



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions from the Host Group Meeting

11 February 2015

Listed below are the main decisions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions. In line with our church policy, these decisions are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions 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@laughingbird.net

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Alison Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Steven Wong.

Summary of the Decisions

1. The Host Group has received and endorsed Nathan's Review prepared by Ann Spence. The Review will be distributed to the church for comments in time for the next Congregational meeting on 22nd February 2015.
2. The Host Group received and affirmed "*A Commitment to Reconciliation*" prepared by the Working party. We acknowledge that it will always be a work in progress and should be reviewed each year. The Commitment will be distributed to the church for comments in time for the next Congregational meeting.
3. Concern has been expressed that when offering drinks after the service, we should not prioritise the offering of wine to the neglect of non-alcoholic drinks. This concern has been noted by those most involved in offering drinks. It was also noted that the new supper table arrangements may have partially taken care of this anyway.
4. The Host Group completed its work on the changes to Alison's *Statement of Understanding* that were required after her position was changed from a completely honorary one to a paid one. After discussing the symbolic implications of various ways of understanding and expressing the arrangement, it was agreed that the "appointment consists of 0.2EFT which is paid, and 0.2EFT which is honorary and is gratefully received by the church as a gift from Alison" and that "remuneration for the paid component will be per the BUV recommended stipend." A copy of the revised *Statement of Understanding* will be distributed to the church with these decisions, and with the revised sections highlighted.
5. Next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.30pm.