



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

10 August 2022

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 Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Samara Pitt, Ian Cook, Liesl Filippi and Nathan Nettleton. Apologies were received from Dennis Fisher.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. **Nathan's work hours** for the past 4 weeks have been 52hr, 40hrs, 40hrs, and 21 hrs. There were several big one-off's in this time – a pastoral care trip to Mildura, the BWA conference, two separate tasks for the fledgling Baptist association, and a full day creating the registration page for the church camp. Nathan is going to take a 3 day break next week, and possibly a 2 day break the week after, but it is probable that the full week's work hours will still be done in both.
2. A reminder to fill in our **Church Activity Planning checklist** if you are organising a group event that is open invite to the congregation. It is on the website in the members area (if you are have an older computer and are experiencing some tech issues, there is also a downloadable version that you can print out or copy into an email to the host group). The checklist is part of our Safer Church practices, but it is also a good prompt for making your event as accessible to everyone as possible. (You don't need to fill in a checklist if you are just advertising an event organised by someone else that you want to let others know about.)
3. Nathan continues to be involved with the **conversations about a new Baptist Association**, and is taking the lead in establishing an online platform for collaboration in the group. He is also going to invite some of the others involved to preach for us as a way of starting to build some connections, particularly with those outside our existing Victorian networks. Jody Kilpatrick last Sunday was the first. Geoff Pound's summary of the new Association will be shared by Nathan with the congregation once it has feedback from the core group.
4. Thanks to Jen and Rob for organising the **trip to Dight's falls**, it was a lovely day!
5. **Registrations for Church camp** are overdue - if you are planning to attend and have not yet filled in the form or paid, please do so now so we can finalise numbers with the venue! Camp is on August 26-28 in Anglesea at the Araluen Lutheran campsite. We will have an **Open Space program** for the weekend, so if you would like to run an activity, start thinking about it now.
6. Regarding the **stewardship of the Surrey Road property**, Nathan is going to initiate a very preliminary conversation with Baptcare about whether they might be interested in a partnership to redevelop our property for social housing as an expansion of what they are already doing in our manse, and what this would involve.

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:

Friday 26 - Sunday 28 August

September 1

September 18

Church camp, Anglesea

Host group meeting, 7pm

Church AGM, 1pm