



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

11th June, 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 are preparing for Nathan's **pastoral review** and Brett Mitchell (our Regional Minister and VPO) has flagged that he would be willing to co-ordinate this for us.
2. We reviewed the BUV Annual Dinner (23rd May), the Ascension Day Service (29th May) and the Pentecost Service (8th June). In particular, the **Pentecost Service** was well received, with positive feedback.
3. We received a **Financial Report** from our Treasurer. Indications from the recent period are encouraging and show that we are breaking even or slightly ahead financially, even allowing for the loss of our property income. We thanked Ian for his analysis of our position.
4. We would like to make a decision on what financial contribution we may make to **Open Baptists** and are flagging this as a topic for a future conversation.
5. We discussed a request from Earthen Vessels Church (EVC), proposing an arrangement for **purchase of the Manse**. The Host Group was not yet convinced, but thought the proposal was worth exploring, both internally and with EVC. Any conversations would include exploration of alternatives. We decided we were open to the request if a way could be found to make it work.
6. **Nathan will be on leave** from 8th July - 15th August. Host group meetings dates have been changed to accommodate this. Others in the congregation have taken on extra responsibilities - thank you!
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: 2nd July, 2025 then 20th August 2025 (**note changes from usual dates**)

Dates for your diary:

Church Anniversary Worship & Covenant Renewal - 22nd June, 5pm

Church Camp - 10th -12th October