



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

11 May 2023

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, Liesl Filippi, Samara Pitt, Nathan Nettleton, Uncle Dennis Fisher and Ian Cook.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The proposal to **divide the Paschal Vigil into two parts** with an intermission got some positive feedback, so we will trial this next year.
2. We have received some more detail about the financial needs of **the IPTL Theological College in Timor Leste** which Jeff Wild visited recently. They are asking for funding support for items such as computers, an electric piano for worship, video camera for streaming educational content and voltage stabilisers to deal with the intermittent power supply. We propose that they become one of our annual gift recipients this year. Our usual practice is to give 10% of our hall hire and car park rental income split between four organisations each year, one of which is an international project.
3. The proposal to have **church camp** in Airey's Inlet this year with a range of accommodation options and a central gathering place at the local church hall has received some initial positive responses. We plan to go ahead, and are currently considering **October 13-15. If you were hoping to attend but this weekend does not work for you, please let us know within 7 days.** We will need to confirm booking for the church hall and begin to plan and secure accommodation, so let the hosts know asap!
4. A new suggestion about **reviewing daily prayers** is whether anyone would prefer matins to be later on Saturday mornings. If so, what time would suit, and would anyone be willing to host this time slot? Let us know!
5. 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:

Thursday 18 May	Feast of Ascension service, 7pm
Friday 26 May	BUV members (delegates) dinner
Thursday 1 June	Host meeting, 7pm
Sunday 18 June	Annual Covenanting service