



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions and Questions from the Host*

### *Group Meeting*

*6 February 2019*

Listed below are the main decisions and questions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions and questions. In line with our church policy, these are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and ponder the questions 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](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Nathan Nettleton, Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook and Samara Pitt.

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions**

1. The **pastoral review** on Nathan's provision of pastoral care and counsel was completed (by 11 people in the congregation, more than we've had in previous reviews - thank you!) and the summary report will be circulated soon. It includes a breakdown of Nathan's work hours and his updated Working with Children Check, police check, BUV accreditation and the audit statement from his pastoral supervisor.
2. All gifts for our **annual giving** recipients have now been transferred.
3. The **kitchen renovation** is now in full swing and should take 2-3 weeks to completion.
4. **Nathan's retreat** in the desert was a fruitful and valuable time for reflection on his ministry - he will distribute some of his reflections soon. The host group decided that the retreat should be counted as work time, not annual leave, and that the church would also cover the cost of spiritual direction he received as part of the retreat (\$1080).
5. We have had the **Christmas Eve service** and **Epiphany service**, and **afternoon tea** with fairy cakes and eclairs over summer, thanks to everyone for your works of hospitality within our congregation and beyond. In particular, the host group is grateful for everyone's efforts during Nathan's leave (including technology challenges!)
6. The **Relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians workshop** will be held by Uncle Den at the church on Sunday February 10 from 3pm. There will be tea and coffee provided but as the kitchen is unavailable, please bring your own snacks if you desire!
7. The **infant presentation rite for Lior** will be held during the service on Sunday March 3.
8. **Lent** begins this year on Ash Wednesday March 6. Further details still to come on suggested common reading for Lent, and the retreat on Sunday 17 March.
9. **Dates for your diary:**

February 10	Workshop with Uncle Den, 3pm
March 3	Lior infant presentation rite
March 6	Ash Wednesday service, 7pm
March 17	Lenten Retreat day, details tbc

**Next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7:30pm, Nathan's place