



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

4 September 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

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

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. **Church camp** was a lovely weekend at Anglesea, with people from South Yarra Baptist and Sanctuary Warrnambool taking their pick of knitting around the fire, discussions on self-determination and language, table tennis, air hockey and pool, opshopping, coffee drinking, travelling liturgy and a communal sermon, singing, jacks, board games, attempted kite flying, lazing about, costume design, watching the footy and Poldark, wattle appreciation...we're choosing our dates for next August so let us know what will suit you!
2. Our **AGM** will be held on Sunday 15 September at 2:30pm, with the option of lunch together beforehand at the Flying Duck at 12noon. We encourage you to attend, we'll be discussing the manse, care of our gardens and other matters to do with the life of the congregation. Please rsvp to Nathan if you want to come to lunch so he can book for us.
3. With the **manse** currently vacant, we are considering a short term lease while we work out what we want to do with it in the future. We are also considering renovations to the bathroom, laundry, pantry and possibly lounge room.
4. The BUV have invited churches to respond to the **draft religious freedom bill**. Contact Nathan or the hosts if you would like to be involved in discussion about this.
5. We will be **updating our church contact directory** soon - let Nathan know if there are any changes to your contact details.
6. Uncle Den suggested we might like to see the '**Australian Dream**' documentary about Adam Goodes. Stay tuned for potential times and dates for a church outing!
7. A reminder about **recycling** - plastic bags, serviettes, and materials containing food scraps are not recyclable in Stonnington! Where possible limit your reliance on plastic, and try to make sure recycling isn't contaminated or it will end up in landfill. New stickers will go on the bins soon to help us with this.
8. In response to positive comments about our **communal sermon** on camp, we will be trialling this at church, with the possibility of making this a monthly or bi-monthly practice. Stay tuned!

Dates for your diary:	Sep 15	Lunch (12noon) and AGM (2:30pm)
	Oct 2	Host group meeting, 7:30pm
	Oct 13	Workshop (non-violence training tbc)
	Oct 18	BUV delegates dinner
	Oct 26	Dinner at Fryerstown with the Gahans

Next meeting: 2 October 2019, 7:30pm, Nathan's place