

Assistant Ministerial Diary¹

Assistant Minister for Tourism, Early Learning, Creative Industries and Far North Queensland

Ms Bree James MP

1 August 2025 – 31 August 2025

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/s or Person/s	Purpose of Meeting
1 August 2025	General Manager – HEH Civil	Phone Meeting
1 August 2025	James Grist, Principal Corporate Affairs and Government Relations, and James Martin, Corporate Affairs – BHP	Meeting
1 August 2025	Michael Hogan, Executive Convenor, and Roger Meany, Engagement and Operations – Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership	Meeting
1 August 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Parliament Committee Members; Members of Parliament; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Queensland Parliament – Health and Environment Committee's Estimates Hearing
2 August 2025	Mr Matt Smith MP – Federal Member for Leichhardt; Luca Vergari, General Manger – Cairns Basketball Inc	Event: Cairns Dolphins
4 August 2025	Richard Stevenson, CEO – Ports North	Stakeholder Meeting
5 August 2025	Sharon Schimming, Director-General, Department of Education and the Arts; the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts; Tania Porter, Deputy Director- General, Early Childhood, Regulation and Communication; Departmental Staff; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters

¹ Does not include personal, electorate or party political meetings or events, media events and interviews and information contrary to public interest (e.g. meetings regarding sensitive law enforcement, public safety or whistleblower matters).

5 August 2025	Sharon Schimming, Director-General,	Portfolio Matters
	Department of Education and the Arts; the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts;	
	Ministerior Education and the Arts, Ministerial staff; Departmental staff	
6 August 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
6 August 2025	Acting Deputy Director-General,	Meeting
	Innovation Division – Department of	
	the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI); Ministerial	
	staff	
6 August 2025	Benjamin Long, Chief Government	Meeting
	Relations Officer – Australia Zoo	
6 August 2025	The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP –	Portfolio Matters
	Minister for Education and the Arts;	
7 August 2025	Departmental staff; Ministerial staff The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP –	Portfolio Matters
7 August 2023	Minister for Education and the Arts;	1 Ortiono Matters
	Ministerial staff	
7 August 2025	Ministerial staff	Meeting
7 August 2025	The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP –	Queensland Parliament –
	Minister for Education and the Arts;	Education, Arts and
	Parliament Committee Members;	Communities Committee's Estimates Hearing
	Members of Parliament; DG – Department of Education;	
	Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	
7 August 2025	Fraser Foundation Board of Trustees;	Event: Fraser Foundation &
	CAECE Board of Directors; Australian	the College for Australian
	Childcare Alliance Qld Directors;	Early Childhood Educators (CAECE)
	Owners and Directors of Approved providers; Early Childhood Teachers	(6/12/22)
	& educators; invited guests	
8 August 2025	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor – Douglas	Event: Taste of Port
	Shire Council; Tourism and Events	Douglas Festival
	Queensland (TEQ); Spencer and	
	Reina Patrick, organisers; and invited guests	
11 August 2025	Andy Ridley, CEO, and Sean Daly,	Site Visit: Moore Reef
	Marine Operations Manager –	
	Citizens of the Reef; Malena	
	McNamara, Secretary, Committee for	
	Academic Programs Policy –	
	University Queensland; Eric Fisher – GBR Biology	
12 August 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP –	Portfolio Matters
	Minister for the Environment and	
	Tourism and Minister for Science and	
	Innovation; Tim Booth, CEO –	
	Tourism Whitsundays and Chair –	

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	Queensland Regional Tourism	
	Network; DG – DETSI; Departmental	
	staff; Ministerial staff	
12 August 2025	Mr David Kempton MP - Member for	Site Visit
	Cook; Dr Samantha Horseman -	
	James Cook University Ideas Lab;	
	JCU staff	
12 August 2025	Scott Kessell, Project Manager – Time	Portfolio Matters
	and Tide Transport; Uncle Willie	
	Wigness and Uncle Harry Seriat –	
	Kaurareg Elders	
12 August 2025	Stuart Totham, Senior Manager,	Portfolio Matters
	Government and Community	
	Relations – Endeavour Group	
12 August 2025	Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Cairns	Event: Centacare FNQ
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	Higashimoto, Japanese Head	Celebration
	Consulate – Japanese Embassy;	
	Anita Veivers, Executive Direct –	
	Centacare FNQ & CELC; Community	
	Leaders Network; Multicultural Elders	
	Group; Centacare FNQ staff; and	
	invited guests	
12 August 2025	Assistant Ministers	Mooting of Assistant
13 August 2025	Assistant wiinisters	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
13 August 2025	Ben Schnitzerling, Director and Fiona	Meeting
10 / tagaot 2020	Hammond, Government and	Wicoming
	Stakeholder Relations – Red Fox	
	Advisory	
13 August 2025	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor – Douglas	Meeting
13 August 2023	Shire Council; Bade Stapleton,	Meeting
	Managing Director and Founder –	
	Gran Fondo; Emma Tunnock,	
	Executive Officer – Tourism Daintree	
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13 August 2025		
I	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor - Douglas	Site Visit: New Splash Park
10.4	Shire Council	Installation
13 August 2025	Shire Council Superintendent Monique Ralph,	
	Shire Council Superintendent Monique Ralph, Assistant District Officer – QPS	Installation Meeting
13 August 2025	Shire Council Superintendent Monique Ralph, Assistant District Officer – QPS Gary Hunt, Principal – Hunt Design	Installation Meeting Meeting
	Shire Council Superintendent Monique Ralph, Assistant District Officer – QPS Gary Hunt, Principal – Hunt Design Dr Katie Chartrand, Senior Research	Installation Meeting
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14 August 2025	Roger Ward, Senior Lender – Cairns	Meeting
4-4	Mortgage Broker	
15 August 2025	Dan Freebody, CEO – Cricket Far North; invited guests	Event
15 August 2025	Assistant Commissioner Brett	Event: QPS Far Northern
15 August 2025	Schafferius, Chief Superintendent Kevin Fitzgibbon, and Superintendent Monique Ralph – QPS; Assistant Commissioner Brina Keating – QAS; Acting Inspector Darryl Chaplain – QAS; District Director James Forman – Cairns and Hinterland, QAS; Commander Andrew Thorpe – HMAS Cairns; Lieutenant Commander Cheyne Colley – HMAS Cairns; Lieutenant Colonel Luke Wessell - 51st Battalion; Warrant Officer Class 1 Richard Bushnell - 51st Battalion; Wayne Coutts Regional Director – SES; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor, and Councillors – Cairns Regional	Region Award Ceremony
	Council; invited guests	
15 August 2025	Far North Assistant Commissioner, Queensland Ambulance Service; Manager Clinical Education Cairns Ambulance Station	Site Visit: Cairns Facility
15 August 2025	Alan Milne, Managing Director and Owner – East Airways; Richard Barker, CEO – Cairns Airport	Site Visit: New Office
15 August 2025	Cameron Riches, General Manager – Cairns Jockey Club; Cairns Jockey Club Members; guests	Event: Great Northern Brewing Co Cairns Super Carnival Launch
16 August 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Great Northern Brewing Co Cairns Amateurs Race Day
16 August 2025	Tom Hedley, President, and Cameron Riches, General Manager – Cairns Jockey Club; invited guests	Great Northern Brewing Co Cairns Amateurs Cup Presentation
16 August 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Mayor Amy Eden – Cairns Regional Council; AFL Cairns; Ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Men's T20 International Series VIP Function & Match

17 August 2025	The Hon David Crisafulli MP, Premier and Minister for Veterans; The Hon Dan Purdie MP – Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Superintendent Kevin Fitzgibbon - Queensland Police; QPS officers; Ministerial staff	Site Visit: Cairns Police Station
18 August 2025	Christopher Kohn, Executive Artistic Director – JUTE Theatre Company	Portfolio Matters
18 August 2025	Mark Melrose, Head of Studios and Physical Production, and Riannon Del Favero, Studio Manager – Screen Queensland; Dior Yarwood and Janelle Yarwood – Wallfly Conferences & Events; Aaron Fa'Aoso, Director – Lonestar Entertainment Co	Site Visit – Screen Queensland
18 August 2025	Cairns RSL Subbranch President; Invited Guests	EVENT: Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service
19 August 2025	Joshua Paterson, CEO – Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation	Meeting
19 August 2025	Aidan Lang, CEO – Access Community Housing	Meeting
19 August 2025	Director General – Department of Primary Industries, Departmental Staff	Meeting
20 August 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
20 August 2025	Most Rev Mark Coleridge – Archbishop of Brisbane; Most Rev Joe Caddy AM – Bishop of Cairns; Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP – Archbishop of Sydney and Chair of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education; Nicholas Moore AO, Chair, and The Hon Jacinta Collins, Executive Director – National Catholic Education Commission; Diarmiud O'Riordan, Executive Director – Catholic Education Cairns; Sr Nathalie Becquart xmcj, Undersecretary for the General Secretariat of the Synod – Vatican; invited guests	Event: 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference
20 August 2025	Natalie and Ricky Kradolfer, Co- Founders - Amplify	Meeting
20 August 2025	Trent Twomey, National President – The Pharmacy Guild of Australia; Chris Owen, President, and staff – Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland Branch; invited guests	Event: Pharmacy Guild of Australia Committee Meeting

20 August 2025	Jodie Growden, Manager – Super	Event: FNQ Marine Sector
20 August 2023	Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef;	Event. The Manne Sector
	invited guests	
22 August 2025	Cameron Riches, General Manager –	Event: Ladbrokes Cairns
22 / tagaot 2020	Cairns Jockey Club; Cairns Jockey	Newmarket Ladies Day
	Club Members; guests	
23 August 2025	Cameron Riches, General Manager –	Event: Red Beret Hotel
	Cairns Jockey Club; Cairns Jockey	Cairns Cup Day
	Club Members; invited guests	, ,
23 August 2025	Mr Matt Smith MP – Member for	Event: Cairns Indian
	Leichardt; Mark Olsen, CEO - TTNQ;	Festival
	Subash Chetry, President, and	
	Committee Members – Global	
	Organization People of Indian Origin	
	(GOPIO) Cairns; Cr Anna Middleton	
	and Cr Trevor Tim – Cairns Regional	
	Council; Neetu Bhagotia – Consul-	
	General of Indian; other guests	
25 August 2025	Victoria Thomson, Commissioner for	Meeting
	Liquor and Gaming, and departmental	
	staff – Department of Justice	
25 August 2025	Dr Zongze RUAN – Consul-General of	Meeting
	the People's Republic of China	
25 August 2025	Gerard Paynter, Head of Corporate	Meeting
	Affairs – Vanguard Health	
25 August 2025	James Farrell, CEO – Basic Rights	Meeting
	Queensland	
26 August 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
26 August 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP –	Portfolio Matters
	Minister for the Environment and	
	Tourism and Minister for Science and	
	Innovation; Ministerial staff	
26 August 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell – Minister for	Portfolio Matters
	the Environment and Tourism and	
	Minister for Science and Innovation;	
	Gavin Smith, Vice President and	
	Managing Director – Royal Caribbean International – Australia & New	
	Zealand; Matt Stoeckel, CEO – Visit	
	Sunshine Coast; Ministerial staff	
26 August 2025	The Honourable David Crisafulli MP,	Meeting
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	Ministerial staff	
27 August 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
27 August 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant
27 August 2025	Assistant iviinisters	Ministers
27 August 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP –	Ministerial Staff Meeting
	Minister for the Environment and	
	Tourism and Minister for Science and	
	Innovation; Ministerial staff	

27 August 2025	John Collins – Night-Life Economy Commissioner	Meeting
27 August 2025	Director-General – Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
28 August 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
28 August 2025	Stephen Lewin, CEO and Donna Ryan, Regional Manager – Youth Insearch; Jo Scard, Registered Lobbyist – Fifty Acres; Will Murphy, Ministerial Adviser	Introductory Meeting
28 August 2025	The Hon David Crisafulli MP – Premier and Minister for Veterans; Cabinet Ministers; The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Members of Parliament; Elsa D'Alessio, Chair, and Natassia Wheeler, CEO – QTIC; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Event: Tourism in the House
29 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP – Member for Townsville; Peter Santo, Owner and Operator – First Nation's Tourism Operator	Meeting
29 August 2025	Mike Steel, Chair – Magnetic Island Boating Committee and Commodore – Townsville Yacht Club; Tony Muller, Vice Chair – Magnetic Island Boating Committee and Rear Commodore – Townsville Yacht Club; competitors and spectators	Event: Friday Presentations Sea Link Magnetic Island Races
30 August 2025	Susan McDonald, Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia	Meeting
30 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP, Member for Townsville; Kate O'Hara, Gallery Director - Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts	Meeting
30 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP, Member for Townsville; Ricardo Peach, Executive Director - Australian Festival of Chamber Music	Meeting
30 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP, Member for Townsville; Terri Brabon OAM, Artistic Director – TheatreiNQ; Anne-Marie Smith, Company Manager - TheatreiNQ	Meeting
31 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP – Member for Townsville; Amelia Evans, CEO – Townsville Airport	Stakeholder Meeting

31 August 2025	Mr Adam Baillie MP – Member for	Event: Magnetic Island
	Townsville; spectators and	Breeze Festival
	competitors	

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