



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

1 July 2021

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 via Zoom were Ian Cook, Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Samara Pitt, Dennis Fisher, Liesl Filippi and Nathan Nettleton.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. We still have some work to do on **the manse** before we can resume tenancies.
2. Our **Covid safe plan** is still in place, no further revision needed at this stage.
3. **Nathan** has 2 weeks of **conference leave** in July to attend the Baptist World Alliance Congress, and Societas Liturgica, both online, and is currently on leave (despite this meeting!)
4. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the **church review survey**, we will revisit the full survey results next month.
5. Host group members have started to book for **Safe Church training workshops**, these will be paid for by the church as the training is compulsory for all in leadership.
6. Thanks to all who attended the listening circle about the **proposal for the future life of the church**. We recognise that the question for this circle wasn't very clearly worded, meaning that the discussion focussed on the change of worship service format rather than the new community elements that formed most of the document. However the proposal has now been voted on and unanimously approved - we are very grateful for the care that has prevailed throughout this discernment process.
7. We will have an **Open Space event** online towards the end of July to **explore ways forward into the new expression of our congregational life**. Further details and potential dates to be circulated soon.
8. **Church camp** is planned to take place in Anglesea on August 27-29. We are still investigating how Araluen Lutheran camp interprets the current Covid-safe restrictions, particularly in relation to mask-wearing and eating communally. We will then decide how to proceed, always knowing that plans may need to change if restrictions change.
9. Host meetings will continue to be held over Zoom but have shifted to Thursday nights at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, please let Nathan know if you wish to do so. The hosts may also invite a congregation member to attend a meeting if we feel they have insights into a particular issue on the agenda.

Dates for your diary:

End of July, date tbc

Friday August 6

August 27-29

Open Space on ways forward for congregational life

Ecumenical service at St Joseph's, details tbc

Church camp in Anglesea

Next meeting: Thursday 5 August 2021, 7pm, on Zoom