



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

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

### *4 December 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](mailto: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 are waiting on contractor availability to install the **reverse cycle air conditioner and kitchen exhaust fan** for the small hall, which will then enable us to switch off gas to the church building altogether.
2. We have received two quotes to **install solar panels** on the church building, both of which are more expensive than expected (\$11,681 - \$17,192). After reviewing the two proposals and considering the two companies' critiques of each other's proposals, the Hosts are inclined to accept the lower quote. However, since the price is higher than previously expected, we will ask for a final approval of the quote over supper soon to ensure the congregation is on board with this expenditure. Ian will circulate a copy of the proposal with some comments prior to that, and anyone who wants further details is encouraged to ask for them.
3. A contractor has done a one-off tidy up of the **church and manse gardens**, which was adequate although he sprayed the weeds instead of weeding by hand which was not made clear in his quote and was not what we wanted. John F and YarZar will maintain it going forward. YarZar is being paid a casual hourly rate to do this.
4. Samara has rewritten the **worship disruption procedural guidelines**, slightly altering it based on our experience of roleplaying such an event in the workshop with Simon Moyle. We plan to have a practice run through of this every year or so.
5. **Nathan's annual review** is coming up soon - a survey will be distributed on the topic of Professional Boundaries. Responses will be collected by Sue McDonald who has done this for us before. We encourage everyone to participate, it is an important way that Nathan is kept accountable by the congregation and can receive valuable feedback on his work amongst us.
6. Dom shared his story on Sunday 24 November, many attended and really appreciated an insight into his story about growing up in the Catholic church tradition and how his faith has changed over time. In 2020 we are keen to start having these **story sharing sessions monthly** so that we all have the opportunity to tell and hear a story from each other's lives that helps us to seek God together in our everyday experiences, big or small. Samara will be inviting people to choose a month that they could host a story sharing session at a time and place that suits them.

7. Thanks to everyone who came and hosted the **manse blessing**, it was a lovely way to thank donors and prepare the way for new families moving in. We are in the final stages of signing off with Launch housing, and would expect a family to move in over the coming weeks.
8. A **draft calendar of activities for 2020** will be circulated soon - please let us know if you spot any mistakes or omissions.

**Dates for your diary:**            Dec 24, 9pm    Nativity service  
   Jan 6 (Mon) 7pm Epiphany ecumenical service @ South Yarra Baptist

Next meeting: 5 February 2020, 7:30pm, Nathan's place (no meeting in January)