



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

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

### *7 September 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, Uncle Dennis Fisher, Ian Cook and Nathan Nettleton.

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

1. **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. **A reminder to register** on the church website (**link here** or go to the website and search for 'camp'). You will also need to **organise your own accommodation**.
2. **Wayfinders bible study group** is continuing online and in-person weekly, mostly on Tuesdays at 7pm. Contact Rob Davis for more information.
3. Our **AGM** is on Sunday 17 September at 1pm. In our **listening circle at the AGM**, we will explore how we are feeling about our congregation's shift from in-person worship services to online, after 3 years of this arrangement. What's been positive? What's been hard? What have you noticed? We'd love to hear from each other about how this decision has affected the life of people in our congregation.
4. **Thanks** to everyone for their **assistance with admin roles** during Nathan's leave. A couple of these tasks have been taken off Nathan's hands ongoingly, which is great.
5. **Sanctuary Baptist Warrnambool**, where Alison Sampson has been pastoring, is in the midst of decision-making about if and how they might continue when Alison finishes her pastoring role with them at the end of November. Our congregation is the auspicing body for Sanctuary (meaning we own their bank accounts etc), so we are waiting to hear what they might want and need from us if the congregation decides to continue, or to wind up.
6. 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.

### **Dates for your diary:**

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| September 17  | AGM, 1pm                   |
| October 5     | Host meeting, 7pm          |
| October 13-15 | Church camp, Airey's Inlet |