



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions from the Host Group Meeting*

*2 July 2014*

Listed below are the main decisions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions. In line with our church policy, these decisions are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and, if you have any concerns about any of them, to seek more information or ask for them to be reconsidered. Where possible, we will not implement the decisions for at least seven days, in order to allow time for people to respond. Questions or concerns can be raised with any member of the Host Group, or by emailing all of them at once at [hosts@laughingbird.net](mailto:hosts@laughingbird.net)

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Eliz Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Alison Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, and Shelley Taylor.

Ian Cook, and Steven Wong sent their apologies.

### **Summary of the Decisions**

1. Alison reported that she and Nathan had met with the BUV consultants about our review of the **congregation's mission**. They are going to write up a report based on the information we have provided them from our conversations.
2. The **camp** committee has done the groundwork for the camp and all is underway. Shelley is taking the registrations.
3. Nathan reported that both he and Alison will be on **leave** during the week that commences next Sunday, 6 July. Nathan will still be at church on the Sunday's and his leave will be time in lieu. He will remain on call for any pastoral crises.
4. We discussed **the church's website**, noting that it has been identified by many people during the mission review as an important aspect of our church's mission. Nathan reported that Sina has offered to redesign and rebuild our website for us. We agreed that this was a wonderful offer and we decided to accept it. In finalising that with Sina, we want to check what it will mean for other people doing regular updates of the material on the site. We also agreed that at the same time, we should separate the church and resources sites into two separate domains.
5. Nathan proposed that while our **funeral rites** are fresh in the congregation's memory, it might be good to hold a Sunday afternoon workshop to allow people to learn more about what we do and why, and to consider how to make and communicate their own choices for their own funerals. It was noted that there is often difficulty after a death sorting out who is responsible for how the rites are to be done - the family or the congregation. Communicating preferences beforehand can help ensure a smoother handling of the arrangements. We agreed to go ahead and offer such a workshop, perhaps in late August, and to prepare some paperwork to help people make decisions about their own funeral preferences and communicate them to those who need to know.
6. **Next Meeting:** 7:30 pm, Wednesday 6 August, at Nathan's house