, and collaboration so members can support each other professionally and personally.



- **Connection to our Southern African roots** – keeping our stories, cultural expression, and intergenerational identity alive.

You don't need to do all of this. Committee members typically take ownership of one or two areas that match their strengths, interests, and available time.

Who we're looking for

You don't need committee experience, a fancy title, or hours of free time. What matters most is:

- A genuine connection to our community and a willingness to serve it.
- Reliability. If you say you'll do something, you do it, or you let the team know early so we can adjust.
- A team mindset. We work together, share the load, and back each other.
- Respect for our values: unity, diversity, Seva, and Ubuntu.
- Ideas and energy. Whether you're a planner, a doer, a connector, or a quiet achiever, there's a place for you.

Youth and elders are both warmly encouraged. Building leadership in our young people is one of our core priorities, and the wisdom of our elders is what keeps us anchored.

We respect what is involved.

We take your time and involvement seriously, and we expect you to take ours seriously too.

- **This is a voluntary, non-paying role.** Committee positions are acts of Seva, selfless service to our community. There is no salary, payment, or financial benefit.
- **It requires a real commitment.** Committee members attend regular meetings (typically monthly, with extra coordination around major events) and follow through on the tasks they take on.
- **Your time will be respected.** We run our meetings with purpose, share work fairly, and won't waste your evenings. We deeply appreciate every hour our volunteers give, and we don't take it for granted.
- **Life happens, and we get it.** If your circumstances change, we ask for honest communication so responsibilities can be handed over smoothly. Stepping back gracefully is always better than disappearing quietly.
- **What you get back:** the satisfaction of building something lasting for our community, leadership experience, deeper connections, and the pride of



knowing your children and grandchildren will inherit a culture that was protected, not lost.

How it works

- **Step 1:** Read this page so you know what we stand for and what's involved.
- **Step 2:** Complete the Expression of Interest form. Tell us a bit about yourself, the areas you'd like to contribute to, and the time you can realistically offer.
- **Step 3:** Let's chat and share our ideas and thoughts.

Submitting an expression of interest is not a binding commitment. It simply opens the conversation.

SAHSOV is about service, culture, and connection.

If you want to help build a lasting home for our community in Victoria, we'd love to hear from you.