



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting*

### *3 August 2016*

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](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Eliz Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Ian Cook, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions**

1. We are proposing to **change to Powershop** as our electricity provider to support the commitment to renewable energy sources. Prices are comparable and they also give one off donation to Oxfam if we switch. We will check implications for our gas supply, and if the solar panel scheme (see point 2) is tied to particular providers.
2. We are looking into a scheme run by Baptcare to help churches install **solar electricity panels** by arranging quotes for inclusion in a large discounted group purchase plan. Further information to follow.
3. We have had positive responses to the “**Congregational Input to the Agenda**” tool trialled for this month’s host meeting. The “Congregational Notification of Decisions” will now be trialled in a similar format so that people can more easily affirm our decision or express their reservations.
4. As considered at the discernment workshop, we will change our current arrangement of two scheduled congregational meetings per year to a pattern of **calling congregational meetings for significant discernment matters** as they arise. One meeting per year will include the AGM.
5. We received positive feedback about the **church camp**, and will book the venue again for 2017. Thankyou for everyone’s input and participation, especially the organising group of Sylvia, Cameron and John Sampson.
6. **Car park restoration work** by the builders of the neighbouring property should begin before long. We have also requested that the **basketball pole** be straightened.

7. Our **Church Constitution** is due for its five-year review and re-adoption. Nathan has prepared a document proposing some suggested amendments to better reflect our present practices. We approved the document for circulation to the congregation in preparation for our AGM in September.
8. We have a **working bee** scheduled for **Sunday 21 August**. Tasks include painting ceiling, looking at women's disabled toilet door, usual tasks.
9. We will conduct our **major church review** this year as an Open Space event on Sunday 16 October, 12:30-4:30pm. More details will follow.

Next meeting: Wednesday 7 September, 7.30pm at Nathan's house