



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

6 November 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 Nathan Nettleton.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. We have received a quote for a **reverse cycle air conditioner** for the old soup room, which will then enable us to switch off gas to the church building altogether. A **kitchen exhaust fan** will be installed at the same time.
2. We are in the process of getting quotes to instal **solar panels** on the church building. We are unable to put solar panels on the manse roof because it is tiled in slate which breaks easily.
3. Dom will be **sharing his story** on Sunday 24 November at 3pm at the church. Afternoon tea will be provided by Tara (and others), all welcome!
4. We had our second trial of the **listening circle sermon**, and going forward we will plan to hold them every 6-8 weeks.
5. We will get a contractor to do a one-off tidy up of the **church and manse gardens**. After that, John F and YarZar will work on maintaining it.
6. Samara has been bombarding y'all with tips on the 5 R's - **Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle** - and we're still tweaking the bin system to help everyone be clear on what goes where. Keep it up!
7. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to **renovating and furnishing the manse**, especially Ian and Nathan, it's looking great! Homeground real estate will come through soon and do an inspection before organising tenants through their short term rental program for families who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. 3 month leases will enable these families to get a rental record to help them enter the private real estate market.
8. We have had lots of **community activities** on - the non-violence workshop, the ritual in the manse, the day at Fryerstown and the ecumenical service for All Saints Day at St Martin's, thanks to everyone who has participated.
9. Nathan has been encouraged by several people to accept **nomination to the BUV Council**, as someone who can represent smaller churches within the Union and increase the diversity of the Council. He has agreed, with some reservations, to put in an expression of interest. The host

group has affirmed this first step. If it goes further, we will make a time for the congregation to discuss the details.

10. We will **not hold the Advent Retreat Day** this year, recognising the fairly busy church calendar and the fact that we haven't yet organised anything!
11. A first draft of the **activities calendar for 2020** is being prepared.
12. **Nathan's pastoral review** is due, and will be on the topic of Professional Boundaries. A survey will be distributed in the next month.

Dates for your diary:	Nov 13	Working bee
	Nov 24	Dom story sharing, 3pm at the church
	Dec 4	Host meeting

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