



Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Brimbank Terms of Reference – Summary

What is SIAG Brimbank?

SIAG Brimbank is made up of a group of local people working together to make Brimbank a more connected, welcoming, and inclusive place. SIAG Brimbank listens to the community, learns what people need, and supports projects that help people connect.

SIAG Brimbank is funded by the State Government in response to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

Vision

A welcoming and well connected Brimbank community, where everyone feels respected, included, and valued.

Membership

- Between 12–19 members.
- Members are part of SIAG Brimbank for two years.
- Members are paid for their involvement.
- Who can apply: Anyone who lives, works, studies, plays, does business, or has a strong connection to Brimbank.
- SIAG Brimbank welcomes people of all ages and from different walks of life – especially those who know what it's like to feel left out or lonely.

Who **cannot** apply: Members of Parliament, Councillors, their staff, Brimbank City Council employees, or people on other Brimbank City Council committees or advisory panels.

What's Expected from Members

- Attend and prepare for meetings (in-person, online, or both).
- Take part in discussions, working groups, and decision-making.
- Work respectfully with others.
- Follow group values and Council guidelines.
- Represent SIAG positively in the community.



Meetings

Attend 2-hour meetings on Tuesday evenings after 5pm.

- Meetings held every two weeks at first, and then monthly.
- Can be in person, online, or hybrid.

Funding Decisions

SIAG Brimbank decides which local projects to fund using the Social Inclusion Investment Fund.

- Decisions are transparent and follow SIAG guidelines and Council requirements.

Support for Members

- Accessibility needs can be met to help members take part.
- Training and development opportunities are offered to members.
- Members are offered help to prepare for meetings.

Values

- Respect and inclusion for everyone.
- Listening to lived experiences.
- Collaboration and fairness.
- Transparency and accountability.

How to Apply

- Complete an Expression of Interest application form.
- Members are chosen for their skills, community ties, and how well they work with others.
- Reference checks, Police Check and Working with Children Check required (costs paid by Council).