



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions

from the Host Group Meeting

10th October, 2024

Listed below are the main decisions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions. In line with our church policy, these decisions are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions 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 were Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Rob Davis, Liesl Filippi, Nathan Nettleton, and Shelley Taylor. Jen Davis was present as minute secretary.

Summary of the Decisions

1. We discussed **retention of records and items on the Surrey Road site**. What should we keep? When will we need records and items in the future? We considered keeping space and items at the Surrey Road site, in agreement with those using it; or renting commercial space. With ties to the property and assessments of future needs being worked through, we are still considering solutions.
2. A **meeting to discuss the future of our property** with the BUV senior leaders is scheduled for 21 October, with Nathan, Ian, Rob and John Fowler attending.
3. The role of a **Visiting Pastoral Overseer (VPO)** was discussed, following circulation of the VPO Policy to the congregation and responses received. We agreed that the VPO role should continue, but we are still looking for suggestions of suitable people and we will welcome these from the congregation.
We received a suggestion that SYCBaps invite selected persons to **advise us short-term** on thinking in different ways about doing church together. We will think about this at a future time.
4. It was agreed that the **Listening Circle at the AGM**, reflecting on our memories of the SYCBap church site, was a worthwhile experience.
5. 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.

Next meeting: 21st November 2024

Dates for your diary: Friday, 1st November - All Saints Day with special Eucharist at 7pm, online.