



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting*

### *7 October 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](mailto: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. Thanks to those who participated in our **AGM and discussion of climate change** and how it is affecting us. We encourage people to continue the discussion on Discord, or over email, and perhaps consider how to take some actions together over Advent or Lent.
2. We are holding off on further revisions to our **Covid-safe plan** until lockdown restrictions lift and we know when we next want to use the building. We were encouraged by the approach documented by Crossway Baptist which addresses people's concerns in a clear and compassionate way: see [here](#).
3. **Melbourne Water** may extend their lease of the church garden area to finish the work which has been slowed by Covid restrictions.
4. Training is underway for two new **daily prayer hosts** - thanks Meryl and Sylvia! If anyone else is interested in helping out with daily prayers, or aspects of the Sunday service, Nathan would be very happy to hear from you.
5. We are holding off on making any decisions about **new signage for the church property** until we are clearer about our next step regarding the buildings. Information about the online service is currently displayed on the church door.
6. We had some preliminary discussion about the **future of the Surrey Road property** now that our worship services are all held online. Our congregation has been entrusted with a staggeringly valuable asset, so we will need to decide how to be faithful stewards of it. There are many things to consider, and this will take time.
7. 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:**

Next meeting: Thursday 4 November 2021, 7pm, on Zoom