



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

3 July 2019

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 Nathan Nettleton, Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. Yvonne hosted our first **story sharing event** in her and Gilbert's home. It was a lovely night, and a privilege to hear about her years as a dressmaker prior to getting married, and what her experience in the workforce was like back then. We hope to organise another one soon! These one-off events in people's homes or other spaces are an opportunity to share and hear about someone's experiences of day-to-day life and faith. If you would like to host an event, or if you would like to hear from somebody else, give them a nudge and let Samara know.
2. Thanks to all who contributed to the **church anniversary and covenanting service** especially the generous contributors to our potluck supper for 50 people which was enjoyed by all!
3. Thanks to Nathan for his **presentation on Baptist spirituality** last weekend, it was well attended.
4. There are still a few tweaks being worked out with the kitchen - in particular we will create a **simple guide to the oven settings** for those who find the weird squiggly diagrams obscure!
5. We have developed a simple plan based on Open Space principles should we experience a **disruptive invasion of our worship service** by someone with a political or religious agenda (as experienced by the MCC congregation in Hawthorn a few months ago). Samara will circulate an outline of this plan and discuss over supper. We have also penciled in a workshop in October to explore further creative non-violent responses to such an (unlikely) event.
6. **Mark Innes-Irons** who attended South Yarra a couple of years ago is very unwell in palliative care and not expected to live much longer. Please keep Mark and his mother Rose in your prayers.
7. **Nathan is taking leave** from Sunday 7 July to Saturday 17 August. We have a range of visiting preachers from within and without the congregation, and other tasks are being covered by congregation members.
8. There is a **working bee on Sunday July 21 from 2pm** - please come along to put an hour or 2 into keeping our buildings in good shape. Tasks and materials will be provided or come prepared to fix that thing that's been bugging you!

9. Our **ecumenical service for the Feast of the Transfiguration** is being held on Tuesday August 6 at 7pm at St Joseph's - save the date.
10. **Church camp** is coming up on August 23 - 25 at Araluen Lutheran campsite in Anglesea - [registrations are now open!](#) Please speak to Shelley or Eliz if you have questions.

Dates for your diary:

July 21	Working Bee
July 28	Afternoon activity tbc
Aug 6 (Tues)	Feast of the Transfiguration, 7pm, St Joseph's
Aug 7	Host meeting
Aug 17	Nathan returns from leave
Aug 23-25	Church camp

Next meeting: 7 August 2019, 7:30pm, Ian and Eliz's place