



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

September 2nd 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 this meeting were: Nathan Nettleton, Dennis Fisher, Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Liesl Filippi, Shelley Taylor, and Karen Quah.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions.

1. We broached the question as to whether we wish to continue with having **Visiting Pastoral Overseers** (VPOs) last month. This is still under discussion: Nathan circulated our policy document and we are happy to have further comment before we decide, probably at the next meeting.
2. We discussed the use of **breakout rooms** after worship and considered if Nathan set the Zoom control on auto, giving us a standard length of “room time”, whether this would work better than our current organisation where Nathan changes breakout room in a sometimes variable time.
3. We discussed church activities and the safety compliance paperwork which we started when Covid rules decreed our activity. We agreed that where we organise a “church activity” then the safety paperwork must be completed by the responsible person. However, people are free to issue open invites to their own social events any time, and unless the events are specifically arranged as a “church activity” and are announced as such, then they are not, and so do not require authorisation from the pastor or Host Group and do not require any church paperwork.
4. Watch the email list for our annual reports which will arrive BEFORE the **AGM** (1pm, September 15th, online)
5. 10 adults and 3 children have registered for the **church camp** in October. Registration still open!
6. **Host meetings** will change to the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting on Thursday October 10. 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:

Church AGM 1:00pm, Sunday 15th September, online

Next Host meeting: Thursday 10th October

Church Camp, Aireys Inlet 11-13 October.