



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

5 December 2018

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 **pastoral review** on Nathan's provision of pastoral care and counsel is underway using an online survey. Please respond as soon as possible - the deadline is Tuesday December 15. Alternatively you can respond using a hard copy or digital version - let Samara know if you want to receive a hard copy.
2. For our **annual giving recipients**, we have sent the Nagaland Healing Garden gift which they used immediately to buy a milking cow! The other gifts will be transferred soon.
3. We have paid this year's contribution to opt in to the **National Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse** as part of the participating group in the Baptist Union of Victoria. This means that if there was a finding of sexual abuse within our church, the redress (financial compensation) owed to the survivor/s would come out of the Baptist Union redress support fund as well as church funds. Participating churches will make an annual contribution of \$400 + 0.01% of their insured asset value (this means buildings, not land or contents). [More detail on the scheme is here.](#)
4. Our **overhead data projector** has been playing up again. We've got our original repaired one back and returned the loaned one which was really bad, so it didn't cost us. We are getting a technician to check the settings - work in progress!
5. We have received a first quote on **solar panels** for \$8800 - \$9500 but with minimal detail. Ian is following up a second quote.
6. Ian has received helpful feedback on details for the **kitchen renovation**, including options for ovens, sinks and air circulation. He will display the most recent really cool looking proposal board at church for further comment. We are aiming to have the work done by mid-February.
7. The **Ancient Wisdom for Tomorrow's Worship workshop** was held with about 10 participants, 4 from outside the congregation including one who came via online promotion. When organising the workshop, we realised that we should have checked in more closely with those in our congregation who initially expressed interest to ensure those people had a good chance of attending - our apologies for this oversight.

8. Our most recent **working bee** saw some good work done, and the **Advent retreat** was much appreciated by those who attended.
9. The **church activities calendar for 2019** has been finalised and will be distributed soon.
10. At our **Christmas Eve service** (9pm) and **Epiphany service** (6 January, 5pm) we will ask people to bring a plate - details to follow.
11. **Nathan will be on leave** from 7 January to 1 February for a week's holiday, a liturgy conference and a 13 day retreat.
12. **Dates for your diary:**

December 24	Christmas Eve service, 9pm
January 6	Epiphany ecumenical service, 5pm

Next meeting: 6th February 2019, 7:30pm