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Mansfield SIAG Meeting No 2.

Date: 17 February 2026 **Time:** 5.30pm – 7pm **Venue:** Library

Present: Angela Tenbuuren, Michelle Harmer, Miranda Connaughton, Daniel Carter, Michael & Claire from CUBE

Apologies: Paul Allen, Brendan Eyssens, Suzanne Green, Kate Berg, Louise Jenkins, Warren Coad



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1.	Opening of Meeting, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Cube Group Introduction - Michael and Claire introductions and acknowledgement of country - Explained that this evaluation is taking place on behalf of the Department of Health. Currently in phase 2 with a focus on evaluating the implementation and outcomes of SIAGs. They are revisiting the original 5 SIAGs (including Mansfield) and also consulting with several new SIAGs. Also explained that participation is voluntary and confidential, and the meeting was recorded to assist in their evaluation.	
3.	Cube Group Questions <i>Below are the questions asked by Michael and Claire, and an anonymous summary of answers given by SIAG members</i> What are some of the things you like about SIAG? - Increasing awareness of community groups - Improving collaboration between community groups (e.g. Yooralla and Gadhaba working	

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	together on the artwork for cards) - Identifying when groups have the same goals through mirrored funding applications and encouraging them to work together - Visiting and connecting with outlying communities to gain a better understanding of their needs - Networking events such as the Mansfield Health, Community & Volunteers Expo and the Gadhaba Meet and Greet What are some of the challenges associated with the SIAG? - Attendance at meetings: due to life commitments, lack of public transport, and it being unsafe to drive in the evening after meetings due to animals/road infrastructure Do you feel all members have equal say? - Members felt that they were always given the information and opportunity necessary to have input in funding decisions If you could change one thing about SIAG? - To make SIAG more visible in the community and make its purpose better understood - To make the initiatives it funds more sustainable long-term	
4.	Cube Group Conclusion Michael and Claire were asked what the next step was after this meeting. They will finish all site visits to other SIAGs and then meet with the Department of Health and the SIAG Implementation Committee to deliver their final report in June 2026. This report should be	

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	shared with SIAG members in due process. • They offered members who have been involved for at least 1 year the opportunity to register for a 30 minute 1:1 online interview to share their opinions. Interested members should contact Sally to arrange this. • A survey will be shared with these meeting minutes for any member who wishes to complete it. Responses must be submitted by 11 March 2026. • Michael and Claire thanked participants and said goodbye.	
5.	Standard SIAG Meeting • Aunty Angela raised with Sally and the group that standard practice is to first ask any First Nations people in attendance if they would like to give a welcome or acknowledgement of country. This has been noted and will become our practice at SIAG meetings going forward. • We decided SIAG meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month going forward (with the exception of March which will be 10/03 due to the Expo the following week). • We revisited Jamieson Community Groups request for increased funding and members in attendance voted to approve the new figure of \$5,000. • Sally raised the idea of SIAG members visiting previous funding recipients to have photos and videos taken. These will be used to promote SIAG, the funding recipient, and their initiative, on social media and during funding acquittals/evaluations. First visit to Yooralla has been planned for 18 February with Miranda and Michelle.	

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6.	Mansfield Health, Community & Volunteers Expo • 26 groups have signed up so far, a mix of new and returning. • Sally and Keira are reaching out to musicians via Steiner School and Youth Centre to arrange entertainment. • SIAG will be funding food provided by Gadhaba and Mansfield Historical Society. • Posters were placed in shop windows on High Street on 16 February.	
7.	Info Exchange Day • This was intended to run in March alongside the Expo, however, has been moved to May due to time constraints. It is planned to coincide with Volunteers Week (18th-24th May). • It will include a thank you event to celebrate volunteers, community groups training sessions, and SIAG member training opportunities. Topics of training may include Cultural Safety (Sally is in talks with Taungurung Land Council), and grant writing.	
8.	Outlying Communities • Unspent funds from another part of the SIAG budget is being repurposed to support outlying community welcome packs, community initiatives, and community infrastructure improvements. • This raised a discussion about the community garden table at Woods Point, which community members previously identified as needing repairing or replacing. Sally has spoken to Men's Shed who are unable to assist. Upon suggestion from members, Sally will reach out to the Repair Shed to see if they can help. Additionally, Michelle will reach	

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	out to her contacts to seek a solution.	
9.	Next Meeting: 10 March 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Location TBC.	