

MINUTES

Mansfield SIAG Meeting No 4.

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

Present: Brendan Eyssens, Louise Jenkins, Daniel Carter, Miranda Connaughton, Michelle Harmer

Apologies: Paul Allen, Suzanne Green, Angela Tenbuuren, Kate Berg



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1.	Opening of Meeting, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Event & Funding Updates ▶ Will begin advertising in the following weeks for the 2026-27 SIAG funding opportunity which will be open 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 (18-24 May). Free 3-course dinner at the Mansfield Golf Club with music and potentially a speaker. Advertising will start as soon as the date is finalised. ▶ Wawa Biik Cultural Competency Workshop also to be held during Volunteers Week on 19 May – free for up to 25 community members. Members suggested reaching out to Gadhaba and local schools to invite interested participants. ▶ Simon's update on outlying community funding – all programs discussed during meeting 3 are still progressing and being received well. Expect an update at the next meeting.	• Sally will send draft flyers to members for feedback. ▶ Members to advise Sally if you would like to attend the Wawa Biik Workshop, or the SIAG Ideas Exchange. • If members have any potential contacts who may be able to loan sheep, please reach out to Sally.

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	• Working Dogs Training Dog to be held on 23rd and 24th June – members are invited to register. Trainer requires 15-20 sheep that have experience being handled by working dogs. • The idea of a SIAG newsletter was discussed, to share events such as those discussed tonight with those who have previously received funding. • Community Connect project is moving along as planned. MACE will soon be contacting Sally to encourage SIAG members to become involved in a working group to test and give feedback on the new platform. ▶ SIAG ideas exchange event 5 May in Melbourne – members are encouraged to attend. Sally will attend and provide information to the group afterwards.	
3.	SIAG Administration • Members are required to review the Terms of Reference, including the requirement for 70% attendance at meetings, and give feedback. ▶ Sally suggested opening membership recruitment (up to max 15 members as per guidelines) – members in attendance agreed. It was also suggested to contact previously funded community groups to reach potential new members. ▶ Needs Analysis must be updated – members asked to read document and give feedback. Michelle suggested organising a working group	• Sally to send Terms of Reference and Needs Analysis. Members to review and provide feedback to Sally. ▶ Members to consider and reach out to those who may be interested in joining SIAG. ▶ Sally to organise a meeting next week for interested members to review the Terms of Reference and Needs Analysis

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	meeting to collaborate with members while reviewing.	documents collaboratively.
4.	New Ideas ▶ Michelle discussed with Brendan about Craig Eury's (carpenter) visit to Woods Point to assess the community table and chairs. Some wood will have to be replaced to repair the table, which will require approval from Woods Point Progress Association. Sally to facilitate sharing information between contractor, Michelle, and Brendan who will seek feedback from WPPA. Sally also to investigate land ownership and associated requirements. ▶ "Transport" was again identified as a need within the community (as included in the original Needs Analysis document). Simon discussed the potential to hold a one-off working group/brainstorming session with members to further explore potential solutions. • Expanding fat farmers model to reach other at-risk groups e.g. unemployed youth.	
5.	Next Meeting: 12 May 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Location TBC.	