

Congregational Voting

29 March 2024 - Ballots conducted online through ElectionBuddy

1. Covenanting Members who voted

Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Margie Dahl, Jen Davis, Rob Davis, Jill Edwards, Dom Filippi, Liesl Filippi, John Fowler, Merryl Gahan, Paul Gahan, Charlie Gogerly, Gilbert Joyce, Yvonne Joyce, Audrey Kateena, Mark Learmonth, Acacia Nettleton, Nathan Nettleton, Samara Pitt, John Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, Jonny Spoor, Shelley Taylor, Rita Wang.

2. Other Members and Participants who voted (totals recorded separately, just in case)

Melissa Berends, Grant Hill, Tseyi Okorodudu, Karen Quah, Robert Toseland, Jeff Wild, Steven Wong, Frank Zhang.

3. Approval of the proposed new church member.

3.1. Karen Quah

Motion: That we approve the acceptance of Karen Quah into the membership of the congregation by reaffirmation of her baptismal vows.

Outcome: The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Affirming our desire to remain affiliated with the BUV

Motion: That the church affirms its desire to remain affiliated with the Baptist Union of Victoria.

Outcome: The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Seeking affiliation with the Open Baptists Association

Motion: That the church agree to seek affiliation with the Open Baptists Association, and to that end it:

- a. Agrees to the objects and principles of Open Baptists
- b. Agrees to be bound by the Open Baptists constitution

Outcome: The motion was approved by a large majority.

The break up of votes was as follows:

	Covenanting Members	Other Participants
Yes, I agree that our church should seek affiliation with the Open Baptists Association ...	20	5
No, I don't think that our church should seek affiliation with the Open Baptists Association.	0	0
I haven't formed an opinion on this, but I'm not opposed to it going ahead now if most of the congregation supports it.	3	2
I don't think we should be making a decision on this yet; we need more time, information, or discussion.	1	1

6. Voting was closed at 11:00pm on 29th March 2024.

The secure and confidential results were accessed and reported by Nathan Nettleton, and can be checked by anybody who wishes to.