



South Yarra Community Baptist Church Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

6th February, 2025

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. John Fowler attended as a guest to contribute to property matters discussed.

Summary of the Decisions

1. We reviewed **Nathan's workload**, with hours reduced to allow the takeup of excess leave owed to him.
2. We reviewed recent events: **Christmas Eve Liturgy**, and **Epiphany**.
3. We reviewed the ongoing communications with our **Hall Hirers**, including the Victorian Electoral Commission.
4. We discussed the ongoing **Property Matters, specifically the current lease and future sale of the Manse**. BaptCare's lease is still under discussion. The valuation price of the Manse and a suggested price for an offer to Earthen Vessels Church (EVC) were discussed. It was agreed that SYCBC would offer to sell the Manse to EVC for \$1.4 million, with a time limit of two months to commit to the purchase, after which SYCBC would put the building on the open market. A letter advising the SYCBC congregation and asking for responses has been sent.
5. The process for disposal or retention of **Church Building contents** is continuing.
6. We are considering responsibilities for **Grounds Maintenance**, with current efforts limited to watering.
7. 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: 12th March 2025

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 7pm

Sunday 23rd March, Lenten Retreat Day, 10am - 3pm