



*South Yarra Community Baptist Church*  
***Decisions and Questions from the Host***  
***Group Meeting***  
*8 July 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](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

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

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions**

1. A big thank you to all who attended and helped out at the **Anniversary Service**. It ran smoothly, we renewed our covenant, the food was wonderful (the chocolate cake was described as 'heaven on a plate' – thanks Yvonne!), we shared with old friends, and six unexpected guests, and farewelled the Sampson-Holdway family.
2. Nathan has begun negotiations with the mortgagees of the **neighbouring property** at the rear of our carpark regarding access and payments. They have made an initial payment of \$15,545 into our account which covers some of the debt, a bond to cover further works on the carpark and the first month's rental so that they can begin works prior to selling the property. The discussions have been proceeding in good faith.
3. **Church camp** is coming up July 29-31. Please see Shelley to fill in a form if you want to come. Paul Gahan is planning to launch his new book at camp!
4. The **discernment workshop** will be held on July 17 at 2pm at the church. We will not seek to conclude the baptism discussion on this date, but this will be revisited in light of our learnings about discernment.
5. Alison will begin her Warrnambool role at the start of August. A new **Warrnambool bank account** has been set up to receive contributions towards her wages from that date. Nathan will send the account details to the congregation for anyone who wishes to contribute.
6. The Stott family are looking at next steps for the **Indigenous garden planting**.

7. The **large oven** in the kitchen has a broken part which can't be replaced. Ian is seeking a replacement oven on Gumtree.
  
8. At this stage, we are not seeking someone to replace Anne Spence as a **Visiting Pastoral Overseer** (VPO). We have two valued VPOs in Roslyn Wright and Chris Barndon, and we initially instituted three VPOs when there was no functional lay leadership group amongst us. If we see a need for a particular type of input or eldership in the future, we will seek someone on those grounds.

Next meeting: Wednesday 3 August, 7.30pm at Nathan's house