



Parish Profile

Mosgiel-North Taieri Presbyterian Church

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Introduction

Minister of Word and Sacrament (Nationally Ordained Minister) Mosgiel–North Taieri Presbyterian Church | Otago

Are you called to lead a faithful congregation into a hopeful and missional future?

Mosgiel–North Taieri Presbyterian Church is seeking a **Nationally Ordained Minister** to join us at a significant and faith-filled moment in our life together. Following the retirement of our previous minister, we are stepping forward in trust—believing that God is calling us not to manage decline, but to embrace renewal, courage, and community-focused mission.

Who We Are

We are a **warm, committed, and generous congregation** of around 124 people, rooted in Mosgiel and the wider Taieri area. Our life together is marked by deep relationships, strong pastoral care, prayerfulness, and a shared commitment to worship and service.

We currently offer:

- Three Sunday worship services across two sites, with both traditional and contemporary expressions
- Strong lay involvement in worship leadership and preaching support
- A long-standing culture of prayer, including weekly prayer gatherings and an active prayer chain
- Stable and trusted governance through Session and Board of Managers

Our Life and Mission

Mission and community engagement are already at the heart of our parish:

- **Whānau Fun**, a monthly outreach welcoming children and caregivers
- A growing **Children and Families ministry**.
- A **Study Hub** supporting local secondary students
- Strong connections with **Taieri College, PSO Taieri Court**, and community groups
- A parish garden, knitting ministries, food support, and community hospitality
- Active partnership in **Saddle Hill Foundation Trust** and **Shop on Taieri**, serving the wider Taieri community.

Our buildings are well used, our volunteers are dedicated, and our community presence is valued. We are now discerning how the gospel can be seen and heard even more clearly in our neighbourhoods.

The Opportunity

We are seeking a minister who will:

- **Lead, encourage, and equip teams**, enabling shared ministry
- Preach **biblically grounded, prayerfully prepared sermons**
- Support and nurture our strong pastoral care culture

- Bring **missional imagination**, enthusiasm, and courage for thoughtful innovation
- Walk with us as we respond faithfully to generational change and future mission opportunities
- Be approachable, relational, and grounded in a mature faith

This is not a ministry where everything rests on one person. You will be well supported by a pastoral visitor, children and families' worker, administrative staff, engaged elders, and capable ministry teams.

Why This Role, Why Now?

We are realistic about our challenges—and hopeful about our future. In a significant step of faith, generous financial support has been offered to enable **full-time ministry**, and the congregation is actively committing to long-term sustainability. We believe God is inviting us to grow— deeper, more connected, more outward-focused and ultimately larger.

Terms of Call

The call will be offered under **standard PCANZ Terms of Call**, including:

- Stipend and allowances as per Assembly scale
 - Manse available if desired
 - Leave, study leave, and administrative support provided
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Come and Join Us

If you sense a call to **walk alongside a faithful congregation**, to help shape a hopeful future, and to share in God's work in Mosgiel and the Taieri, we would love to hear from you.

This is a parish ready to welcome a minister with faith, courage, and vision.



Mission and Vision Statement

Vision Statement

We envision Mosgiel-North Taieri Parish as a vibrant, outward-facing Christian community passionately engaged in worship that shares the love and message of Christ with all people, connecting creatively and compassionately with the wider Mosgiel-North Taieri community.

Guided by scripture, we seek to be a church that goes out to meet people where they are, nurturing an environment where faith is lived out in service, hospitality, and genuine relationships.

Our vision is to grow a church family that welcomes, equips, and empowers members of all ages to serve, lead, and reach out, ensuring the church remains a relevant and vital presence for generations to come.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate God's love and forgiveness to everyone in Mosgiel-North Taieri by:

- Building an inclusive, supportive church family that nurtures spiritual growth and discipleship among current members while actively welcoming new people from all walks of life.
- Equipping and training lay members for outreach and ministry, so the whole congregation is empowered and involved in serving both within and beyond the church walls.
- Developing innovative and relevant ministries that respond to the needs and rhythms of today's community, such as community meals, family events, study hubs, and using modern communication channels like podcasts and social media.
- Partnering with other Taieri parishes and community groups to maximise our impact and witness for Christ.
- Ensuring all our activities and ministries are supported by intentional prayer, hospitality, and a commitment to honouring Christ in all we do.

In all things, we strive to "go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere," becoming a church known for genuine care, innovative outreach, and a Christ-like presence in the heart of our community.

Ministry Expectations

We have identified the potential to create new opportunities for outreach, community mission and ministry in our local area. Therefore, enthusiasm, a missional imagination and relevant experience of leading through innovation and change would be ideal in our new Minister.

Considering the existing relational structures the key role for a minister is to be the leader of teams and have skills conducive to this such as encouragement, enabling and a pastoral approach to working with others. In this way community mission is not just something that the Minister does, but something the whole body of the congregation is part of. Therefore we would expect to see the person exercise leadership, understand boundaries, have a mature faith, be approachable and personable.

We would expect the minister to preach and teach, although how many services per week is open to discussion/negotiation. Preaching is expected to be Biblically-based and grounded with prayerful preparation. Teaching will equip and enable the congregation to participate in God's mission within this community. Good administrative support is available, and the overall ministry role is already shared with a Pastoral Visitor and support from the Children and Families Team.

Our preference is to seek a full-time NOM appointment and we have already developed a sustainable financial basis from which to support this.

A Call would include the standard Terms of Call as below.

Standard Terms of Call:

1. Stipend (as per Assembly scale)
2. Expense allowance (as per Assembly scale)
3. Car allowance (as per Assembly scale)
4. Removal expenses
5. Manse and furnishings (Manse is available if desired)
6. Telephone/Internet (other than private tolls)
7. Secretarial assistance
8. Four weeks' leave plus 11 statutory holidays, sick and bereavement leave
9. Study leave (including the specific amount the minister will be carrying over from their last charge)

Who we are and how we worship together

We are a congregation of 124 people, primarily living in Mosgiel and the Taieri area. We meet for worship, fellowship and for shared interests and community interactions.

Mosgiel-North Taieri Presbyterian Church is made up of two congregations that merged in 1966. North Taieri Church was established in 1860, while Mosgiel Church opened in 1877. Mosgiel, now the larger church, was originally founded by North Taieri.

Leadership in the parish takes the form of Session and Board of Managers. Both have eight members, do their work diligently and are trusted and supported by the congregation.

The Board of Managers has established a 10-year maintenance plan for the parish which shapes its property work. The finances of the parish are reported on regularly.

Volunteer rosters cover all aspects of church life, fellowship, and worship. The church employs an Administrator (currently 26 hours p.w.), a Parish Visitor (10 hours p.w., currently 15 hours during the vacancy), a Children and Families Worker (10 hours p.w.), and a cleaner (7 hours p.w.) to support volunteer efforts.

There are 3 services held most Sundays: 9.30am (North Taieri), 10am (Mosgiel) and 2pm (Mosgiel, twice-monthly). On a fifth Sunday or a public holiday weekend, one combined service is held at 10am.



Mosgiel Church at 10.00am

The Mosgiel Church is centrally located in Mosgiel township and with an accessible complex available to the public, a very well utilised facility.



40-50 people gather Sunday at 10am for a service. A music team usually leads the songs and hymns that are played, which enables newer music to be introduced more easily. Both keyboard and organ are used, ensuring a mix of contemporary and traditional music.

The service is live-streamed (accessible through a you tube link). Congregation members are well involved in the service, generally leading, reading the Bible and offering intercessory prayer. A range of people are rostered to preach t, and the congregation enjoys the diversity of voices. Across our services the median age of members is 77 years, and this spans late 50s to 90s. Most people are very flexible about worship style, even when it does not align with their personal preferences.

Prayer is offered after the service and morning tea in McKerrow Lounge is time for fellowship.

Mosgiel Church at 2pm

This is a shorter traditional service held in the afternoon, for a small group of older members, in the McKerrow Lounge, providing a warmer and more comfortable environment for people who are less mobile. Afternoon tea and fellowship follow.

As with other services, volunteers lead and facilitate the service, including house group members who serve in this way. This service is currently offered twice a month.

North Taieri at 9.30am

The North Taieri Church is an attractive historic Church, in a rural setting. Most members have rural connections. Sunday services are held weekly and attract an average congregation of 15-20, aged from 40-80 years, with the majority being in their 60's and



70's. The service is traditional, with an organ to lead sung worship.

Congregation members usually lead the service, and they are joined by a range of preachers.





The congregation shares morning tea and fellowship after each service. When it is hosting the combined service, all are invited to the hall for delicious home-baking.

The small congregation works well to maintain their building, worship services and pastoral care in the local area.

Some statistics

Like many Presbyterian churches, the MNT congregations are ageing, and this has an impact on attendance, ability to contribute time and, in some cases, financially, as well as a desire for pastoral support and a lower tolerance to change. In five years, the congregation overall has reduced from 229 to 124 (46%) with a 27% reduction in the last two years. Occasionally, children and young people are present, but 77% of the congregation is over 65 years old.

Attendance at worship over that time has also decreased but by a lower overall amount (18%). What statistics also tell us is that despite almost halving in membership, giving levels have not dropped proportionately, in fact they have remained relatively stable. Across the PCANZ we see such patterns where congregations are sustained by a small core of generous givers. This gives short term stability, but alerts us to potential long-term vulnerability, should such generous givers not be replaced over time. This is one of the reasons we want to do all we can to contribute to future growth. We have just completed a fundraising campaign and raised \$400,000 to support full-time ministry in the parish for the foreseeable future.



How we serve together

Pastoral Care

Several people visit and contact those who are home-bound, in a rest home, unwell or otherwise unable to attend services. We provide a monthly church service at Brooklands Rest Home and do pastoral care. Volunteers visit in conjunction with the Parish Visitor and deliver newsletters, pray with people and help in meaningful ways.

Parish Visitor **Mary Bennett** provides two hours per week Chaplaincy at Taieri Court Rest Home in Mosgiel, as a contract with Presbyterian Support Otago. This includes spiritual care, prayer and support for



residents and staff, as well as weekly devotion and reflection sessions in the communal lounge.



Whānau Fun is where we welcome children and their whānau once a month to an afternoon of activities, learning and food. It reaches over a dozen children and their caregivers, and is largely led by a dedicated team of 9 people from the congregation led by the Children and Families Worker. Attendees include families, older people, and lonely individuals. Each month has a theme with a short teaching, craft, and games. The evening ends with a simple meal.

The **Children and Families Worker**, Miciah Nicholl, is shared with East Taieri Church through Saddle Hill Foundation Trust and consolidates co-operation in this space. Miciah will continue to work with the Whānau Fun team and also with a Study Hub, established in 2025 for Taieri College students.



Fellowship & Discovery

This monthly gathering was introduced in 2025 to connect members with a time sharing, growth, and entertainment. Members are encouraged to invite others along on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Mosgiel church.

House Groups

The parish has two house groups that meet twice monthly, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. Both include Bible Study and prayer time and members work together to lead some of the 2.00pm and North Taieri Sunday services of worship.

Prayer Meetings

A small group meets weekly to pray for the church and specific intercessory needs. Additionally, prayer is offered at the end of the 10 am service, and a confidential prayer

chain is available. This Chain has been part of the ministry of the parish for about 50 years and there are currently eight committed members who pray as needs arise. Prayer requests from throughout the community are invited and members pray privately in their homes.

Catering

A team of 7-14 serve both the church and the Mosgiel-Taieri community through catering for regular and one-off events, such as morning teas, high teas, special birthdays, and meals, using our church kitchen and facilities, and raising funds for the church.

The Church Garden

After planting a garden next to the church four years ago, the church garden team supply vegetables to the local Food Bank, and aspire to teach cooking and gardening skills to the local community as well as partner with Taieri College Horticulture Classes. This is an area that the team would definitely like to expand on.



Purls and Prayers

The group meets fortnightly for fellowship and produces knitted garments donated to various charities, including Foster Care Otago, and an orphanage in Mongolia. They supply knee rugs for church pews and gift packs for the church visitor to distribute. Meetings are framed with prayer and responsive to the needs of group members and other requests.

Church Services

It's wonderful to see so many people coming together to serve in various capacities at Church Services. From welcoming and hospitality to audio-visual and live streaming, each role plays a crucial part in creating a meaningful worship experience. Whether it's through music, preaching, service leading, reading the Bible, or delivering intercessory prayer, everyone contributes to the collective worship of God each Sunday at each of the three services.

Other ways of serving

Church members are actively involved in a wide range of clubs, interests, service groups and organisations in Mosgiel and on the Taieri. The Christian Bookshop, the Amnesty International Group, the Taieri Christian Foodbank, and Shop 'n Taieri opshop are excellent examples of how the community comes together to support and serve one another. Additionally, the activities mentioned in the next section highlight the context and opportunities for service, care, and mission that exist, as well as how the church plans to respond in the future. Globally, the parish supports a couple who serve as missionaries in the Middle East.



Our mission and ministry context and our response

Our Community

Mosgiel, located on the Taieri Plains in Otago, New Zealand, has a rich history that dates back to the mid-1850s when Arthur Burns, a young man of 17, began transforming the swampy land into a productive area. He arrived in New Zealand with his family in 1848 and settled in Dunedin. The early development of Mosgiel included establishing a blacksmith shop, sawmill, flour mill, and wheelwright shop by Burns, with a woollen mill replacing the flour mill in 1871.

As of June 2024, Mosgiel has a population of approximately 15,150 and features a range of educational institutions, including five primary schools and Taieri College, the largest secondary school in Otago. The town offers various amenities, including shops, supermarkets, medical practices, and sporting clubs. Te Puna O Whakaehu, a multi pool complex, is the latest large scale recreation facility developed by the community.

Mosgiel is close to beaches (Ocean View and Brighton in particular) and waterways, including the Silverstream and Outram Glen, providing ample recreation and picnicking spots.

Mosgiel has faced some challenges due to its low-lying geography, which makes it prone to flooding, but these risks are monitored and mitigated. The area has seen significant urbanisation and development, including accelerated planning and provision for new housing to accommodate the growing population, with a consideration of sustainable growth and infrastructure improvements.

This vibrant suburb of Dunedin is 15 kilometres west of the city centre, with good public transport, motorway and airport links. With a number of rest homes and retirement villages and a flat geography, Mosgiel is home to a significant proportion of older adults and people with disabilities.

Balancing this out has been the increase in families relocating to Mosgiel as large subdivisions have opened up in the last 20 years. Currently a large number of projects are underway to provide Kaianga Ora and rental housing, along with smaller dwellings suitable for downsizers. Larger homes are available as both generously proportioned historic buildings and quality new-builds.

There is also a strong migrant community, particularly refugees from Syria and other war-torn countries.

Mosgiel is known as a “churched” community with 40.7% of the population identifying as Christian. 94% of the people are European/Pakeha.

There are three Presbyterian churches – Mosgiel-North Taieri, East Taieri and Maungatua (Outram) and they join Holy Cross Catholic, St Lukes’ Anglican, the Methodist Fellowship, Salvation Army, Equippers Mosgiel, Brethren, Jehovah’s Witnesses and many other independent churches in making up the worshipping community of the Christian Church in Mosgiel.



Statistical snapshot

Mosgiel & Taieri

One-page demographic snapshot (Otago, Aotearoa New Zealand)

Key trends: ageing population • slow/steady growth • low but gradually increasing diversity • strong Christian heritage with growing non-religion

1 Population & growth

- Mosgiel population ~15,100 (June 2025 estimate).
- Steady growth since the mid-1990s; incremental subdivision-led expansion.
- Taieri (wider rural area) changes gradually rather than rapidly.

4 Ethnicity

- Predominantly European/Pākehā (high-80s to mid-90s in census-based sources).
- Māori are the largest minority group; Pacific and Asian communities are smaller.
- Taieri rural areas tend to be even less diverse than Mosgiel.

2 Age profile

- Older age structure is the defining feature (higher 65+ share than Dunedin).
- Historically, over 30% of Mosgiel residents were 65+ (trend continues).
- Ongoing ageing increases demand for health, care, and accessible design.

5 Religion

- Strong Christian heritage (notably Presbyterian, Catholic, Anglican).
- Growing share reporting 'no religion', consistent with national trends.
- Other religions are present but at very small proportions.

3 Households & housing

- More couple-only and single-person households (linked to older profile).
- Higher home ownership; detached housing stock with new edge subdivisions.
- Rural Taieri: low-density farm/lifestyle housing; distance shapes access.

6 Socio-economic & access

- Mosgiel is a service/retail hub; many residents commute to Dunedin.
- Overall low deprivation with pockets of vulnerability (fixed incomes; housing/commuting costs).
- High car dependence—especially in rural Taieri—shapes access to work and services.

Planning implications (what these trends mean)

- Health & ageing: rising need for aged care, primary health, and social support.
- Housing & transport: more accessible homes, smaller dwellings, and mobility options.
- Inclusion: services that support gradual diversification and Māori engagement.
- Resilience: flood-prone low-lying plain highlights infrastructure and emergency planning considerations.

Sources (selected): Stats NZ Place Summaries (Taieri SA3; Mosgiel areas); Dunedin City Council - Census 2013 Profile (Mosgiel); CityPopulation.de (Mosgiel ethnicity/religion); Wikipedia (Mosgiel geog

Our response to our ministry context

Looking at the community profile and the number of older people in our community, we believe that **pastoral care** is an important role for us. This is not limited to members, but extends to those in rest homes, particularly **Presbyterian Support's Taieri Court**.

We also see the increase of families settling in Mosgiel and have responded through **Whānau Fun**, extending our relationship with **Taieri College** and employing a Children and Families worker. The new **Study Hub** initiative is showing some promise.

There is a growing connection between the **Catering Group and Taieri College** in the preparing of food for students in need.

The **Boys' Brigade** company that meets at the church connects with young people in the community. A church parade held in November 2025 was well-attended and reinforced the connections being made.

A **parish garden already** provides vegetables for the Mosgiel Food Bank and is considered an outreach that the organising team hope to extend. With Taieri College close by, they hope to encourage further involvement with the students as well as developing other community partnerships.

At North Taieri, the church building provides a focus for the community living around, who are welcomed to an **annual potluck community dinner** and to a **carol service with community choir** on the Sunday before Christmas. North Taieri hall is also used in that community, and the church is popular for weddings.

Since 2019, the Mosgiel-North Taieri Session has appointed trustees to the **Saddle Hill Foundation Trust (SHFT)**, a faith-based charity focused on community and youth work in the wider Mosgiel and Taieri area. The SHFT board includes three trustees from Mosgiel-North Taieri and as well as those from East Taieri Church. SHFT also governs and manages **Shop 'n' Taieri**, a second-hand store operated in partnership between the two churches.

The **Mosgiel Church buildings** have the advantage of being close to the centre of the township, accessible for people with disabilities and older citizens, warm and comfortable. The recently added and landscaped areas beside the church increase parking and add pleasant and child-safe places to relax in.

As a result, use of the building is high and as well as being of service to the community, provides a significant financial benefit.

There are opportunities for the church as a whole as well as individuals to interact further with those who use the building, but this is yet to be developed. A wider

discussion may alert the church to opportunities for children’s and community ministries that are needed in the future.

Current regular external users:

Alzheimers Caregivers’ Support Group	Ashleigh Quilters	Blind Foundation
Boys’ Brigade	Cathy’s Girls	Fellowship & Discovery
Janefield Women’s Institute	Mosgiel Indoor Bowling Club	North Taieri Indoor Bowls
Parkinsons’ Exercise Group	Silverstream Women’s Club	Steady as you Go (2 groups)
Taieri Garden Club	Taieri Indoor Bowls (sub Association)	Taieri Network
Taieri Plains Cake Decorating Guild	Taieri Spinners and Weavers	Taieri Women’s Club

There are many other additional external occasional users.



Our resources to be used for mission

Buildings

Until 1877, worship services for the **Mosgiel Presbyterian** community were held in the Drill Hall, with the first permanent church built on the current site at 11 Church Street in Mosgiel, thanks to Thomas Burns' generous land donation. This wooden church could accommodate 200 people, and by 1899, a Bible Class Hall was constructed on the site.

In 1908, the wooden hall was relocated to allow for the building of the current brick church, with further expansions occurring in 2007, creating a new community space called the McKerrow Lounge, named after the first minister, Reverend James McKerrow. This accessible facility serves both church and community, reflecting the active participation of the local community in its development. In 2024 the Bible Class Hall was demolished, and a pleasant child-friendly outdoor area and community garden have created space for greater local engagement.



The buildings at Mosgiel are very well used by community groups throughout the week and are fairly well appointed for this task. This is seen as part of the mission of the parish, although the challenge here is how to develop relationships that allow the gospel to be seen and heard. The Parish Administrator is a key contact and welcoming presence for those coming to use the rooms.



The **North Taieri Presbyterian Church**, built around 1866, holds historical significance. Early settler Donald Reid donated land for the church and manse, with worship services starting in 1860. The church is considered the ‘mother’ of the Mosgiel church, with both being part of the same parish since 1966.

The North Taieri area has a growing rural population, and the church continues to be a hub for community activities, including an annual potluck dinner, the annual Christmas Carol service and hosting Whānau Fun on occasion.

The attractive building is often used for weddings and the hall (opened 1966) is a community asset.

The Manse

The Manse is located next to the Mosgiel Church at 9 Church Street. It is a 1960s brick, metal roof bungalow of 175m². The property has four bedrooms, vehicle access and a garage. It is currently rented, but can be available for a Minister to live in.

Financial resources for mission are detailed in the Annual Performance Report, which is enclosed.

Appendices:

Parish membership statistics	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Members	122	112	101	91	95	67
Associates	107	100	100	73	75	57
	229	212	201	164	170	124

Demographic Profile

Demographic Profile: Mosgiel and the Taieri Area (Otago, New Zealand)

1. Geographic Context

Mosgiel is an urban satellite town within **Dunedin City**, located at the northeastern edge of the **Taieri Plain**, approximately 15–17 km west of Dunedin’s city centre.

The **Taieri area** includes Mosgiel and surrounding rural and semi-rural settlements across the Taieri Plain, a fertile low-lying agricultural region dominated by dairy and sheep farming.

[\[en.wikipedia.org\]](#) [\[en.wikipedia.org\]](#), [\[tools.summ...ts.govt.nz\]](#)

2. Population Size and Growth

Mosgiel

- Estimated population: **approximately 15,100 people (June 2025)**. [\[en.wikipedia.org\]](#)
- Mosgiel has experienced **steady population growth** since the mid-1990s, increasing from around 11,000 in the late 1990s to nearly 15,000 by the early-to-mid 2020s. [\[citypopulation.de\]](#)

Taieri (broader area)

- The Taieri statistical area has a **smaller population than Mosgiel alone**, reflecting its rural character, with population change described by Stats NZ as gradual rather than rapid. [\[tools.summ...ts.govt.nz\]](#)
 - Growth trends indicate **modest long-term growth and population ageing**, similar to Dunedin City overall. [\[dunedin.govt.nz\]](#)
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3. Age Structure

Key characteristic: an older population profile

Mosgiel

- Mosgiel has a **higher proportion of residents aged 65 years and over** than Dunedin City and Otago averages.

- Earlier census data shows over **30% of Mosgiel's population aged 65+**, a trend that continues to influence local services and housing needs. [teara.govt.nz], [dunedin.govt.nz]
- Working-age adults (15–64 years) remain the largest group, but population projections show **continued ageing over time** rather than youth-led growth. [dunedin.govt.nz]

Taieri

- The wider Taieri area mirrors this pattern, with **older age groups over-represented**, especially in rural parts where younger adults often migrate toward Dunedin or larger centres. [tools.summ...ts.govt.nz]

4. Ethnicity

Mosgiel

- The population is **predominantly European/Pākehā**, with European ethnicity reported at **well over 80%** in census-based sources. [citypopulation.de], [dunedin.govt.nz]
- Māori, Pacific Peoples, Asian, and other ethnic groups are present but at **lower proportions than Dunedin City averages**.
- Ethnic diversity is increasing slowly, but Mosgiel remains **less ethnically diverse** than Dunedin as a whole. [dunedin.govt.nz]

Taieri

- The broader Taieri area shows **even lower ethnic diversity**, reflecting its rural settlement patterns and long-established European farming communities. [tools.summ...ts.govt.nz]

5. Household and Family Composition

Mosgiel

- A **higher proportion of couple-only households**, particularly older couples without children, compared with Dunedin City averages. [dunedin.govt.nz]
- Slightly **fewer multi-person and family-with-children households**, reflecting the older population structure.
- Single-person households are common, especially among older residents.

Taieri

- Rural Taieri households tend to be **larger in land area but smaller in household size**, with farming households and lifestyle blocks common across the plain. [en.wikipedia.org]

6. Socio-Economic Characteristics

Employment and Income

- Mosgiel functions as a **service and retail hub** for the surrounding Taieri farming area, with employment in retail, healthcare, education, and local services, alongside commuting to Dunedin. [en.wikipedia.org]
- Household income levels are generally **close to Dunedin averages**, though areas of Mosgiel rank among the **least deprived** within Dunedin City according to deprivation index mapping. [dunedin.govt.nz]

Education

- Mosgiel has a **lower proportion of residents with tertiary qualifications** compared with Dunedin City overall, reflecting its older population and fewer students. [dunedin.govt.nz]
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7. Key Demographic Features at a Glance

- Predominantly **European/Pākehā population**
 - **Older age profile**, with strong representation of retirees
 - **Stable, slow population growth**
 - Mix of **urban (Mosgiel)** and **rural (Taieri Plains)** lifestyles
 - Strong community identity and service-town role for surrounding rural areas
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8. Implications

The demographic profile of Mosgiel and the Taieri area suggests ongoing demand for:

- **Health and aged-care services**
- **Accessible housing and transport**
- Community facilities supporting older adults At the same time, gradual residential growth around Mosgiel continues to attract families seeking a small-town environment within commuting distance of Dunedin.