

MINUTES

Mansfield SIAG Meeting No 3.

Date: 10 March 2026 **Time:** 5.30pm – 6:30pm **Venue:** Library

Present: Brendan Eyssens, Suzanne Green, Louise Jenkins, Kate Berg

Apologies: Paul Allen, Warren Coad, Michelle Harmer, Miranda Connaughton, Daniel Carter, Angela Tenbuuren



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1.	Opening of Meeting, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Ways of working – all in agreement	Everyone
3.	Welcome – Simon - Simon Donohoe, new Coordinator Community Strengthening, Mansfield Shire Council, was introduced to the group. Simon lives in Barwite and previously worked with gateway health. Simon has been reaching out to outlying communities to identify local needs with community group members. Outlying Community Funding Using underspend/carry -forward funding the following projects were identified that fit within the guidelines to receive funding: - Woods point flags for mini golf course, coffee machine for community hall and cooking classes.	

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	• Goughs Bay family friendly community fundraiser event. • Rotary – Screen ‘Just a Farmer’ film and a BBQ to promote their ‘end family violence’ campaign. • Ancona – have requested funding for a split system, stove, and blinds for Ancona Hall. • Merton – are proposing Pickleball equipment, table tennis tables and community dinners. • Bonnie Doon – proposed purchasing a coffee machine and hosting a barista course to support local employment opportunities. • Maindample – concrete square and basketball hoop Available funding must be spent by the end of the financial year; we will move forward with these requests and will keep members updated if any additional opportunities arise.	
4.	Mansfield Health, Community and Volunteers Expo 2026 Wednesday 18 March 2pm-6pm. • There are over 35 stalls registered • Members are encouraged to attend the Expo if available to help distribute showbags, give out lollies, gather feedback and help with the community BBQ. • Musical performances in the afternoon by youth musicians. • Radio broadcasting interviews at the Expo – if interested in participating please let Sally know.	Let Sally know if you would like to be interviewed by the radio at the Expo.

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5.	Working Dogs training day (June 22 & 23) • A working dogs training day has been scheduled for 22-23 June 2026. This opportunity arose and funding was available to support it, in collaboration with the showgrounds. • The event was very popular in 2024 with farmers, hoping we can engage this group again. • The event will be open to spectators and there will be opportunities to invite Bindaree, Yooralla and Mass to watch the training day. • Will advertise on social media to encourage spectators to come along. • Will reach out to high school students studying vocational major/agribusiness (Kate will provide contact)	Kate to provide agribusiness contact.
6.	Community Connect Mansfield (MACE directory) • A working group has been created to support the development of the Community Connect Mansfield platform. The group will meet 1 hour in person and 1 hour online, further details to follow. An invitation has been extended to the SIAG group for 1 member to participate. Sally will let you know when the next working group meeting is.	Sally to inform group of next community connect work group meeting.
7.	Training opportunities • Introduction to Mental Health Promotion – Online Training This practical, evidence-based introductory training provides participants with the basic language and frameworks needed to confidently support mental health promotion initiatives in community settings. All SIAG members are welcome to attend.	

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	Date: Thursday, 19 March Time: 5:00–8:00pm Online (Zoom) Click HERE to register. And Date: Tuesday 21 April Time: 5:00 – 8:00pm Online (Zoom) Click HERE to register. • SIAG ideas exchange event in May – existing SIAGs and those leading social inclusion programs discuss needs, gaps, success etc. – Sally will send info (Simon/Sally will attend and share afterwards) If you are interested in attending please let Sally know. Date: Tuesday 5 May Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm Location: Community Hub, Docklands.	
8.	Future Funding Round • \$40,000 general stream \$10,000 first nations stream in SIAG 2026/27 grant round which will open in June. • Applications will be open to all community groups. The SIAG group will evaluate the applications and determine funding allocations. Returning applicants must have completed and acquitted their previous funding before they are eligible to apply again.	

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9.	Next Meeting: 21 April 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Location TBC.	