



Ministerial Diary¹

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

Ms Bree James MP

1 May 2026 – 31 May 2026

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/s or Person/s	Purpose of Meeting
1 May 2026	Departmental staff; Mayor Amy Eden – Cairns Regional Council; Steve Dunstone, General Manager, Weipa Operations – Rio Tinto; Ben Fullerton, Project Director, Kangwinan Project – Rio Tinto; invited guests	Event: FNQ Major Project Briefing Breakfast
1 May 2026	Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Janet Hamilton, General Manager – Cairns Convention Centre; Ken Gouldthorp, CEO – Cairns Regional Council	Portfolio Matters
1 May 2026	Sky Rixon and Bill Shields, Owners – Elixir Music	Portfolio Matters
5 May 2026	Janet Hamilton, General Manager – Cairns Convention Centre	Portfolio Matters
5 May 2026	Don McKay, My Evolution Coaching and Consulting Web and Dr Ash Wallin	Portfolio Matters
5 May 2026	Terry James MP, Member for Mulgrave; Richard Ireland, Owner - Weipacentre	Portfolio Matters
6 May 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
6 May 2026	The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations; Ministerial staff; Robyn Bartlett, Commercial Manager – NORSTA Maritime	Site Visit: NORSTA Maritime
6 May 2026	Assistant Commissioner Kevin Guteridge and Inspector Elaine Burns – Queensland Police Service	Portfolio Matters
6 May 2026	Ben Tooth, CEO - NQPHN	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).

6 May 2026	Ken Gouldthorp, CEO – Cairns Regional Council	Portfolio Matters
7 May 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; ministerial staff; Glen Lee, Operations Manager – BMC NQ Fabrication	Site Visit: BMC NQ Fabrications
7 May 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff; Janet Hamilton, General Manager – Cairns Convention Centre	Portfolio Matters
7 May 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff; David Nye, Head of Partnerships – Cairns Airport	Portfolio Matters
7 May 2026	Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
7 May 2026	Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Deputy Mayor Brett Olds – Cairns Regional Council; Kristy Ghelfa, Coordinator Community Strategy Community Spaces – Cairns Regional Council; Scott Osman, CEO – Douglas Shire Council	Portfolio Matters
10 May 2026	Greg Hunt, Chair, and Craig Davidson, CEO – Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ); Director-General (DG) – Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI); invited guests	Event: Australian Tourism Exchange – Queensland Seller Welcome
10 May 2026	Greg Hunt, Chair, and Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; DG – DETSI; invited guests	Event: Australian Tourism Exchange – TEQ VIP Dinner
11 May 2026	Greg Hunt, Chair, and Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; DG – DETSI; invited guests	Event: Australian Tourism Exchange – Official Opening
11 May 2026	Lisa Backhouse, Executive Director Corporate Affairs, and Richard Clarke, Group Executive Events – TEQ	Portfolio Matters
12 May 2026	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads; ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
13 May 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
13 May 2026	Melanie Anderson, General Manager Strategy and Advocacy - QTIC; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
14 May 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
14 May 2026	Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
14 May 2026	The Hon David Crisafulli MP, Premier and Minister for Veterans	Portfolio Matters
15 May 2026	Janet Hamilton, General Manager – Cairns Convention Centre; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Ken Gouldthorp, CEO – Cairns	Portfolio Matters

	Regional Council; Anthony Bastic, Director – AGB Creative; Kylie Millwood, Director – AGB Creative; Matthew Lazarus-Hall – Legends Global; Tara Bennett, General Manager – Partnerships and Events – TTNQ; Holly Barker, Program Leader Major Events – Cairns Regional Council; Chrystal Neeve, Community Events and Engagement Coordinator – Cairns Regional Council	
17 May 2026	Lisa Backhouse, Executive Director Corporate Affairs – TEQ; Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Richard Clarke, Group Executive Events – TEQ; invited guests	Stakeholder Engagement
18 May 2026	Lisa Backhouse, Executive Director Corporate Affairs – TEQ and Martina Neidig-Quinlan, Destination Partnerships Director, Commercial & Partnerships - TEQ	Portfolio Matters
19 May 2026	The Hon Steve Minnikin MP, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business; Patricia O’Neill, CEO – Cairns Chamber of Commerce; Invited guests; ministerial staff	Event: Small Business Roundtable
19 May 2026	The Hon Steve Minnikin MP, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business; Patricia O’Neill, CEO – Cairns Chamber of Commerce; ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Small Business Roundtable
19 May 2026	The Hon Steve Minnikin MP, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business; ministerial staff; invited guests; Departmental staff; Terry James MP, Member for Mulgrave	Event: Small Business Expo
19 May 2026	The Hon Steve Minnikin MP, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business; ministerial staff; invited guests; Departmental staff; Terry James MP, Member for Mulgrave	Event: Small Business Stakeholder engagement
20 May 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
20 May 2026	Jennifer Gilbert – Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre	Meeting
20 May 2026	Leanne Webster, Principal – St Monica’s College; invited guests	Event: St Monica’s College Showcase
21 May 2026	Dr Karen Struthers; Mayor Amy Eden - Cairns Regional Council; Anne Hollonds, CEO - Early Learning and Care Council of Australia; Campbell Paul, Royal Women’s Hospital Melbourne the University of Melbourne and MCRI; Associate Professor Dylan Cliff, School of Education, University of Wollongong; Janise Mitchell, CEO - Australian Childhood Foundation; Greg Fourmile, Gimuy Walubarra Yidinj group and invited guests	Event: Cairns Early Learning Conference

21 May 2026	Steve Waugh AO; Ian Healy AO, Chairman – Bull Masters; Jimmy Maher, Managing Director – Bull Masters; Allan Border AO; invited guests	Event: Bull Masters Luncheon
21 May 2026	Deputy Mayor Dave Bilney - Tablelands Regional Council; General Manager Placemaking, Greg Bowden – Tablelands Regional Council	Portfolio Matters
21 May 2026	Travis Fimmel; Tracey Mair – Tracey Mair Consultant; set crew	Site Visit: Black Snow Set
22 May 2026	The Hon, John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts; ministerial staff; Dr Karen Struthers; Anne Hollonds, CEO - Early Learning and Care Council of Australia; Campbell Paul, Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne the University of Melbourne and MCRI; Associate Professor Dylan Cliff, School of Education, University of Wollongong; Janise Mitchell, CEO - Australian Childhood Foundation; Greg Fourmile, Gimuy Walubarra Yidinj group and invited guests	Event: Cairns Early Learning Conference
22 May 2026	Martina Neidig-Quinlan, Destination Partnerships Director, Commercial & Partnerships – TEQ; Victoria Scott, Culture, Entertainment and Destination Events Director – TEQ; invited guests	Event: Port Douglas Carnivale Longest Lunch
22 May 2026	The Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Ministerial staff; Mr David Kempton MP, Member for Cook; Mayor Lisa Scomazzon, Douglas Shire Council	Event: Stakeholder Dinner
23 May 2026	Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Michael Nelson, Managing Director – Pinnacle Tourism Marketing	Portfolio Matters
23 May 2026	Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Allan Horne, Director of Sales & Distribution – Sheraton Mirage	Portfolio Matters
23 May 2026	Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; John Morris, Morris Group	Portfolio Matters
23 May 2026	Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Noah Crowcroft, General Manager – Hemingways Brewery Port Douglas	Portfolio Matters
23 May 2026	Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Mayor Lisa Scomazzon, Douglas Shire Council	Portfolio Matters
23 May 2026	James and Suzi Dein – Sound Australia; Craig Davidson, CEO – TEQ; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; TEQ staff	Stakeholder Engagement
25 May 2026	AFL Cape York House Staff; Daniel Joinbee Gunggandji Aerospace; Darian Promnitz – Safety and Quality Manager, Nautilus Aviation; Kayla Page – Sales and Marketing Executive, Nautilus Aviation); invited guests	Event: Raising Horizons Program

27 May 2026	The Hon Sam O'Connor MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth; ministerial staff; invited guests	Event: Building Industry Forum
27 May 2026	Weekly Assistant Ministers	Meeting
27 May 2026	David Hickey, Michelin Australia; Camille Louyot, The Michelin Guide International Development Manager (Paris); Ministerial staff	Portfolio Matters
27 May 2026	Paul Spencer, Steve Waugh Project	Portfolio Matters
28 May 2026	Douglas McKinstry, Chair – Cairns Art Gallery; Angela Goddard, Director – Cairns Art Gallery	Portfolio Matters
28 May 2026	Terry James MP, Member for Mulgrave; Nathan Lee Long, Associate Project Manager – Jacobs; UDIA FNQ Branch Committee Members	Portfolio Matters
28 May 2026	Gareth Phillips, CEO – AMPTO	Portfolio Matters
29 May 2026	Professor Silke Meyer, Lecturer – Domestic and Family Violence Practice; invited guests	Event: Cairns Domestic and Family Violence Month Breakfast
29 May 2026	James Coughlan, Managing Director – Shorex Australia	Portfolio Matters
29 May 2026	Ash Klein, CEO – Hawthorn AFL Club and Jo Gilbert, Chief Commercial Officer - Hawthorn AFL Club	Portfolio Matters
29 May 2026	Terry James MP, Member for Mulgrave; Cairns Regional Council Staff: Ken Gouldthrop, CEO; Mayor Amy Eden; Gavin King, Government Relations Lead; Nick Massaso, Director - Economic Development and Advocacy; Gagan King, Associate Director – Engineering Services; Deputy Mayor Brett Olds; Cr Rhonda Coghlan; Cr Kristy Vallely; Cr Brett Moller; Cr Matthew Tickner; Cr Cathy Zeiger; Cr Anna Middleton; Cr Trevor Tim; Sean Lisle, Executive Manager Growth and Sustainability	Portfolio Matters
29 May 2026	Rick Hanlon, General Manager – AFL Cape York; Richie Lyons, Head of AFL Queensland; invited guests	Event: AFL Cape York House Foundation Gala
30 May 2026	Iain Carty CSM - RSL Queensland State Secretary; Mayor Amy Eden - Cairns Regional Council; Commander Andrew Thorpe – Australian Navy; Aunty Lorraine Hatton OAM – Indigenous Elder, Australian Army; Aunty Frances Ah Mat Visini – Indigenous Elder, Navy Indigenous Development Program; Warrant Officer Uncle Jerry Savage - Indigenous Elder, Navy Indigenous Development Program; Lt Col Luke Wessell – Australian Army; Wing Commander Dominique Hoffman – Senior Australian Defence Force Officer – Australian Air Force;	Event: Indigenous Veterans' Ceremony

	<p>James Canuto, Founding Member of the Yarrabah RSL Sub Branch; Gregory Choikee, President of the Yarrabah RSL Subbranch; Kenneth Willoughby – President, Far Northern District, RSL Queensland; Nathan Shingles – President, Cairns RSL Sub Branch; John Hardy OAM FNSA – President Malanda RSL Subbranch; Terry Edmondson – Secretary Malanda RSL Subbranch</p> <p>Alfonso Santos CSC – President of Far North Queensland Legacy Club Inc; Nathan Smith – President of the Cairns Defence Community Support Group</p>	
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