



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

16 May 2024

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

Those in attendance at the recent meeting via Zoom were Uncle Dennis Fisher, Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Liesl Filippi, Samara Pitt and Nathan Nettleton. Ian Cook sent his apologies.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions.

1. The **Open Baptists Association** is now set up and inviting congregations to become members. Our congregational vote was supportive of the proposal to seek affiliation, and we have not received further reflections from those who were undecided, so we will lodge our request ahead of the Open Baptists AGM on May 24.
2. A new lease for **the manse** has been signed with Baptcare and tenants will move in soon. We are completing the required compliance checks on the building.
3. We have heard nothing back from **Daniel Bullock and Debbie Uy from the BUV** regarding our options for the property. We have found out from Gracetree Baptist Church that they receive the interest from the proceeds of their property sale so presumably this would be the same for us if we go down that path.
4. **Baptcare Affordable Housing** have their strategic planning day in early June so they will get back to us after that about whether they would be willing to work with us on a potential redevelopment of our property. They are also willing to put us in touch with other developers who might be keen to pursue something similar.
5. **Samara has decided to step down from the Host group** at the Church Anniversary and Covenanting service on 23 June. This would be a good time for others to **consider joining the host group!** You do not have to have special skills to be a host group member, it is more about your sense of care for and commitment to the people and work of the church. If you want to explore this further, please contact the host group, or come along to a meeting to find out what we do.
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:

Thursday 6 June	Host meeting, 7pm
Sunday 23 June	Church Anniversary and Covenanting Service
11-13 October	Church Camp, Aireys Inlet