



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

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

### *4 August 2020*

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 via Zoom were Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Samara Pitt, Ian Cook, Dennis Fisher and Nathan Nettleton.

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions**

1. We still have **tenants** in the manse.
2. Thanks to Sylvia for sharing stories about some common threads of her life. Uncle Den has offered to host the next **story sharing event** - hooray! Details to be confirmed soon.
3. **Nathan's regular work hours** have come down but they continue to be slightly over his paid hours. He has also taken on some bigger projects such as learning new software platform for the Open Space event, and rebuilding the Laughingbird website, but he is not feeling stressed and pressured about his current activities which is an improvement! He will plan some more leave soon, despite not being able to go anywhere!
4. We will continue to **list our church hall on the Hall for Hire website** as we expect that we may need to find some new hirers once this lockdown period ends.
5. The **church covenanting rite** went as well as could be expected for an online event!
6. We will have an **Open Space event to discuss what we are learning through this time of disruption about what really matters for the life, prayer and ministry of our church**. It will run on Saturday 15 August between 10:30am and 4:30pm with a variety of sessions that you can pick and choose between across the day. Please RSVP: [southyarrabaptist.church/open-space](https://southyarrabaptist.church/open-space) or by email to: [pastor@southyarrabaptist.church](mailto:pastor@southyarrabaptist.church)
7. The **Ecumenical service** for the Feast of the Transfiguration was held online on August 6.
8. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, please let Nathan know if you wish to do so. The hosts may also invite a congregation member to attend a meeting if we feel they have insights into a particular issue on the agenda.

<b>Dates for your diary:</b>	August 15 (Sat)	Open Space event, 10:30 - 4:30pm
	Sept 1 (Tues)	Host Meeting, 7:30pm
	September 20 (Sunday)	AGM, 2:30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7:30pm, on Zoom