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Mansfield SIAG Meeting No 5.

Date: 21 May 2026 **Time:** 5.30pm – 6:30pm **Venue:** Library

Present: Brendan Eyssens, Suzanne Green, Daniel Carter, Miranda Connaughton, Michelle Harmer, Paul Allen

Apologies: Louise Jenkins, Angela Tenbuuren, Kate Berg



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1.	Opening of Meeting, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Event & Funding Updates ▶ 2026-27 SIAG funding opportunity will begin advertising in the following weeks, applications accepted from 1 June to 10 August. Flyers will be available for members to hand out. ▶ Volunteer Thank You/Networking Event to be held in Volunteers Week on 21 May 6pm -9pm. Free 3-course dinner at the Mansfield Golf Club with music and Colin Lane as MC. 60 tickets sold out in a weekend and the event has expanded to 130 people. ▶ Wawa Biik Cultural Competency Workshop change of date to 7 July from 11am-3pm, lunch included. ▶ Transport Pilot Project, an external facilitator has been engaged for a workshop, that will be held on Monday 18 May from 10:00am–2:00pm at the VIC, with lunch provided. Stakeholders from MDH, Rosehaven, Council, and SIAG have been invited to attend. The four-hour workshop will focus on developing a locally based and	▶ Flyers will be available for SIAG members to hand out in the community. Contact Sally if you would like some printed. ▶ Any volunteers you think should be at the event please pass on their details to Sally or Simon. ▶ Harmie to speak on the night of the volunteer's event and will send out an email with an outline of what she is going to say. ▶ Please RSVP to Sally for the Wawa Biik Cultural Competency Workshop. - Simon to send draft agenda for

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	sustainable program brief that uses resources currently available within the community. The program brief developed can be used to support future grant applications and/or be provided to an organisation to deliver the program. ▶ Homes for Good Project is concept that explores short-term and long-term living arrangements, particularly for employees of MDH or Rosehaven, to live with an older community members who lives by themselves. A working group is proposed to further explore a pilot model. Harmie advised that a similar model has been established in Melbourne. ▶ Funding opportunity, Goughs Bay Progress Association is wanting funding to run community activities similar to what has been successful in the past, targeting those that are known to be isolated within the community. McCormack Park would like funding to improve their facilities, like having blinds, so the community can use the space regularly. Bonnie Doon Community Group are seeking funding to take local youth on trips to a footy game and an amusement park. Year Round Aquatic Facility Inc are wanting funding to establish a sub group called Mansfield Pool Inc to increase sporting and recreational opportunities that are lacking in the Mansfield Pool. Members would like clarity and more information from YAFM.	Mondays Transport workshop to Harmie. - Harmie to find the project from Melbourne that is similar to the Homes for Good program. - If you know someone currently living with someone else in a similar way as the Homes for Good program, could you gather some information about what worked and what didn't with the arrangement. - Simon to reach out to YAFM for clarity on their project.
3.	SIAG Administration ▶ Terms of Reference (ToR) and Needs Analysis	- Sally to email SIAG members the needs analysis again for feedback.

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	The Terms of Reference were reviewed by the group and endorsed. There is a chance to provide feedback for the Needs Analysis. It was discussed to make the document more accessible by using pictures and quotes/comments from the community. ▶ SIAG t-shirts and hoodies for group members to wear while out in the community was approved. ▶ Aging Well Brochure is a guide developed to help support those aged 55+ living in Mansfield Shire. It includes information about social groups, active living, meal delivery services, healthcare providers and more. The brochure is in draft form and up for feedback. It was discussed at the meeting to add to the document what is available for transport in Woods Point, the hospitals Friday Benalla Bus to the heated pool, Monday night Badminton, Thursday community shopping bus and the RAR multicultural group dinners/movie night.	▶ Sally to send out the Aging Well Brochure draft for members to read and provide feedback.
4.	New Ideas ▶ Harmie suggested using the Volunteers Thank You event to gather anecdotal data from the night. Have a 3-question survey to see what people think is working and what isn't working in Mansfield.	- Suzanne is seeking information about social groups or clubs for people aged 25–40 years, focused on social connection activities such as going to the pub, attending movies, or other opportunities to meet new people. Please let Suzanne know if you come across a group like this.

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5.	Next Meeting: 10 June 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Mansfield Library back room.	