

South Yarra Community Baptist Church Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

7 August 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 Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook, Samara Pitt and Margie Welsford.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

- 1. A number of issues are being addressed to do with the sudden **departure of the Stott family from the church manse.** Unresolved financial matters have now been settled. Eliz Cook has taken on the full role of coordinating hall hire for now- thanks Eliz. The host group are working with Margie Welsford and in consultation with our Visiting Pastoral Overseers to respond to any pastoral needs during this time. Discussion on plans for the future use of the manse are on hold until Nathan returns from leave.
- 2. **Mark Innes-Irons** passed away on 5 July, and several congregation members attended his funeral in Rosebud. Our love and prayers are with his mother Rose.
- 3. **Nathan returns from leave** on Saturday 17 August. Thanks to all who have been assisting with preaching, hall set up, pastoral care and other tasks during his absence.
- 4. Thanks to those who assisted with our **working bee** on July 21.
- 5. Several of us attended the **ecumenical service for the Feast of the Transfiguration** at St Joseph's and continued to build the relationships with our local church neighbours.
- 6. **Church camp** is coming up on August 23 25 at Araluen Lutheran campsite in Anglesea. Registrations due this Sunday August 11. You are welcome to come for the full weekend or just a day. The program will be organised via Open Space so if you have an activity you would like to lead or share, come prepared! Please speak to Shelley or Eliz if you have questions.

Dates for your diary:

Aug 7 Host meeting

Aug 17 Nathan returns from leave

Aug 23-25 Church camp

Sep 15 AGM

Next meeting: 4 September 2019, 7:30pm, Nathan's place