



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

7 March 2017

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 Eliz Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. An updated congregational **contact directory** is on the way!
2. The **Aboriginal Heritage walk** at the Botanic Gardens with Uncle Dennis was strongly appreciated by the group who were able to attend. We thank him for his warmth and his honesty with us, and also for making the time for us on a busy day! We encourage those who couldn't make it to organise an alternative date - the walks are offered almost everyday.
3. **Church camp** is scheduled for July 28 to 30 at Araluen Lutheran camp in Anglesea. This is always an enjoyable time. We need to confirm with the venue that we have the numbers to go ahead, so you will soon be asked if you are planning to attend.
4. **Nathan is taking leave** for 6 weeks in July and August to attend conferences and join Margie on the Camino! A preaching roster will be organised for this time.
5. Margie is due to finish at Whitley in December and will no longer have housing at the College, so at this stage the plan is for **Nathan and Margie to move back into the manse** in December.
6. We will arrange for a **plaque acknowledging the traditional owners** of our land, the Boonwurrung people, to be installed inside the church. The plaque will be sourced through the BUV.
7. We are delighted that Leisl has volunteered to begin compiling a **booklet on the saints** that we refer to in our liturgy and icons.

Next meeting: April 5, 7:30pm, Nathan's place