

Mansfield Social Inclusion Action Group



Mansfield Shire

Member Role Description

About the Mansfield Social Inclusion Action Group

Mansfield Shire has been selected as one of the first five Local Government Areas in Victoria to implement a Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG). The creation of Social Inclusion Action Groups within the community was a recommendation from the royal commission into the Victorian Government Mental Health System, as part of a state-wide program to grow social connections, inclusivity and support the mental health and wellbeing of communities.

The Social Inclusion Action Groups will be a community lead approach, as it is recognised that local communities are best placed to know what is needed for their communities to be healthy, strong and thrive.

The focus of the Mansfield Social Inclusion Action Group will be on improving the mental health and wellbeing of the community especially people most likely to be socially isolated through promoting, supporting, and funding new and existing social inclusion initiatives within the community.

About the Role

The Mansfield Social Inclusion Action Group brings together community members and organisations to improve social connection within and across the Mansfield Shire community and make decisions about funding local community initiatives to support this.

Group members will reflect our diverse community and the following people are welcome to apply, people with lived mental health experience, carers, young, old, LGBTIQ+A people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, people with experience of addiction and people with disabilities.

Member representation will take the following forms:

Community Representatives – Members of the community that have an interest and passion for improving mental health and wellbeing in the community. They will ensure the activities are informed by local knowledge, experience, and skills and assist with ensuring the group reflects the demographic across the community.

Organisational Representatives – Staff members from local organisations and services involved in the mental health and wellbeing in our community. Organisational Representatives are generally of appropriate seniority, to ensure they can actively contribute to decision making and information sharing about the wider mental health and wellbeing prevention initiatives.

Key Responsibilities -

As a group member you will:

- ▶ Draw on your experience, community knowledge and connections to inform and co-design a shared set of values/principles, aims, direction and objectives for the group with other members.
- ▶ Group members will lead the decision-making process, by working together to establish terms of reference for the group, members roles, and what existing and new initiatives to fund using allocated flexible funding to support long term impact and change.
- ▶ Identify local needs, existing initiatives and gaps relating to social connection and social inclusion in the local community.

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- ▶ Ensure activities align with community interests and best practice.
- ▶ Implement a range of initiatives that support community participation, inclusion, and connection.
- ▶ Ensure activities are evidence informed.

Appointment Tenure

A tenure period of two years with a chance to reapply for a second term only will be applied.

Funding

Ongoing flexible funding for social inclusion is available for this initiative and should be used to support long term impact and change, reaching across as much of the community as possible. This funding is held and will be managed by Mansfield Shire Council.

Remuneration

Group members not in an organisation will be remunerated for attending meetings and briefings at a rate of \$35.00 per hour in recognition of their skills, expertise and lived experience contribution and will be paid into their nominated bank account.

Remuneration is voluntary and members can choose not to receive remuneration.

Meetings

Group members will be required to attend a briefing meeting upon successful selection to the group. The frequency and duration of the meetings will be determined by group members availability upon creation of the SIAG.

An agenda and further information will be sent out to group members prior to each meeting, it is expected that information will be read in advance so informed decisions can be made at meetings.

Capacity | Training Opportunities

- ▶ Initial orientation to the program / group.
- ▶ Community representative briefing
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Social Connection Literacy Training

More Information

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