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The truth is one the wise
describe it variously

Registration for “ Gaya Shraddha” in Sydney

Day/time: **Mahalaya Amavasya Day on Sunday 21 September 2025 – 11.15am**

Conducted by: **Pandit Rama Ramanujacharya (Pt. Rami) & Others**

Venue: **44 Clifton Road, Riverstone NSW 2765**

Registration cost : **\$50.00 per person** (we will provide all materials required) and **additional Customary donation for charity will be requested.**

Registration by: **SMS: 0415 291 723** or by email : info@hdpa.org.au

Details and significance of Gaya Shraddha rites

What is Gaya Śhrāddha? Gaya Śhrāddha is the most sacred ancestral rite performed at *Viṣṇupāda* in Gaya, sanctified by Lord Viṣṇu's divine footprint. Scriptures declare that *śhrāddha* performed there grants not only peace to one's own ancestors (*pitrus*) but universal liberation to all wandering souls (*pretas* or hungry ghosts). There is a provision to invoke Gaya to wherever we are in the world. **So here in Australia we invoke the presence of Gaya and Lord Vishnu in the form of Gadādhara and make offerings for the welfare of all Souls.**

Why is it Important? The *pretas* (earth-bound souls) suffer hunger, thirst, and restlessness after death if rituals are not performed. In the Gaya śhrāddha we invoke the grace of Lord Viṣṇu by means of which these souls are satisfied and uplifted from their suffering. Unlike ordinary *śhrāddha*, the merit of Gaya Śhrāddha extends universally — to forgotten ancestors, wandering spirits, and even souls of all beings.

Benefits of Participating

- **Universal Compassion:** You contribute to the liberation of countless restless beings.
- **Ancestral Peace:** Your own departed ancestors are eternally satisfied.
- **Karmic Blessings:** Performing or supporting this rite is said to absolve obstacles, bring prosperity, harmony in family life, and spiritual progress.

The Ritual at a Glance

- **Offerings (Piṇḍa-dāna):** 16 Rice-balls with sesame and ghee, will be offered
- **Mantras & Tarpana:** Sacred libations to quench the thirst of souls.
- **Universal Intention:** Prayers not just for one's lineage, but for all will be recited.

A Universal Act of Love

Gaya Śhrāddha is more than a family ritual. It is an act of **cosmic charity** — feeding the hungry ghosts of existence and releasing them into the light of Visnu's grace.