



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from

the Host Group Meeting

1 July 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 Nathan Nettleton, Uncle Dennis Fisher, Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Shelley Taylor, Liesl Filippi, Jeff Wild, and Suzanne Peart (from 8:35).

Summary of the Decisions and Questions.

1. The vote prior to the convening service gave unanimous support for both the covenants and the continuing Host group members. Our membership remains at 27 with Jonny Spoor not renewing his membership and Karen Quah joining the covenanting group. The covenanting service drew positive comments.
2. A new lease for **the manse** has been signed with Baptcare. We have done some work to gain a certificate of compliance for the gas units.
3. We had a request for funding from the School of Indigenous Studies forwarded by one of our members. We will seek more info re the University of Divinity and the School of Indigenous Studies need for increased funding and perhaps include this in our tithe from our facilities hire income.
4. We have been talking to Baptcare re affordable housing schemes for some time and have now been told they have enough projects to work through already for the next 18 months to 2 years.
5. We need to decide our preferred option for our building use into the future. **The possibility of leasing our property to another congregation** discussed last month has progressed: the leadership team at [Earthen Vessels Church](#) (EVC) have expressed a strong interest in pursuing the idea. Nathan will circulate the possibilities for the building and ask for a congregational vote.
6. We discussed low attendances when listening circles are included in worship and some small changes to the format. (Discussion to continue next month.)
7. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, and we had two extra people this month, but please let Nathan know if you wish to join us. The hosts may also invite a congregation member to attend a meeting if we feel someone has insights into a particular agenda issue

Dates for your diary:

Next Host meeting : MONDAY August 5th
Church Camp, Airey's Inlet 11-13 October.