



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions and Questions from the Host*

### *Group Meeting*

*8 November 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](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

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

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

1. The second **data projector** came back from being repaired for the second time but had yet another new fault. In light of the ongoing problems, we have proposed to the repair company that we just keep the loan projector as a permanent replacement for the one they haven't been able to fix properly. We're awaiting their reply.
2. Repair on the **faulty oven** is still underway. We are seeking advice on **refurbishing the kitchen** to update it and make it more appropriate for the use of the congregation and hall hirers. For this reason we will delay replacing the fridge until we know how an alternative kitchen arrangement might affect our choice. We are also seeking an electrician's advice on the **recurring problem with circuit breakers and our lights**.
3. Our **church and laughingbird email** is in the process of being moved to a Gmail platform to address the issue of messages not getting through to some members. Gmail is free for non-profits.
4. The **church camp date** for 2018 will be booked for **August 24 – 26**, based on feedback that this weekend is better than July 27-29 for a few people. If you strongly prefer the July date, please let Sylvia know immediately as we need to book within the next week.
5. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the **For Crying Out Loud service** to support LGBT+ people during the marriage equality campaign. We have had feedback that it was much appreciated by those who visited, and had a significant impact even on people just knowing that it was happening.
6. The **Advent Retreat Day** will be held from 10am to 3:30pm on Sunday 3 December in the Himbury Centre at Whitley College. Peter Bentley will be our facilitator.
7. The **final Advent service is on Christmas Eve Dec 24** this year. The (shorter than usual) Advent service will begin at 5pm, followed by a shared meal, and then the Vigil for the Feast of Nativity will begin at 9pm, followed by celebratory food and drink.

**Next meeting:** December 6th, 7:30pm