



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

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

### *1 June 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, Alison Sampson (until 10pm), Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

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

1. Thanks to Alison for her role **chairing the host group** and for redoing the host liturgy, which has introduced a valuable culture of discernment into the host meetings. Nathan will take over compiling agendas and chairing the host meetings for the coming months while we continue to think about the best approach in the longer term.
2. Sylvia Sandeman will remain as coordinator and spokesperson of the host group. She will also take on a new voluntary position as **Coordinator of Pastoral Hospitality and Care**.
3. Daniel and Danielle will take over the **Hall hire** task from Eliz. Thanks to Eliz for her faithfulness in this role for a long time!
4. **Alison will finish at South Yarra** on 19 June, and will then be paid a number of extra weeks by South Yarra to cover her outstanding leave entitlements. After that she will be paid from the grant from the Baptist Union for 1 day a week of wages for 1 year (available from 1 July) and from our new Warrnambool bank account which will receive contributions from the Warrnambool mob and from any members of the South Yarra congregation who wish to contribute.
5. The **Church anniversary service** will take place on June 19. Sylvia will organise the meal, and Nathan will plan the liturgy, taking feedback from last year's service into account. We will also **commission Alison** and the whole Sampson-Holdway family at this service.
6. We will hold a **Discernment and Membership workshop** on 17 July at 2pm, which will follow on from the baptism workshop in April.
7. Suggestions after the **Pentecost service** included making the peace greetings slide available for people to practice, and an audio version for pronunciation. Next year we would also like to prepare parts in other languages for people who haven't learnt a second language, but would like to have a go. The languages on the church sign would be a good place to start.

8. A good number of people attended the **Enneagram workshop**. Peter covered it well in the available time. It was useful for the group to learn how we can work together. We note that there are a lot of 6s in the host group at the moment!
9. After trialing the Pascha and Pentecost **music setting** in a higher key we thought it improved! We are willing to do it again next year.
10. Plans for **Church camp** are progressing. Merryl and Sylvia are also investigating possible alternative campsites that we could consider for coming years.
11. The **Indigenous garden planting** was planned for autumn. Sylvia will contact the congregation with possible next steps.
12. We will be **installing LED downlights** in the church hall to replace the aging halogen downlights when the faulty circuit is being fixed. They are much more energy efficient than what we currently have.
13. A **potential buyer** for 11 Cromwell Rd contacted us for a preliminary conversation about access through our property for renovations. Nathan mentioned the outstanding debt and how we would approach negotiating access so it can be factored in to any deliberations.

Next meeting: Wednesday 6 July, 7.30pm at Nathan's house