



South Yarra Community Baptist Church: Decisions from Host Group Meeting, Monday August 5th 2024, 7:00 pm, on line via Zoom.

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 this meeting via Zoom were: Nathan Nettleton, Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Liesl Fillipi, Shelley Taylor.

1. We agreed to continue with Listening Sermons: **Motion agreed unanimously:** *That we commit to continuing with occasional Listening Circle Sermons, recognising that some people will choose to stay away on those weeks, but affirming their value for others, and we will add some comments to the announcements about them to encourage people to recognise why they are worthwhile.*
2. We had agreed to consider support for the School of Indigenous Studies which has been operating under the auspices of the University of Divinity, but it has been closed by them.
3. We discussed leasing our building to another Church, and agreed we want to proceed to negotiate with Earthen Vessels Church, so we are clarifying detail. We now particularly want congregational input on the \$ value we should expect. Nathan will circulate the question with a vote facilitator.
4. Our Visiting pastoral Overseers are not able to continue in the role. Nathan will circulate the policy document explaining their role, and if the congregation wishes the role to continue, we will find suitable people to fill it.
5. We will have our AGM on Sunday September 15, with a listening circle on a relevant property matter.
6. Hosts met on Monday this month and will also next month, but will revert to the first Thursday in October. All are welcome, but please notify Nathan beforehand if you wish to attend.

Eliz Cook, 7/8/2024