

Profile of Open Door Community Church

Open Door Community Church is a local church in Monbulk, Victoria. We are jointly affiliated with the Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas and the Uniting Church in Australia Vic/Tas, and we believe and practise all the foundational Christian doctrines.

- We are Bible-believing and Spirit-led in our congregational life and worship.
- We believe in collaborative leadership with accountable decision making.
- We believe in a disciple-making process through life-relevant teaching and training, to equip, nurture and release believers into their functions both in the church and in the community.
- We value the opportunity to meet together in small groups for fellowship, support, prayer, and mutual encouragement of group members.
- We have strong community engagement via our Op Shop, Food Pantry, and Schools' support programs. All the profits from our Op Shop finance our outreach programs, including food distribution through the Food Pantry and finance for our student wellbeing programs in local schools. We also support local community groups. This demonstrates our commitment to the gospel of grace through which we welcome people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life.

About Monbulk

Monbulk is situated on the eastern slopes of the Dandenong Ranges surrounded by rolling hills, roughly between Belgrave and Mount Evelyn, and adjacent to Silvan, and is part of the Shire of Yarra Ranges. Whereas in past years Monbulk was famous for its jams, it is now surrounded by a variety of prosperous horticultural farms with Monbulk as a servicing hub for these industries, which includes The Patch, and Silvan areas.

Monbulk has a thriving business centre built around the needs of its community, with two supermarkets (Woolworths and Aldi), Bendigo Bank, medical and counselling centres, financial planners, real estate agents, servicing facilities for motor vehicles, farm machinery and equipment, bicycles, and a raft of cafés, bakeries, and restaurants.

According to the 2021 Census, Monbulk and its surrounds house just over 6,100 people. Educationally, Monbulk is well serviced with 2 Primary Schools, covering State and Catholic education, and Monbulk Secondary College, with several other primary schools in surrounding townships. There is good collaboration between the various churches in Monbulk and the other community-based organisations. Most people in Monbulk are from Australian, British, or European backgrounds.

Looking Forward

We aspire to continually grow our congregational life and vitality through prayer, small groups, music, worship expressions, and social activities.

We aspire to further develop opportunities to connect our congregational mission with our community engagement activities.

We aspire to further develop our community engagement through our Op Shop, Food Pantry, Schools' support, and chaplaincy opportunities, and any other opportunities that God may present to us.