



Ministerial Diary¹

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

Ms Bree James MP

1 March 2026 – 31 March 2026

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/s or Person/s	Purpose of Meeting
2 March 2026	Emma Thompson, CEO – Ronald McDonald House SEQ	Stakeholder Meeting
2 March 2026	Stuart Totham, Senior Manager, Government & Community Relations QLD and NT – Endeavour Group	Stakeholder Meeting
3 March 2026	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
3 March 2026	The Hon Steve Minnikin MP – Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Family and Small Business; The Hon Shannon Fentiman MP – Member for Waterford; Trisha Squires, CEO – AFL Queensland; Rob Auld, Executive General Manager – Game Development – AFL; Representatives from the Gold Coast SUNS, Brisbane Lions and AFL Queensland community clubs; Ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Parliamentary Friends of AFL
3 March 2026	Stewart Gordon, CEO, and Jo Symons, Executive Manager Strategy & Partnerships – Health Workforce Queensland	Stakeholder Meeting
3 March 2026	The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP – Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and	Stakeholder Meeting

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).

	Innovation; Daniel Leipnik, CEO – Cairns Aquarium; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	
3 March 2026	Ant McKenna – Australian Live Music	Meeting
4 March 2026	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
4 March 2026	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
4 March 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff	Meeting
4 March 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Tourism Cabinet Committee Members; Innovation; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Tourism Cabinet Committee Meeting
4 March 2026	Departmental staff	Meeting
5 March 2026	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
5 March 2026	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Mr David Kempton MP – Member for Cook; Ministerial staff	Meeting
5 March 2026	The Hon Sam O'Connor MP – Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Luke Bird, Chair, and Jennifer Spilsbury, CEO – Advance Cairns; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Stakeholder Meeting
5 March 2026	Mr Trevor Watts MP – Assistant Minister to the Premier for Cabinet and South West Queensland; Mrs Janelle Poole APM MP – Assistant Minister for Community Safety, Defence Industry, Veterans and North Queensland; Mr Adam Baillie MP – Member for Townsville; Ms Natalie Marr MP – Member for Thuringowa; Mr Hermann Vorster MP – Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs and International Student Attraction; Departmental staff	Stakeholder Meeting
5 March 2026	The Hon David Crisafulli MP – Premier and Minister for Veterans	Meeting
5 March 2026	The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP – Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; Luke Bird, Chair, and Jennifer Spilsbury, CEO – Advance Cairns; Ministerial staff	Stakeholder Meeting
5 March 2026	Ministerial staff	Meeting

6 March 2026	Pip Woodward, Founder – CaPTA Group; Sarah Bono, President – Cairns Business Women’s Club; Sally Mlikota, Managing Director– CBC Staff; invited guests	Event: Cairns Business Women’s Club International Women’s Day Awards
6 March 2026	Dr Allan Dale, Professor of Tropical Regional Development – The Cairns Institute, JCU	Stakeholder Meeting
8 March 2026	Group Captain Kathryn Stein; Nathan Shingles, President – Cairns RSL; invited guests	Event: International Women’s Day Cairns RSL
9 March 2026	Departmental staff	Meeting
9 March 2026	Annette Sheppard, President FNQ Volunteers; Mardie	Stakeholder Meeting
9 March 2026	Bob Epps, CEO – Cairns Taxis; departmental staff	Stakeholder Meeting
10 March 2026	Taryn Agius and Perry Jones, Owners – Ocean Free	Site Visit: Ocean Free Ship
10 March 2026	Nicky Swan, CEO – Mossman Botanical Gardens and Joshua Patterson, CEO – Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation	Stakeholder Meeting
11 March 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
13 March 2026	Heather Rowlands – Cairns Show Association; Ian Moller-Nielson, Secretary – Cairns Show Association, ministerial staff	Stakeholder Meeting
16 March 2026	Paul Sjogren, Principal – Trinity Anglican School; Trent Twomey, Chair – Trinity Anglican School	Stakeholder Meeting
17 March 2026	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; Ministerial staff; Gareth Phillips, CEO – AMPTO	Stakeholder Meeting
17 March 2026	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; Ministerial staff;	Site Visit: Sea Swift Depot
17 March 2026	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; Mayor Amy Eden, Cairns Regional Council; Ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Cairns Regional Infrastructure Luncheon
17 March 2026	Base Support Manager Bill Spriggs	Site Visit: Royal Flying Doctor Service Base Tour
18 March 2026	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
18 March 2026	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Mark Beecroft , CEO – Cairns Taipans	Stakeholder Meeting
18 March 2026	Annette Sheppard, President – FNQ Volunteers; Mardie Jennings, Program	Stakeholder Meeting

	Coordinator – FNQ Volunteers and Craig – FNQ Volunteers	
18 March 2026	Don McKay, My Evolution Coaching and Consulting Web and Dr Ash Walli	Stakeholder Meeting
18 March 2026	Sammy Blocksidge, Organiser – Queensland Teachers’ Union	Stakeholder Meeting
18 March 2026	Charmian Campbell, Operations Manager – Cairns Netball; Mayor Amy Eden – Cairns Regional Council; invites guests	Event: Cairns Netball Announcement
19 March 2026	Andy Ridley, CEO – Citizens of the Reef; Sean Daly, Marine Operations Manager – Citizens of the Reef and Belinda Flanders, General Manager – Citizens of the Reef	Stakeholder Meeting
20 March 2026	Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; departmental staff; invited guests	Event: Reef Ranger Refit Open Day
20 March 2026	Janet Hamilton, General Manager – Cairns Convention Centre; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Patricia O’Neill, CEO – Cairns Chamber of Commerce; invited guests	Event: Tourism and Business Events Luncheon
20 March 2026	Mark Jentz, Director – Community Services Practice and Partnerships – Anglicare North Queensland and the Chair of CHHN; Aidan Lang, CEO of Access Community Housing Corporation; Fiona Oates, Q Shelter – Senior Lead – Service Integration & Development	Stakeholder Meeting
20 March 2026	Mr Hideo Okubo, JATA Deputy General Manager; Mr Hideyuki Akiyama, JATA Executive Director; Sam Sakamoto, Marketing and Partnerships Manager – TTNQ; Roderic Rees, Director – Cairns Adventure Group; invited guests	Event: JATA Dinner
23 March 2026	Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Natassia Wheeler, CEO – QTIC; Molly Dobbins, Gateway to Industry Schools Program Coordinator, QTIC; Emma Rhoades, Tourism Industry Workforce Advisor, QTIC; Kathryn Moody, Industry Skills and Jobs Advisor Program Coordinator, QTIC; Carlie Tough; Industry Skills and Jobs Advisor Program	Stakeholder Meeting
23 March 2026	Irene Clelland, Chief Executive Officer – Arafmi	Stakeholder Meeting
23 March 2026	Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Sue Pope, CEO – Common Ground Queensland; staff Common Ground Queensland	Site Visit: Common Ground Queensland

24 March 2026	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; The Hon Tim Nicholls MP – Minister for Health and Ambulance Services; Trent Twomey, Chair – Trinity Anglican School, Chair – National Pharmacy Guild of Australia; Georgina Twomey, Chair, Rural Pharmacists Australia; Jodi Peters, Board Member – Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service; Ben Kidston, Chair – Ports North; Luke Bird, Chair – Advance Cairns	Event: Stakeholder Dinner
24 March 2026	Trent Twomey, Chair – Trinity Anglican School, Chair – National Pharmacy Guild of Australia; ministerial staff; departmental staff	Stakeholder Meeting
24 March 2026	Rod Sherrington, Managing Director – Trinity Advisory Group	Stakeholder Meeting
24 March 2026	The Hon David Crisafulli MP – Premier and Minister for Veterans; The Hon Ann Leahy MP – Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers; invited guests	Stakeholder Event: LGAQ Mayoral Function
24 March 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; ministerial staff; Natasha Wheeler, CEO – QTIC	Stakeholder Meeting
25 March 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
25 March 2026	Lisa Backhouse, Executive Director Corporate Affairs – TEQ; Ministerial staff	Stakeholder Meeting
25 March 2026	Departmental staff	Stakeholder Meeting
25 March 2026	The Hon Sam O'Connor MP – Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth; Departmental staff; invited guests	Stakeholder Event: Parliamentary Friends of Music
26 March 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; ministerial staff;	Meeting
26 March 2025	The Hon David Crisafulli MP – Premier and Minister for Veterans	Meeting
27 March 2026	Alan Milne, CEO – Air Niugini; David Glover, Chief Commercial Officer; Ido Kariko, Manager – Advertising & Events – Air Niugini; Illan Kaprangi, Manager – Corporate Communications – Air Niugini; Quintina Naime, Media	Event: Arrival of Air Niugini Aircraft Cairns

	Relations Officer – Air Niugini; David Nye, Head of Partnerships – Cairns Airport; Sharyn Brydon, Aviation Business Development Manager – Cairns Airport; Jana Stankovich, Head of Marketing and Communications – Cairns Airport; Caitlin Francis, Media and Communications Manager – Cairns Airport; Namassana Holland–Beard, Marketing Manager – Cairns Airport; Giovan Spena, Marketing Coordinator – Cairns Airport; invited guests	
27 March 2026	Georgina Breeuwer, Community Education and Development Officer – Relationships Australia QLD; Kurene Kurene, FNQ Regional Manager – Relationships Australia QLD; Alisha Lyngcoln – Regional Service Manager DFV Service	Stakeholder Meeting
30 March 2026	Stuart Field, Founder – Oztix	Stakeholder Meeting
30 March 2026	Michael Nagua, Assistant Director – Sanctuary Early Learning	Site Visit: Sanctuary Early Learning
30 March 2026	Departmental staff; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Peter Sonntag, Manager, FNQ Estate – James Cook University; Nathan Shepherd – Associate Director, Planning & Capital Development; Kristy Ghelfa, Coordinator Community Strategy Community Spaces – Cairns Regional Council; Darren Foo – Cairns Mountain Bike Club	Stakeholder Meeting
30 March 2026	Craig Lees, General Manager – AFL Cairns	Stakeholder Meeting
30 March 2026	Rick Hanlon, General Manager – AFL Cape York; Mandy Carney, Operations Manager – AFL Cape York	Stakeholder Meeting
31 March 2026	Departmental staff	Stakeholder Meeting
31 March 2026	Chaitali Nayak, Treasurer – Cairns Hindu Samaj	Stakeholder Meeting

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