

Minister Mark Bailey

Mark Bailey is Queensland's Transport and Main Roads Minister in the Palaszczuk Labor Government and the local member for Miller.

His portfolio oversees Australia's largest state-controlled road network (at over 33,000kms), along with 19 state-owned ports and Queensland's urban and freight rail network.

Mr Bailey was elected to the Queensland Parliament in January 2015.

He has delivered five record road and transport budgets for Queensland, with major projects including the largest jointly-funded road upgrade program in the state: the $12.6 billion Bruce Highway upgrade program, the government's largest rail project Cross River Rail, $5 billion to upgrade the M1 and build the second M1, Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 to Burleigh Heads and the Sunshine Coast Rail duplication.

Mr Bailey has also delivered major innovations in transport and roads, with record investment in bike, active transport and pedestrian safety upgrades, the creation of Australia's largest electric vehicle charging network: the Queensland Electric Super Highway and works to create a statewide $371 million smart ticketing system for public transport.

The Minister recognises the significance of his portfolio as a key facilitator for economic

development across Queensland and as part of the state's economic recovery plan from COVID-19, with a record $26.9 billion roads and transport budget expected to support 23,600 jobs, including more than 16,000 for regional Queensland.



Delvene Cockatoo-Collins

Delvene Cockatoo-Collins is from Quandamooka Country, whose people are the Nunukul, Ngugi and Goenpul. With a store opened to daily in Goompi - Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island, Delvene provides a range of handmade and licensed art, commissions and a weekly offering of a walking tour and beach workshop available to the public.

Recent works include the supply of work to World Expo Dubai 2020; artwork for the lighting projections at Manly Harbour Village Precinct; the ceiling applications, wallpapers, and upholstery designs for the Cleveland Shops; the Reconciliation Action Plan for Star Entertainment group and the panel for the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Medal Design Competition.

Delvene is the designer of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018 Prizewinners Medals, Commemorative Medal, Costumes for the Medal Presenters and the large inflatable Migalu, which featured in the Opening Ceremony.



Leanne Coddington – CEO, Tourism and Events Queensland

Leanne leads Queensland's tourism marketing, experience development and major events agency to achieve its vision of 'inspiring the world to experience the best address on earth'.

Leanne's broad industry experience includes senior executive roles with the Hyatt Hotel Grop and a number of senior positions at Tourism Queensland, before being appointed CEO of Tourism and Events Queensland in 2013.

Leanne has recently been appointed to the Australian Government's Reimagining the Visitor Economy Expert Panel and is an Adjunt Professor at the UQ Business School, The University of Queensland; a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management; and a graduate with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Dr Valerie Cooms – Chairperson, QYAC

Dr Cooms belongs to the Nunukul People of North Stradbroke Island. She has extensive experience leading Indigenous affairs organisations in the community and government sectors. Dr Cooms was a Director of Indigenous Business Australia. Between 2003 and 2008, she was the Chief Executive Officer of both Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation and Queensland South Native Title Services.

Dr Cooms managed the WA Native Title Unit within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and is the Chairperson of the Quandamooka Yoolooburabee Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Quandamooka People. Dr Cooms has a doctorate in political history from the Australian National University and was a visiting research fellow in the Native Title Research Unit at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) from 2009-2012. From 2015, Dr Cooms was offered an accepted Adjunct Professor appointments at Griffith University and University of the Sunshine Coast.



Sharon Finnan-White OAM – Board Member, Stadiums Queensland

Sharon is a descendant of the Dunghutti and Gumbaynggirr language groups from the mid-north coast of NSW. She was a member of the victorious Australian Netball Diamonds World Cup teams in 1991 and 1999, Commonwealth Games team in 1990 and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to the sport of netball. Her industry experience spans over three decades, working in the private, public and community sectors, including state government, educational and financial institutions, not for profit organisations, media and sport.

She is the co-owner of the Institute of Sport, Culture and Leadership Pty Ltd and Sharoma Indigenous Corporation trading as Sport, Culture and Leadership Academy; is currently a member of the Netball Australia First Nations Advisory Committee, Netball Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee; and was a member of the Queensland Sports Ministers Advisory Council. Sharon was recently appointed as a Director of the Stadiums Queensland Board and as a board member of The Dreaming Foundation.



Dr Fiona Foley

Foley completed her PhD with Griffith University in 2017. The thesis topic examined Queensland's legislation, The Aboriginals Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act, 1897. Her publication titled, Biting the Clouds: The Aboriginals Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act, 1897, was published by the University of Queensland Press (UQP) in 2020. Biting the Clouds was recently awarded the Queensland Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance in September 2021.

Her new photographic series on this subject titled The Magna Carta Tree was received with significant interest and featured in a major retrospective exhibition at QUT Art Museum, 2021. Dr Foley was awarded, The Inaugural Monica Clare Research Fellowship 2020 from the State Library of Queensland towards a publication entitled, Bogimbah Creek Mission: The First Aboriginal Experiment due for release 4 November 2021.

Fiona Foley is a founding member of Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative. She exhibits regularly in Australia and internationally. Her recent solo exhibitions were held at Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane 2017, Ballarat International Foto Biennale 2019 and then at the National Art School, Sydney, 2020.



Duane Fraser – Board Member, Tourism and Events Queensland

Duane Fraser is a Wulgurukaba and Bidjara Traditional Owner, and has extensive experience advising Commonwealth and State Governments on matters relating to Indigenous Affairs and Environmental Policy. Duane uses his profile to create positive change and impact to ensure Traditional Owners are given the opportunity for full and effective participation and leadership roles at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.

Duane has presented at numerous international fora on the advancement of Indigenous peoples of the world and their empowerment in the protection and safeguarding of their delicate biocultural land and seascapes, heritage and cultural expressions. Currently serving as Chair of the Federal Environment's Indigenous Advisory Committee, Duane also serves on several committees including the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee and the National Environmental Science Program Tropical Water Quality Hub Steering Committee.



Minister Stirling Hinchliffe

Stirling Hinchliffe serves the Queensland Parliament as the Member for Sandgate, on Brisbane's northern bayside.

As Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement, Stirling has an important responsibility to assist Queensland's tourism industry to recover from the global pandemic and rebuild better for the future.

Supporting jobs is essential to the Palaszczuk Government's Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan.

The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will deliver a transformational $8.1 billion economic bonus and an unprecedented change to expose Queensland's first-class visitor experiences to a receptive and enthusiastic international audience.

Over the next twenty years, Brisbane 2032 will open a critical window of opportunity to re-establish Queensland as the world's favourite Australian holiday and business destination.

We know this once-in-a-generation prospect will be keenly embraced by Queensland tourism operators



Cathie Johnston – Experience Development Manager, Brisbane EDA

As Experience Development Manager in the Tourism Team/RTO for the Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA), Cathie Johnston is responsible for delivering the Brisbane Experience Development Strategy. She has been involved in establishing and evolving the Brisbane Destination Experience Development Framework, alongside the implementation of a number of aligned tourism industry experience development training initiatives. Some of these have included the Brisbane Indigenous Tourism Experiences Program and the Minjerribah Experience Development Program. Most recently, she worked closely with local Indigenous tourism businesses throughout the Brisbane region to deliver Brisbane's Relationship Building Program in the Year of Indigenous Tourism.

Cathie has enjoyed working in the Australian tourism industry over the past 20 years, with the majority of those well-spent within Southeast Queensland. Joining BEDA in 2011, she has also been involved in developing a number of major industry and volunteer host programs. Prior career experience includes positions in local government tourism management, consumer interfacing roles in marketing and events; education sector consultancy and teaching. Formal qualifications include a Master in International Tourism and Hotel Management.



Chris Mills – Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Airports Limited

Chris joined QAL in 2014. As CEO, Chris is responsible for setting strategies to ensure the ongoing success of the group. He leads an experienced team focused on delivering exceptional airport experiences, to achieve record passenger numbers. He oversees a significant planning and investment program in QAL airports which has most recently seen construction of the Gold Coast Airport hotel and terminal expansion project. Chris has 30 years' experience in diverse industries including tourism, leisure, retail, finance and property planning and development. He has worked in senior executive roles in Australia and England across the private and public sectors. He is currently on the boards of the Tourism and Transport Forum Australia and Tourism and Events Queensland, and chairs the TEQ Audit and Remuneration Committee. Previous board roles include the Australian Airports Association and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.



Kathryn Morton – Events and Experiences Leader, Tourism and Events Queensland

Kathryn entered tourism with a background in research and subsequently combined her skills in researching emerging tourism trends with on-the-ground, grass-roots industry experience by working in hotels and resorts domestically and around the world.

Kathryn has excelled in development focused roles working with tourism businesses, particularly small businesses, and this aptitude led Kathryn into the Indigenous tourism sector, where her impacts on businesses can have broader implications. She routinely demonstrates her desire and passion for Indigenous tourism and her experience, expertise and inquiring mind are valuable assets for the businesses she works with.

Kathryn has a Bachelor of Psychology from Queensland University of Technology, and in 2017 was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate and design new, innovative approaches to grow and market Indigenous tourism experiences.



Kerry Petersen PSM - Deputy Director-General, 2032 Taskforce, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Ms Kerry Petersen is the Deputy Director-General of the 2032 Taskforce within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Kerry is responsible for leading the Queensland Government's engagement in all activities associated with the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including engagement with a complex network of stakeholders associated with the 2032 Games.

Under Kerry's leadership, the 2032 Taskforce was responsible for the successful candidature for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, drawing on expertise in major and mega-event planning and delivery across government.

During 2020–21, Kerry was also Deputy Head of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Taskforce and responsible for the Strategy and Engagement Division.

Kerry previously led the Queensland Government's delivery of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) including the delivery of the GC2018 infrastructure. Kerry brings over 30 years of public sector experience to the role including delivery of other significant public infrastructure programs and projects.

Kerry has a reputation for forging productive stakeholder relationships and partnerships in complex operating environments, as well as a commitment to exemplar corporate governance, which has been critical to her success in leading complex programs and maximising cross-government opportunities.

Kerry was awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) in June 2019 which recognises outstanding service by employees of Australian federal, state and local government agencies.



Eddie Smallwood – Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation

My name is Edward Smallwood, I am a proud Aboriginal and South Sea Island man, from Townsville Region.

I am a descendant of the Birri-Gubba Nation, my clan groups are Bindal, and Birriah. My Bindal Country is from Ross River, Townsville to the Burdekin River, South.

I am a Bindal Applicant for this Native Title Claim for this Country. Birriah country covers the Collinsville Region.

I have been a voluntary Board of Director since 1999, and currently Chairperson of the Gudjuda Reference Group, Aboriginal Corporation.

I am the Ranger Coordinator for the Gudjuda Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers Program. In these roles I oversee all Twenty (20) Staff, Six Rangers, Two Administration Staff and Eight Staff at the Gudjuda Cultural Centre and Café, Two Care Takers for Gudjuda Training Centre and Two Care Takers for Gudjuda RV Accommodation.

My aspirations for Gudjuda Reference Group, Aboriginal Corporation is to be Self Sufficient, and support Indigenous people into Employment and Training, within Tourism Industry between Townsville and Bowen Regions.



Juanita Terry-Bloomfield – Head of Tourism Sustainability & Program Design, Tourism Noosa

Combining her passion for travel, the natural environment and 30 years' experience in the tourism and hospitality industry, Juanita now heads up the Tourism Sustainability & Program Design department for Tourism Noosa. Having worked her way up through the tourism industry, from 5-star hotel management through to backpacker hostels, tour management and guiding in Africa, leading Flight Centre travel agencies to now working with one of the nation's most high-profile tourism destination management organisations – Juanita is now trying to inspire the tourism industry to become more environmentally conscious while reducing costs on their business's bottom line.

In her role leading the sustainability, membership and visitor services teams, Juanita works closely with relevant stakeholders including the Kabi Kabi Aboriginal Peoples Corporation and community groups of Noosa. She also develops and manages projects such as the Welcome to Noosa and Noosa Eco Check training programs, Plastic Free Noosa, Trees for Tourism and Tourism Noosa's Sustainable Events program. Juanita works closely with the Kabi Kabi people of Noosa and has been working constantly with key people to embed the Kabi Kabi story and essence into the everyday tourism offering in Noosa.



Brian Warner – Kabi Kabi Traditional Owner

Brian is a Kabi Kabi Traditional Owner and Native Title applicant of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Gympie, Moreton, and Fraser Coast Council regions. He is a descendent of the Kabi Kabi and Wakka Wakka naitons on his mother's side and Barunggam on his father's side. Brian previously worked for the Federal Government – during Brian's Centrelink years, he won an "Outstanding Public Service to the Community" award. He also worked for the Australian Tax Office where he helped develop a successful Indigenous recruitment program called Evergreen. Brian's former training is in intelligence, working as an Intelligence Officer for many years.

Brian is leading the development of Kabi Kabi Indigenous Tourism. The Great Cooloola Walk is set to announce itself on the international Tourism platform. Sharing cultural knowledge whilst emerged in the stunning surrounds of Cooloola Recreation Area of the Great Sandy National Park is set to be remarkable.

In Brian's spare time he has been partnering with Bilbie Virtual Studios to produce Virtual Bankfoot and other projects including a recent project for the Floating Land Biennale 2021.

During down time Brian is a master wordsmith with a creative flare for Poetry and Prose.



Adam Williams – CEO, SupplyAus

Adam Williams CEO of SupplyAus has an extensive background in the Industry of FMCG and Pharmaceutical products and launched successful brands and developed sales strategies for large and small business.

Adam is a Wongaibon / Wiradjuri man who grew up on Darug land and now resides in Quandamooka country. He has a graduate degree in Business and Education, through the Koori Centre at Sydney University, as well as a completed Executive MBA at QUT.