



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions

from the Host Group Meeting

2nd July, 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 the **Anniversary Service** (22 June). Feedback from the congregation was positive and showed a preference for it to continue as part of the nearest Sunday Liturgy, rather than on the actual date (18 June). We agree with this.
2. Congregational feedback on what financial contribution we may make to **Open Baptists** was considered and we discussed an amount equivalent to our contribution to Baptist Union Victoria (approximately \$4,500). The Treasurer was asked to explore if this fits with the SYCBC budget planning.
3. We are encouraging further discussion on **a new name for the church**, so please feel free to comment on existing suggestions or make new ones.
4. **Nathan will be on leave** from 8th July - 15th August. Extra responsibilities have been allocated in his absence - thank you to these people! **If you have pressing pastoral care needs** while Nathan is away, please contact a member of the Host Group. They have contact details for a number of experienced pastors in and around our congregation, and they will refer you appropriately. In the event of a death in the congregation, our funeral resources are accessible and, being online, Nathan would be able to be involved remotely if required.
5. We discussed again the **purchase of the Manse** by Earthen Vessels Church (EVC). A Lease and Buy proposal from our Treasurer has been circulated to the congregation and this suggestion is seen as a better alternative to the earlier Vendor Finance arrangement proposed by the EVC. We are still working on the details, including EVC renovation costs if the lease ends.
6. 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: 20th August 2025 (note change from usual date)

Dates for your diary:

Annual General Meeting - 21st September

Church Camp - 10th -12th October