



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

13 March 2019

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 **kitchen renovation** is approaching its final stages - thanks to Ian for his work and everyone for their patience!
2. Thanks to Uncle Den for his workshop continuing our conversations about relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. We also celebrated Lior's infant presentation with additional friends and family of the Filippis which was a joyful event.
3. We are considering doing a major **revision of our liturgy** as it has not significantly changed for a long time. We envisage a collaborative process with the congregation and will begin planning for this. In the meantime, Nathan would value your initial thoughts.
4. Samara is planning to install a **temporary prayer labyrinth** in the church garden for use by congregation members and the general public. This will happen after we deal with the reshooting tree and its thorny offshoots as they will continue to grow and spread underground to neighbouring properties if not removed.
5. The **Lenten Retreat** is this Sunday March 17 at 10am at the Community Church of St Luke (Abbotsford Baptist) and will be led by Mark Bailey and Sr Miriam from the Community of the Transfiguration. Please let Nathan know if you are coming.
6. The **Lenten book discussion** will be on Sunday April 14 (Palm Sunday) at 3pm at the church.

Dates for your diary:	March 17	Lenten Retreat day, 10am
	April 3	Host meeting
	April 14	Lenten book discussion
		Palm Sunday
	April 18	Maundy Thursday meal St Martins 6pm
		Maundy Thursday service 8pm
	April 19	Good Friday service 5pm
	April 20	Great Paschal Vigil 8pm
	April 21	Herring Island boat trip, Easter breakfast 10am

Next meeting: 3 April 2019, 7:30pm, Nathan's place