



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

4 July 2018

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 Nathan Nettleton, Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The meeting for feedback on the draft plan for the **kitchen renovation** indicated that there is general support for the renovation going ahead, and for the basic plan of the kitchen. There is still a range of opinions on some of the details of materials and design. Ian will distribute information and questions about some of the options that require decision for feedback in order to progress the design.
2. We did not receive offers of help to document local services supporting people affected by **family violence**, to assist with advocacy on this issue by A Just Cause, and we also did not approach our ecumenical partners in time. The deadline has now passed.
3. We had our **church anniversary service** - a celebratory event with abundant food! Thanks to Merryl, Samara and Yvonne who assisted with the meal, and others who pitched in for organisation, set up, clean up and contribution to costs.
4. Nathan is still working on some draft proposals for **changes to our membership structures**. These will soon be shared for feedback.
5. **Church camp** is approaching 24 – 26 August. Invitations and forms will be distributed in the coming weeks – please consider if you can come and let us know! Do not let financial concerns be a barrier – it's an event we value even if we do not cover costs, and it's better to have people attend and contribute what they can, than stay away and miss out. You are welcome to invite friends, and to only come for part of the time. There will be no scheduled program other than what the participants organise, so be thinking about whether there is an activity you would like to run – it could be a walk along the beach, a board game, some singing, some art, a discussion...the space is open!

Next meeting: 1st August 2018, 7:30pm