

Ex-Religious Support Network (ESN)

*A self-help community seeking
meaning and joy beyond religion*

www.meetup.com/Ex-Religious-Support-Network

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Secular Communities

1. Secular Member Organizations

Humanist Society of Victoria

<http://vichumanist.org.au>

[facebook.com/vichumanist/](https://www.facebook.com/vichumanist/)

twitter.com/vichumanist

Works towards building a society guided by reason and compassion and respect for human rights

Meets on 4th Thursday monthly for public lectures and for members' discussion

Rationalist Society of Australia

[meetup.com/Melbourne-Rationalist-Think-Tank/](https://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Rationalist-Think-Tank/)

rationalist.com.au/

Association of like-minded people promoting a rational approach to public policy and day-to-day living

Meets on 2nd Monday monthly for Melbourne Rationalist Think Tank

Sunday Assembly Melbourne

[meetup.com/SundayAssemblyMelbourne/](https://www.meetup.com/SundayAssemblyMelbourne/)

[facebook.com/SundayAssemblyMelbourne](https://www.facebook.com/SundayAssemblyMelbourne)

Secular alternative to church with inspirational talks, singing songs and celebrating life

Meets on last Sunday monthly for communal celebration

Australian Skeptics (Victorian Branch)

vicskeptics.wordpress.com/

Promotes scientific education and debunks pseudoscientific and paranormal claims

Meets on 3rd Monday monthly for lecture and discussion

Progressive Atheists

<https://progressiveatheists.org/>

Seeks to transform society through unity and active opposition to religion, oppression, discrimination

Meets in 4th week monthly for Open Meeting

2. Public Lectures and Discussion Groups

Existentialist Society

existentialistmelbourne.org/

Explores questions of freedom, meaning and purpose from existentialist and other viewpoints

Meets on 1st Tuesday monthly in Unitarian Church Hall, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne

The Philosophy Forum

sites.google.com/view/the-philosophy-forum/

Discusses and debates philosophical questions in a broad range of areas

Meets on 1st Sunday monthly in Unitarian Hall's Conference Room, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne

Agnostics Group

facebook.com/Agnostics-Group-187212065046675/

Considers arguments for and against certainty in theistic and atheistic belief

Meets on 1st Sunday monthly in Unitarian Hall's Conference Room, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne

Atheist Society

meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/messages/boards/thread/49182330

Considers arguments for and against theism and supernaturalism

Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly in Unitarian Church Hall, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne

Sea of Faith in Australia

sof-in-australia.org/local-group-meetings.php?pageid=16

Seeks radical reappraisal of past religious traditions in order to meet today's spiritual challenges

Meets on 3rd Thursday monthly at Carlton Library Meeting Room, 667 Rathdowne Street, North Carlton

3. Secular Political Parties and Lobby Groups

Reason Australia Party and Reason Victoria

reasonvic.org.au/

Reason is a registered political party both federally and in Victoria. The party has campaigned actively on a number of secular issues, including voluntary assisted dying, marriage equality, tax exemptions for churches, parliamentary prayers and abortion law reform.

Secular Party of Australia

secular.org.au/

As a registered political party, it challenges the power and privilege of religious institutions, including blasphemy law, religious instruction in schools, marriage equality, sex-discrimination and tax exemptions, parliamentary prayers, food labelling and Sharia courts.

National Secular Lobby

nationalsecularlobby.org/

Australia's National Secular Lobby has no formal membership and consists of a team of secular specialists headed by high-profile ambassadors. Ambassadors liaise directly with senior media executives and parliamentarians to help ensure the full separation of Church and State.

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