



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

1 February 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, Ian Cook and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. Ian and Eliz have generously offered to **refurbish the chairs** that have torn fabric at no cost. This will occur in lots of 12 over the coming months.
2. We have received further feedback on the “**Safe Church – Rights and Responsibilities**” **policy** that we provisionally adopted in December. Ian, Nathan and Samara have formed a working group to examine the feedback and bring a draft and plan for discussion of key issues to a congregational gathering as soon as possible.
3. In light of feedback from the congregation, we are overturning the previous decision to suspend suppers during Lent. Instead, a **Super Simple Supper of Soup during Lent** will be offered, to shift the focus of the meal to our relationships and basic nourishment. An email will be sent out with details and inviting people to join those who have already offered to contribute to those suppers.
4. The **piano needs tuning!** This is being organised.
5. A number of new people in our congregation will be invited to **begin the process towards membership** that starts with the Lenten season.
6. Uncle Dennis Fisher has suggested that we gather a group to do an **Aboriginal Heritage walk** at the Botanic Gardens for which he is a guide. Nathan will email the congregation to determine interest and a possible date in February.
7. The **2017 church activities calendar** is on its way!
8. **Open Space actions** have been progressing. Margie is inviting people to read 1835 about the founding of Melbourne and the conquest of Australia, to be discussed in May.
9. We have received several excellent suggestions for **common reading material this Lent**. Nathan will email our recommendation to the congregation for those who want to participate.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th March, 7:30pm, Nathan's place