



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

9th April, 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.

Summary of the Decisions

1. We reviewed **Nathan's workload** and approved future leave.
Nathan returned to normal hours on 23rd March. Having used accumulated leave, he now has just over 7 weeks of leave owing.
Nathan's future leave will be most of the week immediately after Easter, and two weeks leave between the BWA Congress (Brisbane) and the Societas Liturgica conference (Paris). This means that he would be away from July 7th until approximately August 6th.
2. We received more information on the **Lease of Manse**.
The lease of the Manse is now due to terminate on the 15th April and communications with BUV and Baptcare are continuing to finalise the arrangement.
3. We recognised **John Fowler's contribution** to the church garden, with Rob making a presentation to John at the next Mid-Week Liturgy.
4. We are completing changes in **church contact details**.
The church has a new phone number – 0493 101 207 – which goes to Nathan's phone, which will have separate ringtones for personal and church use. You can use this phone number now, so please record it in your contacts list.
Nathan has been working through the list of our usual sources of hard copy mail and agencies who need to know our address. Where possible, everything is being set to email communication only. The BUV Head Office address will be the SYCBC business address.
5. We have a **new computer**.
Now SYCBC is an online church, and because the current computer does not meet the requirements for effective running of the Sunday Liturgy, the current computer used by Nathan is being replaced with a Mac Studio.
6. We decided to go ahead with initial planning of **the church camp** in 2025.
7. We received an update on the **Sale of the Manse**
The Earthen Vessels Church have approached Baptist Financial Services about a loan for the purchase of the manse. The matter is expected to be decided in the next few weeks and there

is no further action required from SYCBC at present. SYCBC's use of funds arising from the sale, including our giving, will be addressed in a future conversation.

8. 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: 14th May, 2025

Dates for your diary:

Palm and Passion Sunday - Sunday 13th April

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 17th April

Good Friday - Friday 18th April

Great Paschal Vigil - Saturday 19th April

Resurrection Sunday - Sunday 20th April