



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

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

### *1 June 2023*

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, Liesl Filippi, Samara Pitt, Nathan Nettleton and Ian Cook. Alison Sampson attended for the first 20 minutes.

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

1. We are delighted that **Alison Sampson** will take on a **temporary pastoral role** 2 days a week during Nathan's leave from 26 June to 20 August. Alison has been pastoring at Sanctuary Baptist Church in Warrnambool for the past seven years, and was attending and pastoring with our congregation before then. She will attend at least 3 daily prayer sessions a week, attend host meetings during this time and will be available for pastoral care and support on Zoom.
2. During Nathan's leave, there are various admin and other tasks that will be taken on by the host group and several congregation members. Thanks to everyone who is pitching in! We think we've got all the jobs covered, but we'll be sure to put out an urgent call if something we've missed comes to light. There is an ongoing need for an extra person willing to host daily prayer liturgies to better share the load among the team. Contact Nathan if you'd like to know more about that.
3. We will start making a brief **time for announcements** at the end of the Sunday service to ensure that we are communicating well to as many people as possible. Please stick around for this, even if you do not plan to stay on for the break out rooms afterwards.
4. **Church camp** will take place in Airey's Inlet this year from **October 13-15** with a range of accommodation options and a central gathering place at the local church hall. We propose to use Discord to plan and communicate efficiently about activities. If you do not want to use Discord, you will be able to contact someone who does to find out the latest info!
5. If you are hoping to attend church camp, we want to hear from you about what's important to you concerning our **Covid policy at camp**. What do you need in place for you to attend events? This is particularly important for our liturgies where we are most likely to be gathered as a whole group indoors. Please let the host group know your thoughts.
6. This month we had the Feast of Ascension service (replacing the ecumenical service for the first time), the outing to the Fire Services Museum and the Feast of Pentecost service. Positive feedback for all events!

7. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, please let Nathan know if you wish to do so (or Liesl during Nathan's leave). 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.

**Dates for your diary:**

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| Sunday June 18      | Annual Covenanting service, 5pm |
| June 26 - August 20 | Nathan on leave                 |
| Thursday 6 July     | Host Group meeting, 7pm         |
| October 13-15       | Church camp, Aireys Inlet       |