



Yvonne Low

Diocese of Port Pirie

As a city girl, Yvonne married her husband Lawrence, and made the big move to White Flat, a small rural community near Port Lincoln, Eyre Peninsula South Australia. Few countrywomen could match Yvonne's rapidly adopted country and community skills. Her open and welcoming hospitality, scrumptious cooking, assistance in practical farm management, volunteering for her community, especially her Church, tending to the family needs, creating new interests and giving a helping hand quickly gained her well earned high regard among her peers.

Yvonne is everyone's ideal neighbour and friend. She lives her faith simply, cheerfully and dependably. Leaving her family and city behind in Adelaide when she married, Yvonne has suffered family tragedies and significant setbacks during the journey to now. Her most recent challenge was the horrendous bushfire that consumed her farmhouse, the history it contained and surrounding sheds. Their treasured flock of merino sheep, inherited from previous generations, and carefully nurtured and developed were burnt. You have to live through that to even begin imagining what it was like. They considered themselves blessed to escape with their lives.

This remarkable woman has not only survived tragedy and adversity, she has generously shared her experiences with others, inspired them with her faith, loyalty, courage and attitude to life. In sharing publicly at the deepest level Yvonne has helped her fellow parishioners to 'keep going when the going gets tough'. She has a genuine care and interest for those around her. Her sense of humour and approach to life are highly motivating. We are happy to celebrate these wonderful qualities in this exhibition.