

Record of Service – Rev Trevor Faggotter

For over 40 years, Trevor has given priority to preaching, teaching and pastoral care. Trevor's messages proclaimed the crucified Jesus as the Living Risen Man—and as True God—Messiah and Lord over all things for the hope, grace and joy of the world.

The following is a brief biography of Trevor's vocational life:

- **Myponga** 1959—1975
- **Fort Largs—SAPOL** Police Cadet 1976—1978
- **Darlington—SAPOL** Police Officer 1978—1979
- **Myponga** Dairy Farmer 1980—1987
- **Happy Valley—Parkin Wesley College** 1988—1992
- **Mount Barker UC** 1993—1995
- **Peterborough UC** 1996—1999
- **Ulverstone UC —Tasmania** 2000—2006
- **Port Adelaide—Churches of Christ** 2007—2014
- **Clare UC** 2015—2022
- **Balhannah UC** 2022—2026

Trevor's Methodist family upbringing on a dairy farm at Myponga—a small country town—gave him an excellent insight into work, and community life. And the gospel gave him a new heart to see glad faith, and hope-filled community life breakout among his congregations, and amid the townships and regions wherever he served Christ, and his people.

Trevor's 4 years with SAPOL gave him a stark insight into the human condition, and the many problems of society within Australia. Trevor maintained good connections with his SAPOL friends over the years. He also served for 15 Years as a voluntary Police Chaplain at Port Adelaide, and while at Clare. Quite a few police officers heard the gospel proclaimed at funerals, on ANZAC and Remembrance Day, and in the workplace, where Trevor offered significant support to SAPOL members amidst their strife. He encouraged their faith, wherever possible. Trevor also served as Industrial Chaplain at Peterborough gas pipeline, and Telstra.

Believing parents Lance and Betty taught their children: David, Trevor, Ruth and Jeffrey to trust in God. Trevor was more interested in football than church attendance—until confronted by Christ at 21 years of age. This encounter soundly converted him to faith-responsiveness. In 1980—while reading the Bible at home on his own—the Holy Spirit convicted him of the wondrous truth. He phoned Rev. Rob West to tell him the news. Faith gave renewed purpose to Trevor's life managing the family dairy farm at Myponga. He became a lay preacher in the Yankalilla Parish. Pastor John Kammermann helped him to grow in his theological understanding of Christ's Cross. Trevor was stirred in his desire to share in the gospel task as Rev. Deane Meatheringham, Rev. Geoff Bingham and the New Creation Teaching Ministry expanded his vision of regeneration, and life within the creation.

Trevor married Lynne Randall in 1984. Together, their call to mission grew. In 1987 they both understood with certainty God's call to leave the dairy farm for the life of ministry. Their first child Emma was born in 1987. Life was set in a new direction. Trevor began theological studies in 1988. As much as he loved his Jersey herd, and life on the farm, no other family member wanted to take up dairying. The property was sold. Prayers were answered a year later when—the farm came into the possession of two of Trevor's good mates from Myponga. For decades he was able to return to visit and walk around the acres of beauty.

Trevor lived at Happy Valley for the 5 years of his study. Trevor responded to any invitation to preach. He enjoyed student placements at Marion with Rev. Murray Earl, and at Maughan Church with Rev. Dr. Phil Carr. Parkin-Wesley College and Flinders University for humanities studies provided Trevor with new tools for ministry. Liberal scholarship was prevalent, and endorsed by much of the faculty, but Trevor found orthodox, conservative, trinitarian scholars to be more convincing. So college tensions were real enough, but creative as well.

Ordained in December 1992, Trevor was called to Mount Barker, Littlehampton and Nairne—as well as Rockleigh and Callington. He also shared the Word regularly with Echunga, Flaxley and Macclesfield—in Rev. Alan George's patch. The family grew to 5 with the birth of Jonathan. The girls, Emma and Alycia, were Primary and Kindy kids. This was a busy Parish with many families, studies, events, baptisms, weddings and funerals. After 3 years, Mount Lofty Presbytery decreed that Trevor would be moving. Destination: unknown.

Peterborough Parish in the mid north needed a Minister. Trevor and Lynne gladly went. Arriving in 42-degree heat, the family were glad of a very new manse with a magnificent air conditioner. Terowie and Yongala (the oft coldest town in the State) made for a very novel setting. Peterborough congregation had many children and families. The country people surrounded by saltbush, were 'salt of the earth' types. The old railway town remains a mystery. It was great for sport, community and bush BBQ's. Lynne and the girls played netball. Trevor coached the Senior Colts football—he was in his element. Many families were poor. Trevor held a government voucher book for discretionary use. On big youth group nights the church bussed kids to the city, some for their first time ever. Frome Presbytery Easter Camps developed faith in leaders and kids. The beauty of the big skies, big rains, harsh droughts, rodeos, and outback people made these 4 years enjoyable. Presbytery funding ran dry. As a new millennium began Trevor wept all the way to Terowie as he drove away. Church and friendships endured.

Trevor arrived in Tasmania in January 2000. It was still green—not red dust, like SA. For the next 7 years Ulverstone was home. Trevor's congregation had lost over 120 members to other denominations prior to his arrival. The family made friends through school and sport. Trevor piloted a first ever Chaplaincy for Ulverstone High. He coached school football, and netball. Lynne purchased a bookshop. Trevor helped Lynne establish ASCA for adult survivors of child abuse. Trevor also had congregations at Sprent and Turners Beach. Trevor was a Statewide leader for Evangelical Members (EMU). He encouraged many congregations across the State. Many good things happened in this setting of beauty—and isolation from SA.

In 2007 Trevor responded to a call to Northwestern Community Church, in the Churches of Christ at Queenstown, near Port Adelaide. This congregation grew over the next 8 years. One highlight was joining with the Aboriginal Berean Community Church who met in the building in the evening, Trevor became close friends with Pastor Don and his wife, (now) Dr. Kali Hayward. He was warmly welcomed by the aboriginal people—and often preaching for them. Their congregation also grew exponentially. Trevor taught classes across Adelaide for New Creation Teaching Ministry. He did Post Grad. studies with BSCA and Ridley. Trevor travelled to South Sudan and Liberia to teach theology with a team, in large Pastor's Schools.

Trevor returned to the Uniting Church, serving in Clare from 2015—2022. The regional congregation was vibrant. Co-worker Nikki Rimmer the Youth and Children's worker was superb at her job. Trevor preached, taught, wine-tasted, and piloted Regional Rumble to encourage smaller country congregations within the formerly Frome Presbytery area.

In 2022 Trevor moved back to the city, where Lynne had work in Mental Health. He served as Minister at Balhannah until February 2026, when he sort-of retired. This congregation was quite elderly, yet very dynamic in mission to schools, the APY lands, and children in Zambia. Trevor has plans to teach at Victor Harbor Summer Camp, to write theologically, and—after some extended travel time—to continue to preach the Word as the Spirit leads.

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