



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

15th April, 2026

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 **Holy Week and Easter Services and the Easter Sunday Brunch** There was positive feedback received from the congregation, particularly on the rituals of Tenebrae (extinguishing of candles) and the washing of feet. Merryl Gahan's sharing of her residence's facilities for the brunch was appreciated.
4. We discussed details for the **Special Meeting on Constitutional change to finalise the Church's Name Change** following the Sunday Liturgy on 19th April. We agreed that a final vote by Covenanting Members would follow an indicative vote from the whole congregation; that the vote would be by a show of hands; that a person would be appointed to count the votes and that a screen shot would be taken of the final vote. Finally, as proxy and absentee votes would not be possible, congregation members would be encouraged to attend, even if they were not attending the Sunday Liturgy.
2. **Any Constitutional Experts Available?** We have been advised that updating church's constitution with the name change (if approved) will lead to a review of the constitution by the BUW Constitution Review Committee. We agreed that BUW will be notified that the name has been changed and the church will now begin work on other constitutional changes - so we will be asking for volunteers to assist with this task.
3. We will be working on formulating proposals to address the issue of **Individual Consent for Liturgy Recordings Online**, given most participants in our liturgies are visible in the recordings and their consent is assumed.
4. We will be working on how we **Welcome New Members and Visitors** in our Chat Rooms and how we might involve more congregational members in this. Feedback is appreciated.
5. 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 Host Group meeting: 13th May 2026

Dates for your diary:

Feast of Ascension of our Lord

7:00 pm, Thursday, 14th May

Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm, Sunday, 24th May