



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

7 June 2017

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, Ian Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The **host covenant** has been reviewed and revised, and is ready for affirmation at the church anniversary.
2. The new Child Safe standards have now been incorporated into our **Safe Church policy**. We will host a modified **Open Space gathering on August 20** to discuss the questions of how we create and uphold a strong culture of care and respect that reflects our deepest desires for the flourishing of God's people in this place.
3. The **data projectors** are in the process of being fixed due to a number of issues. Some components were not under warranty (\$600) and we also purchased a second hand Apple TV unit to enable the iPad to connect wirelessly (\$110).
4. Thank you for everyone's ideas and offers towards our **suppers** – it is clearly a much valued and appreciated activity for us all! While not every idea or preference could be taken on, the hosts have tried to respond to the key messages we were hearing. When the next roster period begins on 7 August, we will have more people rostered on each week so that the workload is spread out more manageably. We will also commission someone to purchase cheese, crackers and dips to the value of \$50 weekly using church funds so that the tithing congregation is contributing to the costs even if they are not able to be on the roster. **Sylvia** will send information about the new arrangement and invite you to contribute as you are able.
5. The **Church anniversary dinner** will take place on 18 June. Please let Nathan know of your attendance and any dietary issues, and contact **Sylvia** about assistance you can offer with tasks on the day.
6. An early reminder that the **ecumenical Transfiguration Service** will take place on **August 6** at St Joseph's, in place of our usual service. Roslyn Wright will be preaching as our representative, and it would be good to have a strong presence from the congregation there as well.
7. We discussed our **welcome to Rainbow families** and congregational feedback on this question. It seems like we are on the right track with our current practices, and we encourage people to

identify us as an LGBTIQ friendly church where relevant. We will keep being aware of this question.

8. While **Nathan is away** (3 July to 16 August), his usual tasks will be covered by the host group and various other congregation members. Any questions, ask a host!
9. We have identified the need for a new **space to pray for and with people** after the service. Nathan is working on a way for people to indicate during our stational 'prayers of the people' time that they would like prayer, so that pray-ers can be available after the service in the chapel to pray with those who request it.
10. There are a couple of **jobs looking for people**: 1) keep the noticeboards and brochure table tidy and up to date and 2) collecting flowers, leaves, gumnuts etc for our creation station each week. Please let **Shelley** (noticeboards) or **Samara** (creation station) know if you can take either one on.

Next meeting: July 5th, 7:30pm, place to be confirmed