

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

Sanatana Dharma Paripalana Seva Trust of New Zealand

3rd Annual General Meeting
FY20-21



Sunday 5th December
Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Wellington

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Agenda

Chairperson Report

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Year Under Review - Q&A

Open Space - Future Direction



Chairperson's Report

Our Accomplishments



Year of Steady Consolidation



Year in Reflection 20-21

FY 20-21 Full Year of Operation

Progress has been steady despite the dampening effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Growing Community

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

Involving Community

The Temple collaborated with the Wellington Nav Yuvak Ramayan Mandali and celebrated five day Ram Navami with Katha and Kirtan with excellent attendance on all days.

Namadhenu

Namadhenu continues to be ever-popular, attracting a new crop of donors. We have an easy instalment scheme to help devotees do Namas over a period of time.

Flagship Event - Srinivasa Kalyanam

Our flagship event Srinivasa Kalyanam attracted a record total of over 525 devotees at the Petone Hall, including a bus-load of devotees from Palmerston North. The event was a grand success and contributed over \$12k to the temple funds.

Celebrating Diversity

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

Cultural Value & Education

Sunderkand Recitation
VSN Learning
Telugu Classes
Bhajans & Keertan by Various Community Groups
Various special discourses.

Monthly Abhishekams

Every first Saturday of Tamil month, we perform Sri Vari Abhishekams; During Puratasi Sanivaram, we perform abhishekams every Saturday morning - these are well attended and sponsored by families.

Temple Poojas & Services

14 Mundan (tonsure) Ceremonies
Annaprasanams
Bhoomi Pooja
New Vehicle Pooja
Akshraabhyasam & Vidhyaarambam
Various Shanti Poojas
Rudra Abhishekams

Shivalinga Pratista

We recently installed a Shivalinga at our Temple, and devotees can come in daily and offer JalaAbhishekam to Shivalinga. This fulfils the yearning of so many devotees to offer something to Bhagavan with their own hands.

Community Poojas & Services

Gruhapravesam (House Blessing Prayer)
Namakaranam (Naming the Newborn)
Marriages (Indian Hindu Style Wedding)
Help with performing last rites
We are guiding various religious functions & festivals.

Temple Festivals

Sankranti
Maha Shivaratri
Rama Navami, Krishna Janmastami
Raghavendra Aradhana
Shankara Jayanti, Ramanuja Jayanti
Navaratri, Diwali, Karwa Chauth
Hanumath Jayanthi

Samuhika Satyanarayan Vratams

Since the start of 2021, we have performed Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam every quarter (Maga Masam, Chaitra Masam, Shravana Masam, Karthika Masam) - which our community families well attend.



Year of Steady Consolidation



Year in Reflection 20-21

*Thank!
You!*

Our Volunteers

Temple is run with the help of 18 Volunteer Priests and about 36 Volunteer Families. Besides these, many more families volunteer in the kitchen, in the garden and the food stalls and fairs & so on.

BIG THANK YOU

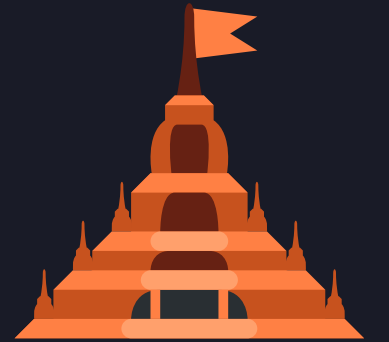
All our Volunteers - families, priests, devotees rendering various services to the temple.
All the sponsors, event coordinators, community champions and supporters
All our trustees & their family members.

Secretary's Report

Temple Activities & Services



Temple Operations & Services



Year in Reflection 20-21 & Looking Ahead

Year Highlights

- We restarted after COVID lockdown on 1st June 2020
- Re-established our volunteer priests and family roster
- We engaged professional cleaners to ensure the Health & Safety of all our devotees and volunteers
- We have invested in virtual online technology & tool; We have live-streamed most of the temple events via Facebook
- We have suspended Cafeteria services due to COVID, but our fundraising events have continued with the support of a large number of volunteers.
- Our service performance statement is attached to the Annual Report, which details the activities.

Looking Ahead

- Conduct regular, monthly poojas, bhajans, abhishekams and outreach and extended services
- Continue educational services – VSN classes, Telugu Patashala etc
- Re-launch Sri Madhuram cafeteria.



Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance & Position



Our Financial Position

We are in a good financial position



2019 - Property acquired on the strength of 168K in Namadhenu



2020 - Powered by another 68K with Namas, we reached an Equity of over 300K



2021 - With continued Namas (\$55k) and all round activity, we have grown our equity to over \$400K



\$240K in BNZ Term Deposits & earned over 2K in interest.



We collected under \$2k for India Covid Relief & passed it on to Oxfam Aotearoa for use in India Covid Relief.

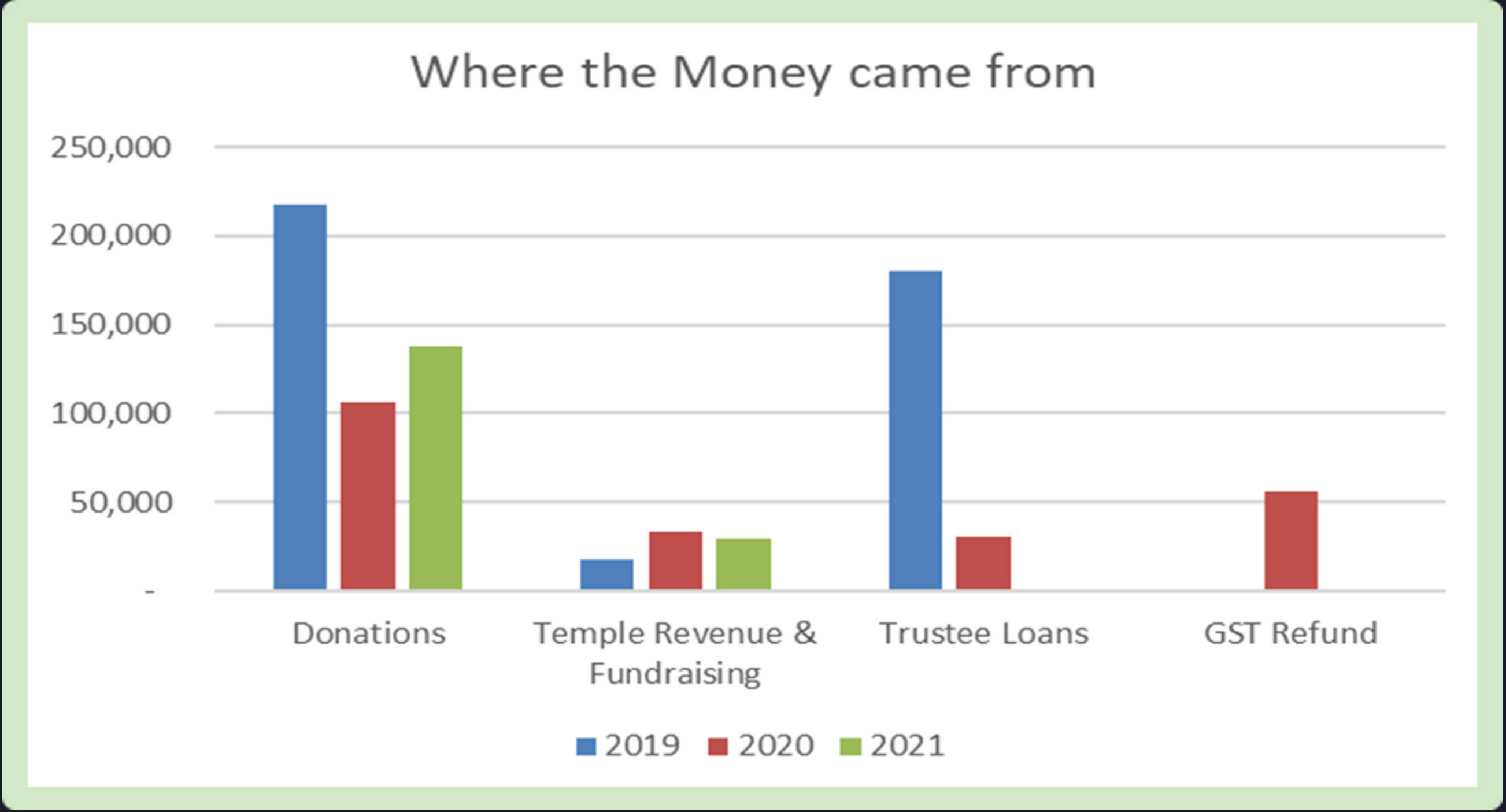


We have renewed the Rental agreement with our long-time tenant for two years with a reasonable increase in rent.

Our plan in the next 2 years is to consolidate financially and consult the community on the future Temple Build.

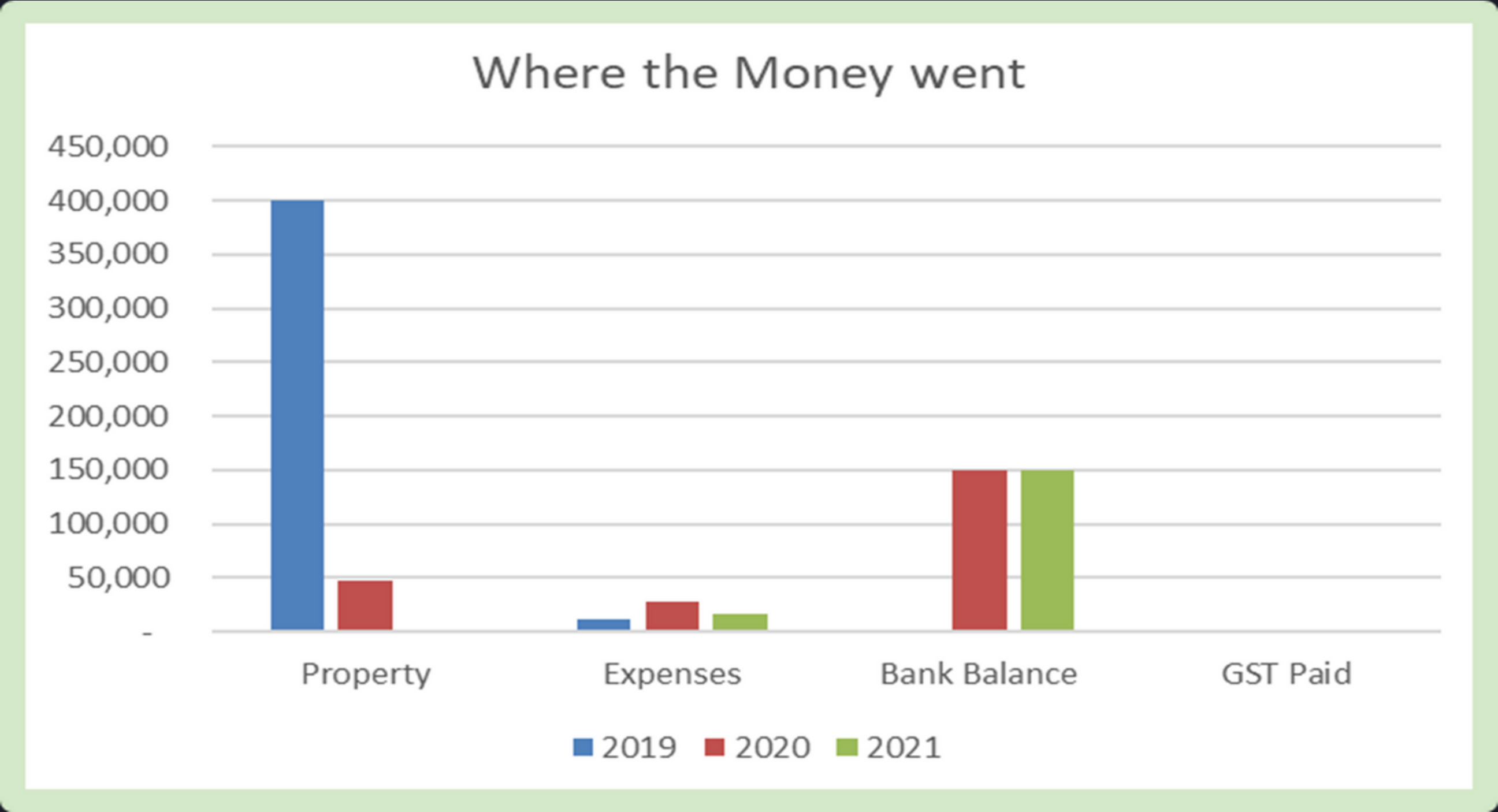
Financial Summary

Where the money came from?



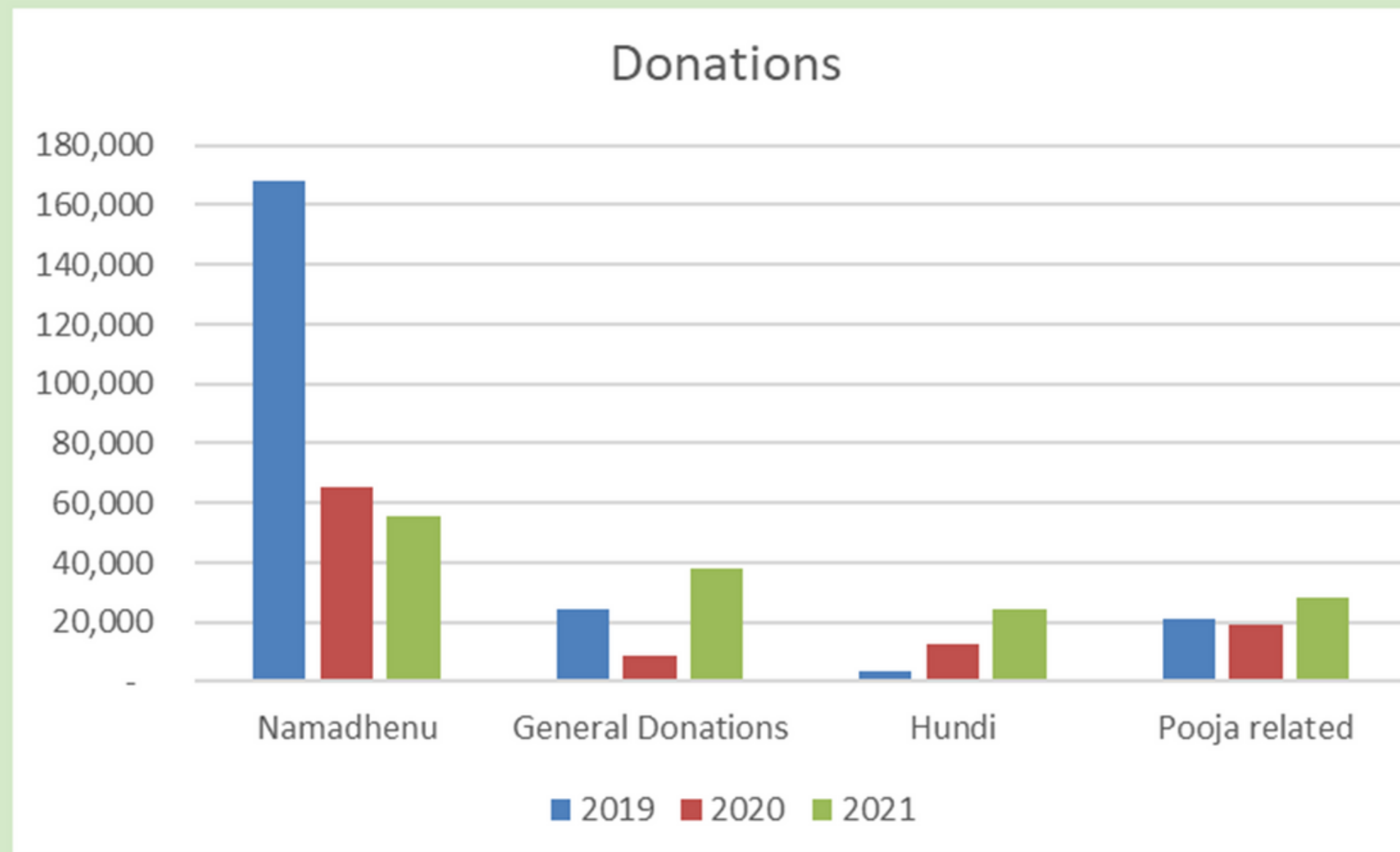
Financial Summary

Where the money went?



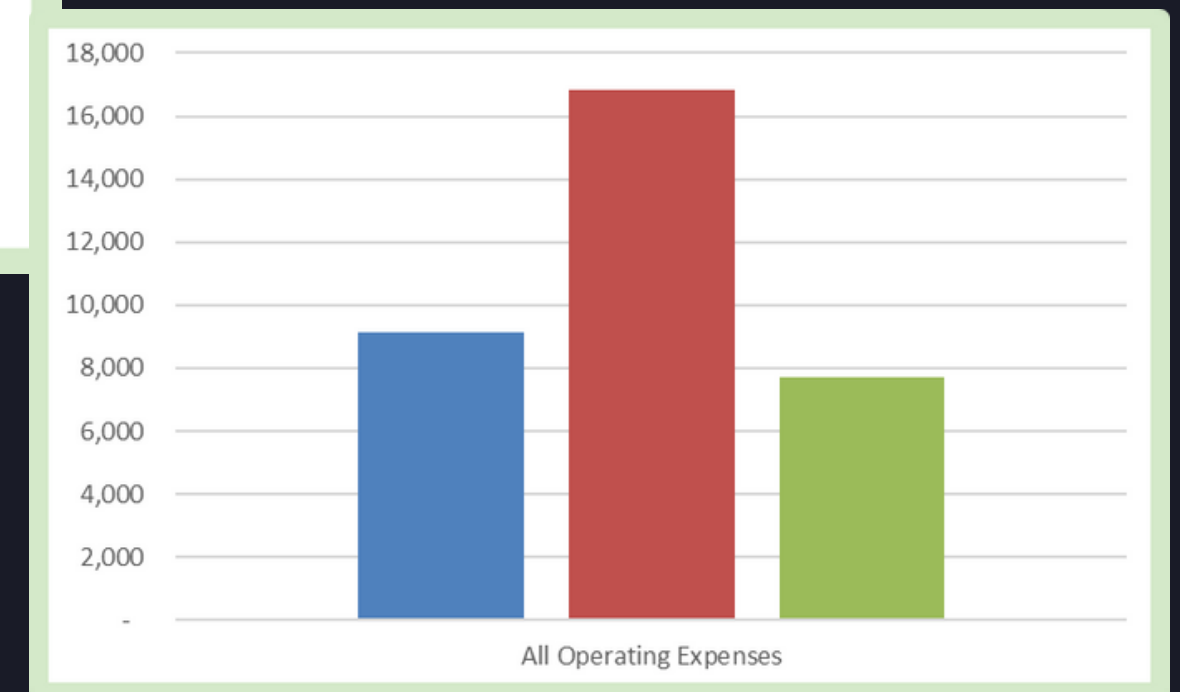
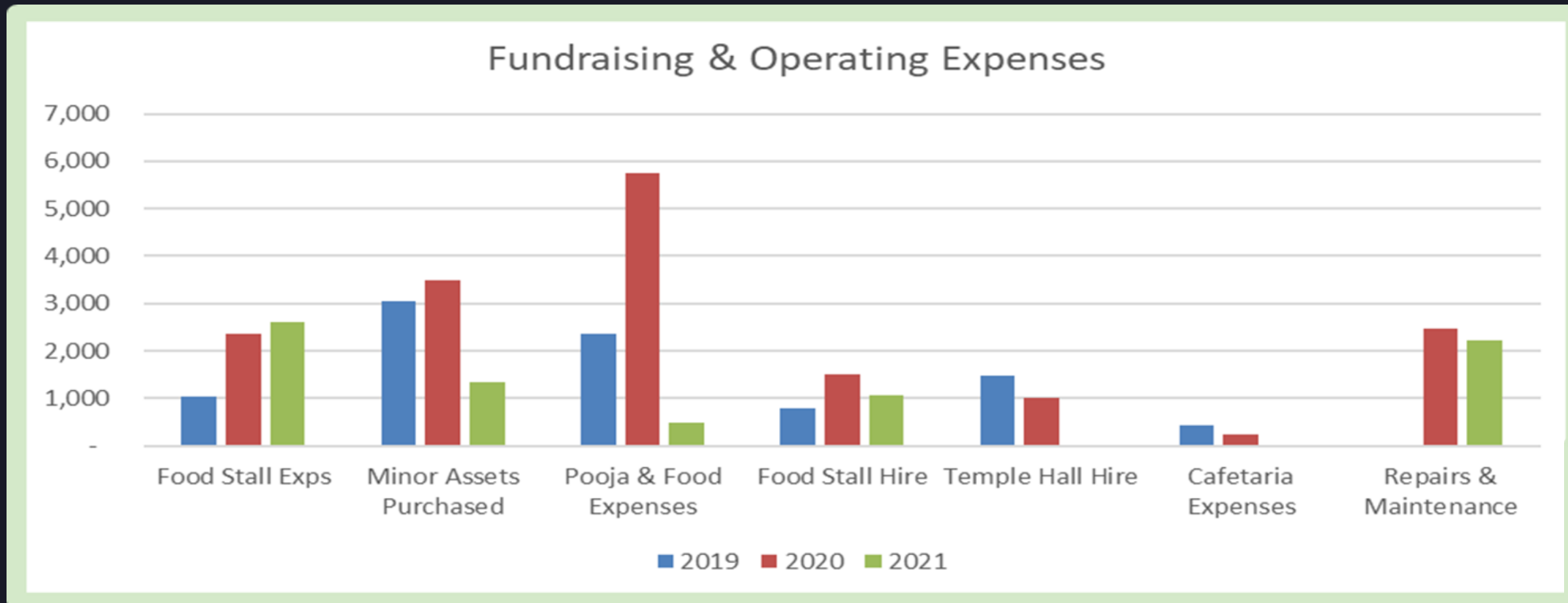
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Donations



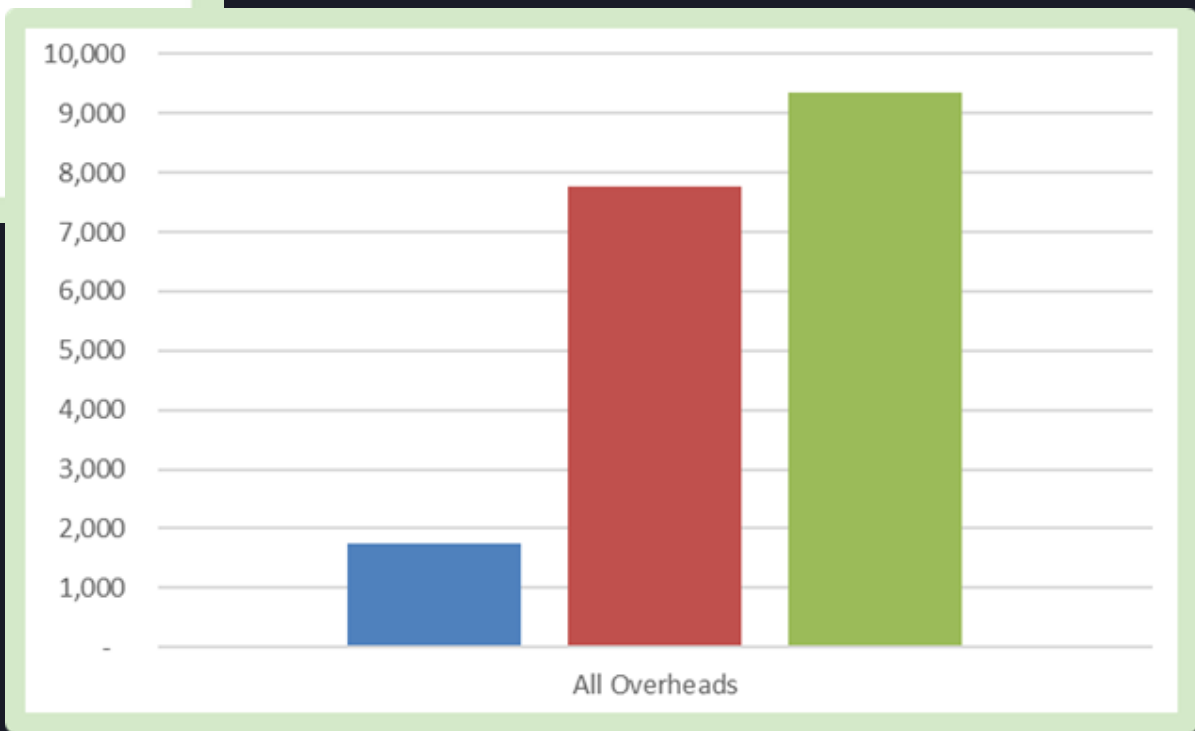
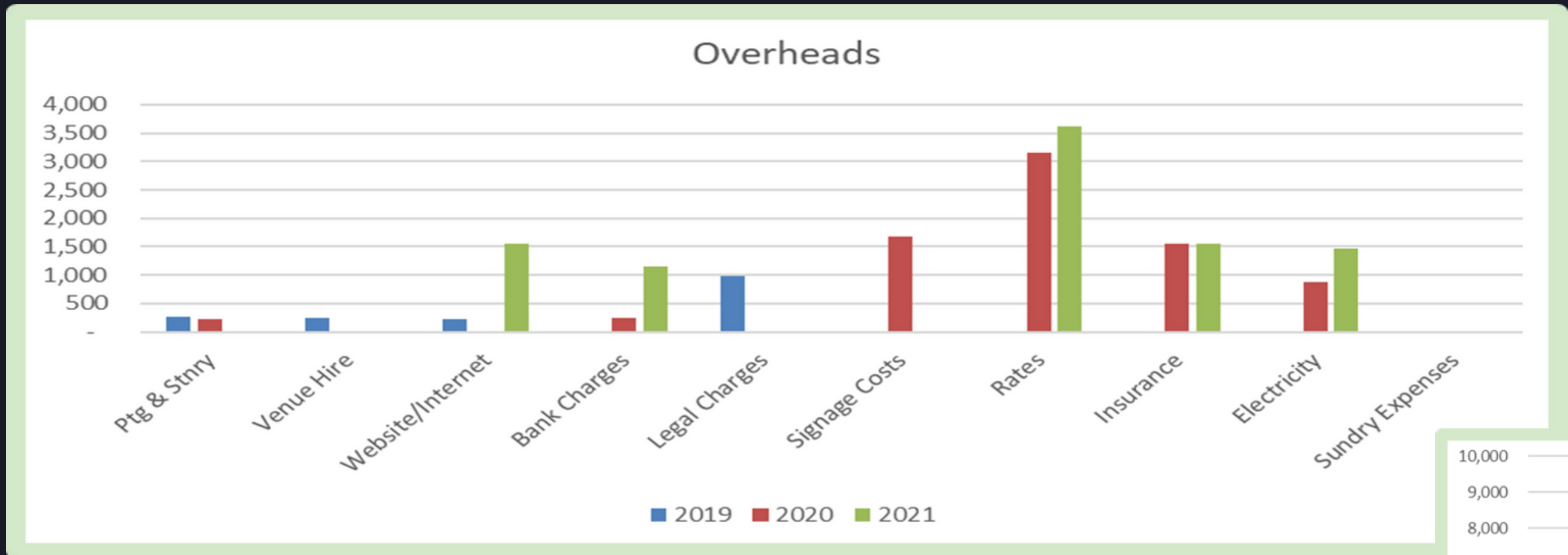
Financial Summary

Fundraising & Operating Expenses



Financial Summary

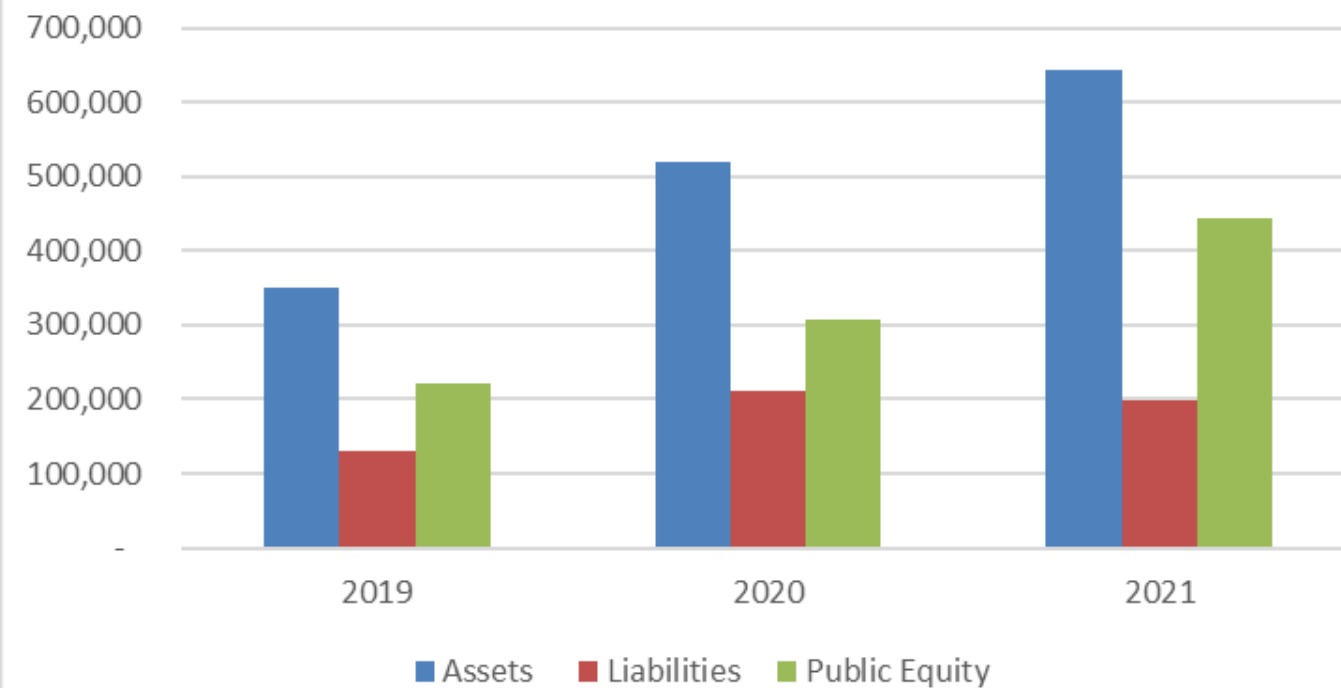
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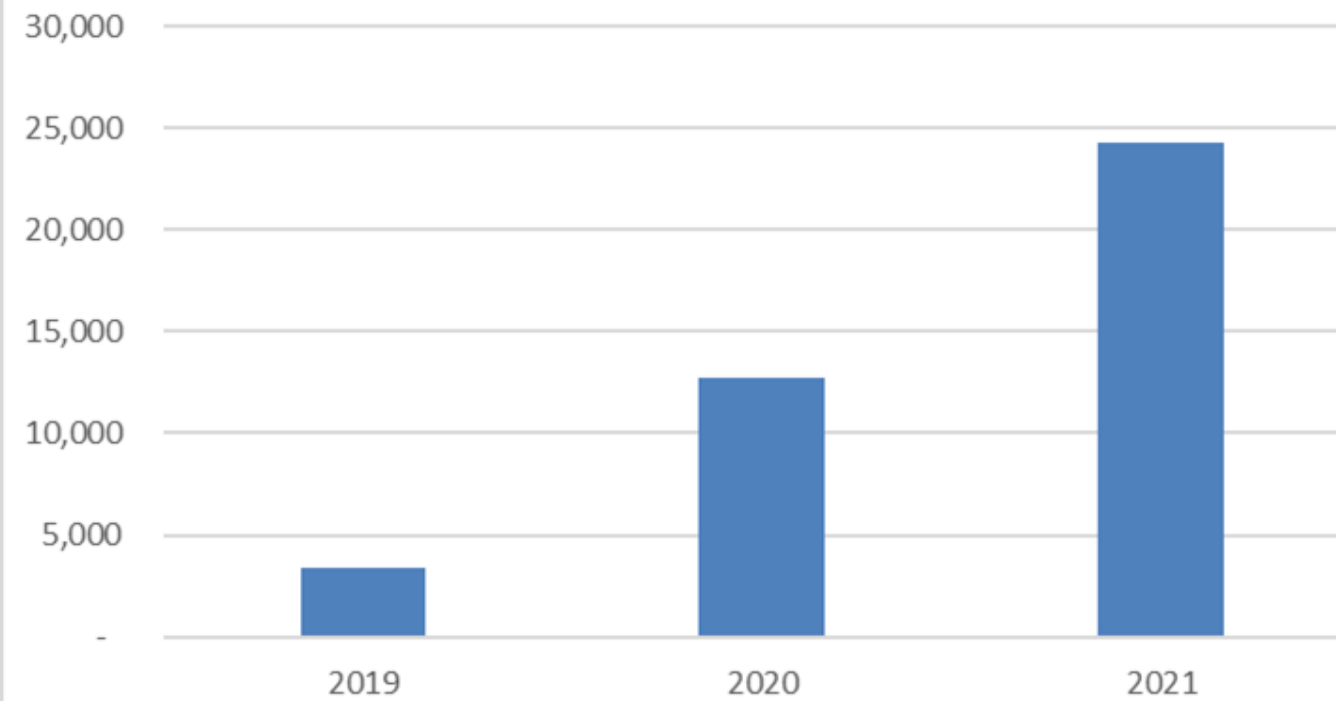
Three Year Highlights



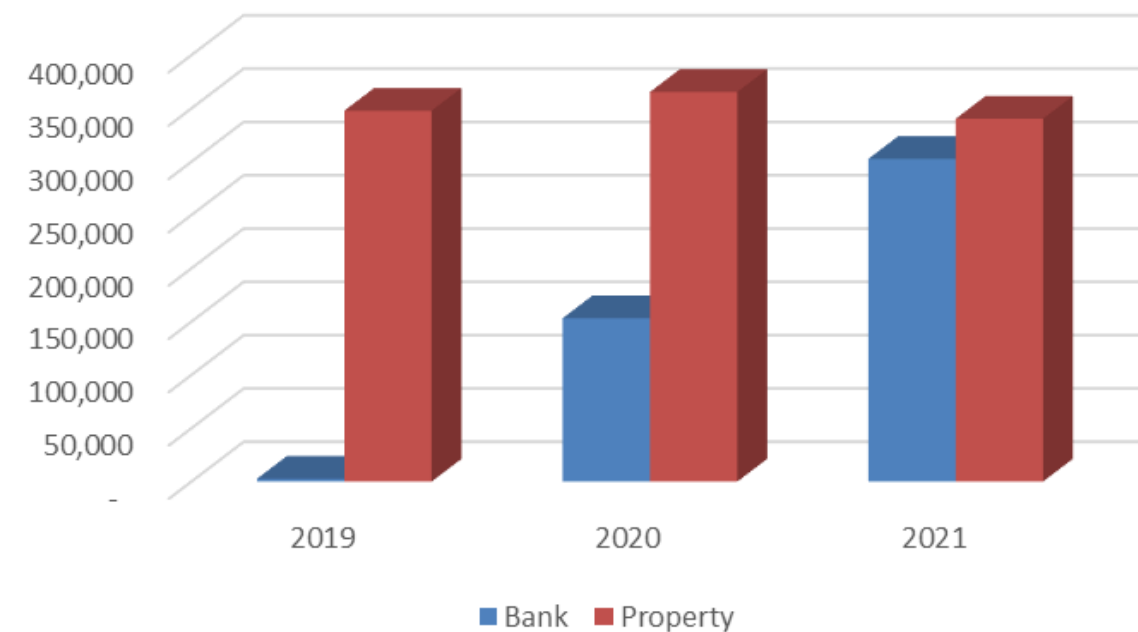
Building our Equity



Increasing Hundi Collections



Increasing Cash Balances



Our Financial Position



Looking Ahead



Re-launching Sri Madhuram cafeteria



Complete outstanding refurbishment work e.g. hot water system



Continue to focus & Increase revenue from temple poojas and services

Working Together

We are building our Equity. We will seek community engagement to decide on our requirements for the Big Temple . We will plan and network for sourcing our requirements . Currently there is a Covid induced supply driven cost escalation. We will wait to get better value for our capital outlay.

Please continue your patronage of the Temple and keep doing more and more Namass as your funds permit.

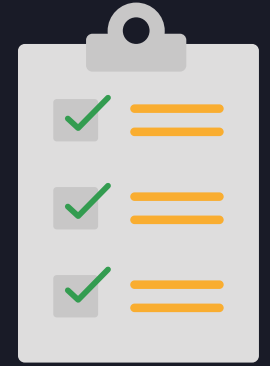
FY20-21 Year Review

Interactive Q&A



2021 & Beyond

Going & Growing Forward



Our Strategy



Promote Sanatana Dharma & our cultural values



SVWT as a hub for community events & activities (bhajans, worships, discourses, festivals & events)

Our Priorities

Working Together

- Increase temple activities through regular and vishesha poojas
- Commence work on requirements for our long term temple build
- Conduct outreach and sevas
- Build a hub for the community – be a go-to place, focussing on the rich traditions
 - Seniors
 - Education
 - Spiritual discourses
 - Wellness
 - Youth

Open Space

Future Direction



Open Space



Focus Areas for Temple Development - Open Discussion



Maintaining a Presence in Wainui – connecting with the community



Community leadership activities (e.g. Spring Cleaning)



Wellness sessions – community volunteers who can coach or share insights



Community Hub - Knowledge Sharing

Working Together

1. What we can do better?
2. What new you would like to see in your temple?
3. Any design Ideas?
4. How can you help your temple - we value your volunteer services



*Thank!
You!*