



Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Brimbank

Member Application Form

What is SIAG?

The Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) is a new community-led group funded by the State Government in response to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

SIAG Brimbank is led by the community. Its goal is to make Brimbank a more connected, welcoming, and inclusive place.

What will SIAG Brimbank do?

SIAG Brimbank will be made up of a diverse group of local people and will meet regularly over the next two years. We'll find out what's missing in our community and fund projects that build connection, inclusion, and wellbeing.

Members can take part in training, learn new skills, and meet important groups in Brimbank and beyond. Members will be paid for their time.

Why Your Voice Matters

We're especially keen to hear from people who:

- Have lived experience of social isolation, exclusion, or marginalisation.
- Work or volunteer in the social or community sector.
- Are deeply connected to a cultural, faith-based, youth, LGBTQIA+, disability or other community group.

How will members be selected?

We will select members who, as a group, have a good balance of skills and experiences.

We are looking for people who:

- Can work well with others, respecting different backgrounds and opinions.

- Know their community well and have personal experience with diversity or social isolation.
- Speak up for the community fairly and take part without promoting their own agenda.
- Have the ability and connections to make a real difference in their community.

Who Can Apply?

To join SIAG Brimbank, you must:

- Be 16 years or older (as of close of application date).
- Live, work, study, play, do business, or have a meaningful connection to Brimbank.
- Be able to commit to 2-2.5-hour meetings (Every two weeks at first, then monthly).
- Be available for meetings after 5pm on Tuesdays (online or in-person).
- Be willing to undergo a Reference Check, Working with Children Check and Police Check (at no cost to you).

SIAG Brimbank works to listen to and amplify new and unheard voices. It aims to share opportunities throughout the community. For this reason,

members of SIAG Brimbank may not:

- currently hold a position on any other Brimbank City Council committee, advisory group, deliberative engagement, or community panel (including Brimbank Community Voice) that provides feedback to Council.
- hold a position as a Member of Parliament, Councillor, or work in the office of an elected official.
- be employed as a Brimbank City Council staff member.



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How to Apply?

You can submit your completed application form in the following ways:

 Email to SIAG@brimbank.vic.gov.au

 Drop off your form at Brimbank Community and Civic Centre (301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine VIC 3020), your local Neighbourhood House or Brimbank Library.

 Brimbank City Council
Attn: Social Inclusion Project Officer
PO Box 70, Sunshine, VIC 3020

 If you need help applying, get in touch and we can discuss the questions together -
Lydia:  SIAG@brimbank.vic.gov.au,
 **0428 643 253** or **9249 4000**.

Applications close Tuesday 21 October.

Council will advise you of the decision about your application as soon as possible. This process normally takes approximately 4 weeks after applications close.

Questions? Thoughts?

SIAG Brimbank is an inclusive group. We are available to discuss what supports would enable you to participate and feel comfortable to apply. Please get in touch with any questions or thoughts.

We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, and people from LGBTQIA+ communities.

Contact:

Lydia, Social Inclusion Project Officer

 **0428 643 253, 9249 4000** or

 SIAG@brimbank.vic.gov.au

Acknowledgement of Country

Brimbank City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters in and around Brimbank City. We pay respect to Elders, past, present, and emerging, and recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage, and connection to land as a proud part of a shared identity for Brimbank City.



Recognition of Lived Experience

We welcome people with lived and living experiences who contribute to this group. Thank you for working in partnership to achieve an inclusive community within Brimbank City.





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Application Questions

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. Please contact the Social Inclusion Project Team if you need any additional support completing this form.

Personal Details

| | |
|-------|--|
| Name | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |

Preferred Contact Method

| | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Email | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phone |
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Where do you spend most of your time while in Brimbank?

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| Suburb(s) | |
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Question 1.

What is your relationship with Brimbank?

Your answer should explain whether you live, work, study, or play here, or how you have a meaningful connection with Brimbank.

Question 2.

Why do you want to be part of SIAG Brimbank?

Question 3.

What is your experience of connection in the Brimbank community?

Are you involved with any community groups or organisations (e.g. social or sporting clubs, volunteering, consumer groups, community networks or working with community)?

If so, please describe your role and how long you've been connected to the organisation, group, or committee?



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Question 4.

We're looking for a diverse range of people to join SIAG Brimbank. We believe a variety of experiences and perspectives will make our group stronger.

Please tell us about a time that you were proud to use your skills and qualities working in a group or with a community.

Accessibility & Support

Brimbank City Council is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for everyone.

Please select any supports you may need to be part of SIAG Brimbank:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | vision support | <input type="checkbox"/> | hearing support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | wheelchair/pram access | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | digital access to meetings | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | child-friendly spaces | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | help with other caring responsibilities | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Support Worker arrangements | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other assistance (please specify) | | |

More about you

We are collecting this information with the aim of creating a diverse and inclusive group that reflects the diversity of the Brimbank community.

Your unique perspective is important to us. By asking for this information, we hope to build a group with a wide range of life experiences. Your answers will be kept confidential and will not be used to discriminate against you.

Do you identify as: (please select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A person with a disability or carer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LGBTQIA+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone with experience of mental ill-health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone with experience of social isolation or loneliness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Neurodivergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Speaking a language other than English (please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Born outside of Australia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone with experience of addiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone with experience of discrimination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | None of the above |



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What is your gender?

| | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Man | <input type="checkbox"/> | Woman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-binary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Self-described (please specify) | | |

What is your age group?

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 35-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 50-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 60-69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 70-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 85+ | | |

Declaration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have read the information provided in this form and am able to commit to the requirements of the project, including attending meetings, should I be appointed to SIAG Brimbank. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have read and consent to the collection of information provided in this form according to the privacy statement provided below. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I agree to work respectfully with people from all walks of life. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have read the information provided in this form and am able to commit to the requirements of the project, including attending meetings, should I be appointed to SIAG Brimbank. |
| Signed: | |
| Date: | / / |

Parent/Guardian Consent for Young People under 18 years

If you are aged 16-17 and want to apply to be part of SIAG Brimbank, please talk to your parent/guardian about the project and ask them to complete the consent below. It is important they understand the commitment required.

If you would like support speaking with your parent/guardian about SIAG Brimbank or your application, please contact Lydia, Social Inclusion Project Officer.

I, _____
[Parent/Guardian's Full Name], give permission for

[Young Person's Full Name], to apply to participate in SIAG Brimbank.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I confirm that I have read and understood the information provided about SIAG Brimbank and the time commitment required to take part if my young person is selected. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have discussed the nature of participation with my young person, and they have indicated a willingness to take part. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have read and agree to the privacy statement provided below. |
| Signed: | |
| Date: | / / |
| Parent/Guardian name: | |
| Parent/Guardian phone number or email: | |



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Privacy Collection Statement

We take your privacy very seriously. All data will be stored in line with Australian Privacy Principles.

The information provided on this application will be used by Brimbank City Council for the purposes of implementing the Social Inclusion Action Group Project and any other directly related purposes. All information collected is protected by Council's [Privacy and Health Information Policy](#).

Information provided on this application form will be added to our Social Pinpoint website, Your Say Brimbank. Social Pinpoint stores data on servers located in the United States of America (US). By completing this application form, you are consenting for any personal, sensitive or health information provided to be stored in the US.

We may share this information with the Project Funder (Victorian Department of Health) and within Brimbank City Council to implement the Project. Any personal information collected in this application will be de-identified prior to sharing or use.

Personal information collected will be used to ensure the SIAG is demographically representative of the Brimbank community and includes priority cohorts to meet program guidelines.

If your personal information is not collected, the Social Inclusion Action Group Project may not be able to be adequately conducted, and you may not be able to be contacted in relation to the Project, for further questions, or information.

Other than as stated above, your personal information will not be disclosed to any external party without your consent, except as required or authorised by law.

If you have any questions about how your personal information will be handled or would like to gain access to your personal information, you can contact Brimbank City Council on **9249 4000** or email info@brimbank.vic.gov.au

Child Safe Standards

Brimbank Council is committed to being a child safe organisation with zero tolerance for child abuse. SIAG members who will be involved with children (directly or indirectly) have a responsibility to ensure that they comply with current legislation and regulations related to Child Safety. This includes but is not limited to Victorian Child Safe Standards, Reportable Conduct Scheme and Working with Children Act 2005.

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