



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

9 August 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, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. An **Open Space gathering** is coming up on **August 20, 1pm to 4pm** to discuss how we can live out the aspirations of our **Safe Church policy** in the day-to-day life of the church. Some areas for discussion might be:
 - What does “respecting confidentiality” actually look like in practice?
 - When does identifying a particular group as in need of special care actually feel like an unfair highlighting of their difference?
 - When is it appropriate to intervene to address the behaviour of someone else’s child?
 - What’s the difference between an appropriate natural friendship with a child, and the favouritism that is part of “grooming”?
 - How do we support those among us who have suffered traumatic experiences?
 - How do we create a safe culture in our church’s use of social media?

Come, bring your own questions and experiences to contribute to a deepening culture of care at South Yarra.

2. The **new supper roster** has been distributed – thanks to all who have joined up to share in the work of our common meal.
3. **Sanctuary Warrnambool** have their one year anniversary service on Sunday 27 August at 4pm. If you are planning to attend the service, please let the host group know...we might send a little something along with you!
4. Thanks to Daniel for organising the **indigenous planting day** – we got a good number of plants in the ground and look forward to seeing them grow over the coming months.
5. Thanks to everyone who contributed to and attended **church camp** – another enjoyable weekend – the kite flying was a particular hit! If you have not yet done so, please forward payment to Shelley as soon as possible. This year a significant financial subsidy came from our common church funds, so we will discuss ways ahead for camp at the AGM in September.
6. Great appreciation to Liesl, John Fowler, Danielle and Roslyn who have contributed **sermons and stories** over the past weeks, including the ecumenical service at St Joseph’s for the Feast of the Transfiguration. We have been blessed by what you have shared with us.

Next meeting: September 6th, 7:30pm