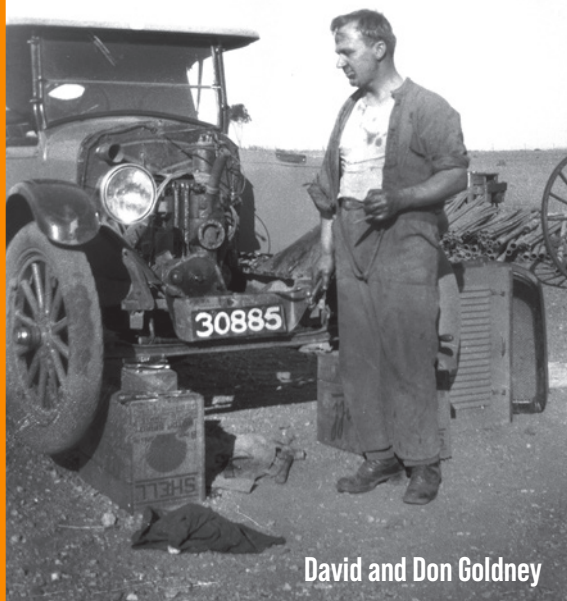


BOOK LAUNCH

You are invited to be present at the launch of the biography of the remarkable life and times of the Reverend Victor Henry Goldney (1891-1972).

IT MAKES ONE SMILE AND IT MAKES ONE WEEP

The untold story of pioneer Methodist Home Missionary, Reverend Victor Henry Goldney (VHG) ministering to the scattered people in the outback station country of the South Australian northwest, 1924-1927



David and Don Goldney

WHERE

Walkerville Uniting Church
17 Smith Street, Walkerville, Adelaide

WHEN

Sunday the 22nd May
2:30 – 4:30 pm

including afternoon tea in the church hall

RSVP

15th May

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This biography shines a light on a now little-known episode of religious life in South Australia. One man reaches out to the station people of the sparsely populated northwest, an area larger than Tasmania. VHG was appointed by the Methodist Church, an evangelical Christian denomination, once claiming up to 25 per cent of the population as members or adherents. Since 1977 the Methodist Church has been subsumed within the Uniting Church in Australia. His appointment (1924-1927) coincided with the shift from animal dependency in the outback, to motorised transport. It was also a time when the Methodist Church, perhaps surprisingly, was struggling to recognise Aboriginal people as humans of equal worth before God. The biography also illuminates Methodist ministry on the ground by a convinced evangelical.

REVIEWS

Well written, interesting and engaging. I appreciated the personal reflections, and the broad range of subjects covered and the enormous amount of research ... a remarkable man... I would liked to have met him!

Dr Skye Krichauff, Historian, Adelaide University

This biography provides a welcome addition to our understanding of the work of Methodist missionaries in outback South Australia during the 1920s. In many respects, it is a 'history from below', giving focus to the human dimension of Christian ministry, which among other factors, helped to elevate the dignity and self-worth of those who chose to live, struggle and work in a remote region.

Rev. Dr. Brian Chalmers, Church historian and Uniting Church Minister of the Word.

This is a well-researched and affectionate biography of Vic Goldney written by his two sons. The several chapters on his stint as Home Missioner for the Methodist Church in the vast Northwest Mission District is the highlight. Further, the book wonderfully illuminates Methodist ministry on the ground from the 1920s to the 1960s, especially by a convinced evangelical.

Brian Dickey, Formerly Associate Professor of history, Flinders University.

The outback ministry of the Methodist Church in South Australia has not received the attention from historians that it deserves. This affectionate and insightful account of the life and pastoral ministry of Victor Goldney fills this gap and illuminates many other areas of Methodist life. It presents a vivid portrait of a minister who was an influential figure in Methodism's evangelical stream.

David Hilliard OAM, Formerly Associate Professor of History, Flinders University

The pre-launch cost of VHG's biography is \$30 plus postage and packing if relevant (\$15).

If you intend to be present at the launch, then your copy will be available for you at the launch venue, otherwise it will be posted to you. Please remember to RSVP by the 15th May 2022. The biography can also be purchased at the launch.

The post launch price after the 22nd May 2022 will be \$39. This is a limited-edition paperback book.

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