

# Minutes of Members' Meeting - Program and Budget

NewHope Baptist Church

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<b>Date of meeting</b>	25 November 2024
<b>Time of meeting</b>	7.30pm
<b>Location of meeting</b>	New Hope Baptist Church, in person (Events Room 6) and online via Zoom
<b>Present</b>	As per attendance registers (738 members) (124 attendees - 68 members in person, 6 in person observers, 43 online members, 7 online observers)
<b>Apologies</b>	As per apology register (9 apologies, 2 apologies in person, 7 apologies online)

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Chairperson: **Tristan Ellett**

Minutes taken by: **Amanda Carruthers**

1. Welcome, prayer and opening comments (TE) (AC)
2. Worship (TS)
3. Approval of minutes of Nov 2023 (Church Council Dec 2023) (TE)
  - Phoebe Gaudion moved
  - Steve Stavridis seconded
  - Minutes approved
4. Strategic Planning (StS)
  - Stretching our arms wide - and then even wider
  - Strategic planning - 5-10 years, and road map NewHope and Council have been on together
  - Succession - more on this later!
  - The following strategic themes have emerged as we look towards the future and envision our next 5-10 Years:
    - i. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship
    - ii. Growth & Outreach
    - iii. Generational Ministry Focus

- iv. Multi-Generational & Group Growth
- v. Cultural & Spiritual Alignment
- vi. Community Engagement & Volunteerism
- vii. Financial Sustainability & Strategic Growth
- viii. Governance & Accountability

5. Quorum reached (TE)

- Quorum reached

6. Voting process (TE)

- Church Centre

7. Welcome new members 2024 (DH)

- 44 new members. Praise God!

8. Succession Update (TE)

- Update, confirmed updates will continue on the website, with alerts via email when there are new posts available to read
- Annie Genat shared experience serving on SPSC
- 24/7 Prayer - 73 hours, coming up soon!
- Requirements to vote on the Senior Pastor
- Q&A
  - thanks and encouragement to Council with encouragement to join daily prayer events - 24/7 prayer great, but get more involved!
  - celebration / etc for Allan - what's the plan?
  - question regarding whether there will be a love offering
  - question regarding overseas applicants
  - question regarding whether we will be getting a Moderator through the BUV
  - question regarding what efforts have been made to include our other language congregations
  - question regarding what happens when there is a name to be put to members. what will that look like, what information, etc - and what happens if they aren't voted in.
  - encouragement to have trust and confidence in Council - and understand when there's a need for confidentiality, and covering this all in prayer
  - question regarding the number of Council members on SPSC
  - question regarding transition and handover
  - question regarding any conflict of interest
  - how are Council caring for staff during this process - it's hard, it's vulnerable

9. Year-to-date 2024 Finance Update (CN)

- As per the slides.

10. Presentation of Budget 2025 (CN)

- As per the slides.
  - question regarding the budget -v- target budgets

- question regarding the cafe food services including events
- update from LB regarding the social enterprise
- will Eva still be there?
- will there still be scones? (answer: yes, as long as our volunteers still keep making them!)
- further questions regarding the budget (church, NHCC, cafe, NHM)

11. Members to vote on Budget 2025 (SuS)

- via the church planning app, or on paper

12. Input time/Ministry reports as time permits (BR)

- Kids' Church
- Prayer
- Cafe
- Preschool
- Connect
- Life Groups

13. Results of Budget 2025 vote (SuS)

- Budget passed - 97 yes, 8 no.

14. Any other business (TE)

15. Close in prayer (MJ)

**Notes**

- Only members can vote at members meetings. Friends and partners are welcome to attend.
- No new business to be introduced after 9.00pm except by permission of the meeting.
- Members may submit written questions about agenda items to the acting chairperson: [council@newhope.net.au](mailto:council@newhope.net.au)