



Assistant Ministerial Diary¹

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

Ms Bree James MP

1 May 2025 – 31 May 2025

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/s or Person/s	Purpose of Meeting
1 May 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
1 May 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Danny Hughes, CEO – AJ Hackett International	Stakeholder Meeting
1 May 2025	The Hon Ros Bates MP – Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook, Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave, Members of Parliament; Ministerial staff	Meeting
1 May 2025	Perry Jones, CEO Ocean Freedom	Meeting
7 May 2025	Mr Bryson Head MP – Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Resources and Critical Minerals; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Jaime Gane, Chairperson – Western Cape Futures Symposium & Weipa Town Authority; Jai Christie, President – Western Cape Chamber of Commerce; Professor Allan Dale – James Cook University; Professor Hurriyet Babacan, Chair – Regional Development Australia	Event: Western Cape Futures Symposium

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).

	(RDA) Tropical North; invited guests	
7 May 2025	Office Manager – Western Cape EcoTours	Stakeholder Meeting
7 May 2025	Mr Bryson Head MP – Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Resources and Critical Minerals; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook ,Jaime Gane, Chair – Western Cape Futures Symposium & Weipa Town Authority; Professor Hurriyet Babacan, Chair – RDA Tropical North; Cr Ronaldo Guivarra, Mayor – Mapoon Shire Council; Cr Roy Chevathan, Mayor – Napranum Shire Council; invited guests	Event: Future of Weipa Forum
7 May 2025	Mr Bryson Head MP – Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Resources and Critical Minerals; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook , Jaime Gane, Chair – Western Cape Futures Symposium & Weipa Town Authority; Kelli Leatham – Mapoon Land & Sea Rangers; Angie Reid, Senior Project Coordinator – North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA); Thaine Mills – Department of Primary Industries (Bio-Security); Jim Tournour, Director – Cape York Natural Resource Management; invited guests	Event: Western Cape Future Symposium – Protecting & Managing our Natural Assets
7 May 2025	Brooke Quartermaine, Manager – Weipa Camping Ground, Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook	Stakeholder Meeting
8 May 2025	The Hon Fiona Simpson MP – Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism; AFL Cape York House; DG – Department of Women, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism; Ministerial staff	Site Visit – AFL Cape York House
8 May 2025	The Hon Fiona Simpson MP – Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait	Meeting

	Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism; Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation; DG – Department of Women, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism; Ministerial staff	
8 May 2025	The Hon Fiona Simpson MP – Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism; Sharon Cavanagh-Luskin – Illuminate FNQ; DG – Department of Women, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism; Ministerial staff	Meeting
8 May 2025	The Hon Fiona Simpson MP – Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism; Sharon Cavanagh-Luskin, Founder and CEO – Illuminate FNQ; DG – Department of Women, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism; invited guests	Event
9 May 2025	Ministerial staff	Pre-brief
9 May 2025	Mr Michael Healy MP – Member for Cairns; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; Sarah Reardon, Program Manager, Homelessness – The Salvation Army (TSA); Mark Gray, Chairman – Salvation Army Housing; invited guests	Event: Salvation Army Ground Breaking
9 May 2025	Policy & Government Relations Advisor – North Queensland – Powerlink Queensland	Meeting
9 May 2025	Mark Olsen, CEO – Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ)	Stakeholder Meeting
9 May	Malcolm Bean, CEO and Wayne Harris, General Manager – Reef House	Stakeholder Meeting
12 May 2025	Chloe Swiney, Project Manager – AUS Women-in-Fire Training Exchange (WTREX); Carlene York APM, Director – Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) and	Event: AUS WTREX Welcome Lunch

	President – Girls-on-Fire Initiative; AFAC Board Members; Tyron McMahon, Deputy Chief Officer – Rural Fire Services Queensland (RFSQ); James Newman, Executive Director – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QP&WS) Northern Region; WTREX representatives; invited guests	
13 May 2025	Mathieu Taris, Director – DHaRCO; Danielle Godbier, Head of Commercial Engagement – Griffith University; Dom Davies – The Wool Shed; Resident of Cairns	Stakeholder meeting
14 May 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
14 May 2025	Sonja Johnson, CEO – RDA Tropical North; invited guests	Event: Qld RDA Network Annual Workshop
15 May 2025	Mr Michael Healy MP – Member for Cairns; Andy Ridley, CEO, and staff – Citizens of the Reef; staff and students from Cairns State High School; Departmental staff	Event: Great Reef Census Schools Program
15 May 2025	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor - Cairns Regional Council; Cr Gavin King – Cairns Regional Council	Meeting
15 May 2025	Simon Owen CEO, Andrew Hudson, Head of Operations - Eureka Gorup Holdings, Winston Harris, Senior Consultant - SAS Group (Registered Lobbyist)	Meeting about rates increase
15 May 2025	Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor – Douglas Shire Council; Cr Damian Meadows – Douglas Shire Council	Meeting
16 May 2025	Minister Powell Ministerial Staff	Event: Briefing
16 May 2025	Chris Sansom, Official Announcer – UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships; invited guests	Event: Short Ceremony
17 May 2025	Craig Bingham, Chair, and Marne Fechner, CEO – AusCycling; invited guests	Event: UCI 2025 Masters Mountain Bike World Championships VIP Lounge
19 May 2025	Craig Doran, CEO – IMA	Meeting
19 May 2025	Wayne Black, Approved Provider – Bay Explorers Early Learning	Meeting
19 May 2025	Lauren Bos, General Manager, Kristian Marlow, Policy and	Meeting

	Stakeholder Engagement Officer – Strata Community Association Queensland	
20 May 2025	The Hon Tim Nicholls MP – Minister for Health and Ambulance Services; The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP – Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; Members of Parliament	Event: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Parliament House
20 May 2025	Member of Parliaments	Parliamentary Sitting
21 May 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
21 May 2025	Cabinet Ministers; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Tourism Cabinet Committee Meeting
21 May 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff	Meeting
21 May 2025	Dr Belinda Burns, Chief Creative Officer – Screen Queensland; Naomi Wenck, Head of Physical Attraction – Screen Queensland; Jennifer Conroy and Eric McLeod, Executive Producers	Site Visit
21 May 2025	Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Meeting
21 May 2025	The Hon Pat Weir MP – Speaker of the Legislative Assembly	Event: Children's Hospital Foundation Annual Visit to Parliament House
21 May 2025	The Hon David Crisafulli MP – Premier and Minister for Veterans; The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP – Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; Cabinet Ministers; Members of Parliament	Event: 2032 Government Reception
22 May 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
22 May 2025	Mr David Lee MP – Member for Hervey Bay; DG – DETSI; David Robertson – Fraser Coast 4WD Operators Association; Hannah Robinson – Drop Bear Adventures; Sam Peaker – Hervey Bay Quik Cat 11; Peter Lynch – Blue Dolphin; Ministerial Staff; invited guests	Meeting
22 May 2025	Cr Glen Hartwig, Mayor – Gympie Regional Council; Ministerial staff	Meeting
22 May 2025	Trevor Watts MP – Assistant Minister to the Premier for Cabinet	Meeting

	and Southwest Queensland; Ministerial staff	
22 May 2025	The Hon Sam O'Connor - Minister for Housing, Public Works and Minister for Youth; Ministerial staff	Meeting
23 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Event: Crankworx Festival – RockShox Downhill
23 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Event: Crankworx Festival Award Ceremony – Pump Track and Downhill
24 May 2025	John Morris – Morris Group	Meeting
24 May 2025	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor – Douglas Shire Council	Event: Port Douglas Carnivale Family Beach Day
24 May 2025	David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor – Douglas Shire Council; Suzie Dein, Manager – Sound Australia; Sam - Newsport	Event: Port Douglas Carnivale Savannah Sounds
24 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival – Pump Track Challenge
24 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival – Centipede Hot Lap
24 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival Award Ceremony – Kidsworks
24 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival Award Ceremony – Full Tilt and Quadzilla
25 May 2025	David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Chrissie McLachlan, Port Douglas Art Inc	Event: Port Douglas Carnivale - Go Troppo Exhibition
25 May 2025	David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Jill Bickford event organiser	Event: Port Douglas Carnivale - Maritime Antiques Roadshow
25 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival – Specialised Dual Slalom Cairns Training
25 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival – Specialised Dual Slalom Finals
25 May 2025	Darren Kinnaird, CEO – Crankworx International; Competitors; invited guests	Crankworx Festival Award Ceremony – Full Tilt and Quadzilla
26 May 2025	John Wall, Founder – John Wall Childcare; Members of The Australian Childcare Collective; invited guests	Event: The Australian Childcare Collective Symposium

26 May 2025	Jennifer Brown, Coordinator – Queensland Energy Users Network	Phone call meeting
27 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor – Mareeba Shire Council; Professor Hurriyet Babacan, Chair – RDA Tropical North; invited guests	Event: Regional Water Forum
27 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Cr Brett Moller – Cairns Regional Council Roderic Rees, Owner and Director – Cairns Adventure Group; Mark Magnanini, Head of Cane Supply and other representatives – MSF Sugar	Site Visit
27 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Roderic Rees, Owner and Director – Cairns Adventure Group	Site Visit
27 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Mr Lachlan Farquharson, General Manager – Reefsedge Resort and Waterpark	Stakeholder Meeting
28 May 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
28 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; James Archer, Site Manager; Terry Jobling, Chief Operating Officer; James McGarry, Director Government Relations and Communication and staff – CleanCo	Site Visit
28 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western	Site Visit

	Queensland; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave	
28 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Adam Davies, Senior Communications and Engagement Officer – Wet Tropics Management Authority; Departmental staff	Site Visit
28 May 2025	The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP – Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Douglas Shire Council; Cr Gavin King – Cairns Regional Council; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave, Cr Brett Moller – Cairns Regional Council, Cr Matthew Tickner – Cairns Regional Council; Cairns Regional Staff and Ministerial Staff	Meeting
28 May 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Mr Terry James – Member for Mulgrave; Senior Communications and Engagement Officer; Yellow Ant Eradication Project Manager – Wet Tropics Management Authority;	Meeting
29 May 2025	Dr Puthiyaparambil Josekutty, Convenor – International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS) Conference; Clive Larkman, President – IPPS; invited guests	Event: International Plant Propagators Society Conference
29 May 2025	Kelly Egan, CEO Clubs Queensland; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook	Meeting
29 May 2025	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Mr Michael Healy MP – Member for Cairns; Senator Nita Green – Senator for Queensland; Mr Matthew Smith MP – Federal Member for Leichhardt; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor, and Councillors – Cairns Regional Council; Ken Gouldthorp, CEO – Cairns Regional Council; invited guests	Event: Great Barrier Masters Games 2025 Opening Ceremony

30 May 2025	CEO, Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service and invited guests	Event: Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month Breakfast
30 May 2025	Rev Ben Hentschke, First Assistant Bishop – Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District; Cr Brett Olds, Deputy Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; invited guests	Event: Lutheran Church of Australia Convention of the Synod
30 May 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
31 May 2025	Mr Jacob Lui, President – Thursday Island Chapter of Cairns Sub Branch; Uncle Phillip Bowie, Indigenous Elder representing Indigenous service people past and present; Mr Iain Carty, State Secretary – RSL Queensland; Mr Garry Player, Chair – State Council of District Presidents and President North Queensland District; Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; invited guests	Event: 2025 Indigenous Veterans Ceremony

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