

A History of Rostrevor Congregational Church



Initially named the Stradbroke Park Congregational Church, services began in December 1961 at Bonvue Road, Rostrevor. The name was later changed to Rostrevor Congregational Church. The original building was a former Housing Trust home and this was replaced in 1969 and the former church was moved to a position behind the new church and later named "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to honour the services of Rev T W Fraser who was minister from 1967 to 1972. The new building was so planned that it could be converted into a manse at a later date should the need arise.

During 1975 it was agreed that an interim parish - Morialta United Parish - consisting of Magill, Newton and Montacute Methodist, Finchley Park Presbyterian and Rostrevor Congregational churches, be formed until the union of the three denominations.

Following the formation of the Uniting Church in Australia in July 1977 the church was known as Rostrevor Uniting Church and the parish officially became the Morialta Uniting Parish. During 1990 the Rostrevor congregation met several times to consider joining together the four churches of the parish. Although in favour of becoming one congregation, Rostrevor members felt it unwise to close all worship centres in the northern end of the parish, and elected to continue worshipping at Rostrevor.

Morialta Uniting Church came into being on December 2nd 1990 worshipping at two sites - Magill and Rostrevor. This continued until July 1997 when it was decided that it would be more efficient and cost effective to worship at one site i.e. Magill. A final service of Thanksgiving was held at Rostrevor on 20th July 1997 to celebrate 36 years of church services on the site.