



South Yarra Community Baptist Church
Decisions and Questions from the Host
Group Meeting
20 April 2016

Listed below are the main decisions and questions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions and questions. In line with our church policy, these are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and ponder the questions 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@southyarrabaptist.church

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

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. Some responses to **Alison's letter to the congregation** regarding her call to plant a church in Warrnambool suggest that it may have been better to provide more time and space for people to express their emotions at the time. The host group will consider ways we could help the congregation to process big announcements, and would value any ideas that people have about how to do this well in future.
2. The details of **Alison's employment** through South Yarra as she begins the church plant in Warrnambool are being drafted in consultation with the BUV. Alison will move to Warrnambool in early July. She will remain employed but not paid by South Yarra for up to two years. We are applying for a BUV church planting grant for 0.2EFT, and will seek contributions to cover the rest of her time. This arrangement will begin once she has moved. South Yarra will also provide ongoing administrative and liturgical support as set out in the attached document 'Expectations v2'.
3. The **hole in the ceiling** of the supper room was caused by a leak through the central guttering on the roof. The whole length of gutter will be replaced as it is rusting in several spots, and once this is completed, the hole in the plasterboard will be repaired.
4. Samara will provide an update to the congregation on the **Sanctuary** movement for the 267 asylum seekers at risk of being returned to offshore detention.
5. We are looking at numbers and plans for the **church camp**. Thanks to Cameron and Paul Gahan who have offered to help. Sylvia will contact the congregation as soon as possible to see if we have enough people to go ahead with the booking.

6. We are seeking **feedback on the church covenant** before we readopt it at our covenanting service on June 19. Please let Nathan know of any suggestions.

Next meeting: 4 May at 7.30pm at Nathan's house