



# Ministerial Diary Disclosure Form

Ministerial Code of Conduct, s 5.3

Victorian Government

This form is to be used by ministers for quarterly ministerial diary summaries made in accordance with s 5.3 of the Ministerial Code of Code (Ministerial Code), which requires that:

‘Ministers must publish summaries from their diaries on a quarterly basis, detailing scheduled meetings with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists, Government Affairs Directors, and external individuals.

Summaries should disclose the meeting date, company or organisation with whom the meeting occurred, meeting attendees, including registered lobbyist details (where applicable), purpose of the meeting and any other additional information required by the Premier.’

Ministerial diary summaries must be **attached** to this form and provided to the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet within 10 business days of the end of each quarter. All diary summaries will be published on the Victorian Government website in accordance with the Ministerial Code.

## Instructions for completing this form

Complete the details below. Further information on the publication of ministerial diaries, including identifying meetings in scope for disclosure, privacy notices to attendees, and preparation of diary summaries can be found in the Publication of Ministerial Diaries Guidance and Ministerial Office Process Guide.

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## Declaration

Quarterly disclosure period: 01 January 2025 - 31 March 2025

Minister name: Vicki Ward MP

Ministerial portfolio(s): Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery,  
Minister for Equality

## Declaration:

**I declare that the information provided in the attached summary of my Ministerial diary is true, accurate and complies with my obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct at the date of signature.**

Signature of Minister:  Date: 11/04/25

**PUBLICATION OF MINISTERIAL DIARIES – 1 January – 31 March 2025****Minister:** Minister Vicki Ward MP**Portfolio:** Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality

Subject	Date	Description
Minister Ward and Minister Staikos meeting with local council representatives	2/01/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Minister Nick Staikos – Minister for Local Government, Minister for Consumer Affairs Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser</p> <p>Karen Hyslop (Mayor – Northern Grampians) Justine Hide (Deputy Mayor – Northern Grampians) Phuong Au (Acting CEO – Ararat)</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Minister Staikos, meeting with Halls Gap residents and business owners	2/01/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Minister Nick Staikos – Minister for Local Government, Minister for Consumer Affairs Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser</p> <p>Local residents and business owners</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Peter Marshall, United Firefighters	3/01/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality</p>

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Union of Australia, Victorian Branch		<p>Adviser Peter Marshall, Branch Secretary, United Firefighters Union of Australia</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Introductory meeting: Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Tony Mavromatis, AMWU, State Secretary	28/1/2025	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Tony Mavromatis, AMWU, State Secretary</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Introductory meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Emily Phillips, Inspector General of Emergency Management, (IGEM)	17/02/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser Emily Phillips, Inspector General of Emergency Services, (IGEM)</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Introductory meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Anna Brown, CEO, Equality Australia	19/02/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser Anna Brown, CEO, Equality Australia</p>

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		<b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder discussion in relation to activities and priorities for Equality Australia – Equality Portfolio.
Meeting with Matt Knight, Country Fire Authority	21/02/2025	<b>Attendees:</b> Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Matthew Knight – Country Fire Authority  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder matter in relation to an Emergency Services portfolio
Minister Ward and Catherine Greaves, Chief Executive Officer - Life Saving Victoria	24/02/2025	<b>Attendees:</b> Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser Catherine Greaves, Chief Executive Officer, Life Saving Victoria  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Regular stakeholder meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio
Minister Ward and Professor Adam Bourne, Director Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society	25/02/2025	<b>Attendees:</b> Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser Adam Bourne, Director, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society

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		<b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder discussion in relation to the Equality Portfolio.
Minister Ward and Ro Allan, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner	25/02/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Deborah Simmons, Chief of Staff to Minister Ward Adviser Ro Allan, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder discussion in relation to the Equality Portfolio.
Meeting with VICSES Nillumbik Unit	28/02/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Justin Kibell – Unit Controller for VIC SES Nillumbik Unit  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder matter in relation to an Emergency Services portfolio
Minister Ward and Inclusive Rainbow Voices	3/03/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Margherita Coppolino, Secretary, Inclusive Rainbow Voices  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder meeting - Equality Portfolio

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Minister Ward and United Firefighters Union, Victorian Branch Secretary Peter Marshall	14/03/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Peter Marshall, UFU Branch Secretary Laura Campanaro, UFU  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Regular stakeholder meeting: Emergency Services Portfolio
Minister Ward and Michael Bagnall, VICSES Volunteer Leadership Group	18/03/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Michael Bagnall, Volunteer Leadership Group Goldie Pergl, Volunteer Leadership Group  <b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Introductory meeting with SES Volunteer Leadership Group - Emergency Services Portfolio.
Minister Ward and One Gippsland	18/03/2025	<b>Attendees:</b>  Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Cr Nathan Hersey – Councillor, South Gippsland Shire Council (Chair) Ms Allison Jones – Interim CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council Cr Rochelle Halstead – Mayor, Bass Coast Shire Council (Deputy Chair) Mr Greg Box – CEO, Bass Coast Shire Council Cr Kate Wilson – Councillor, Baw Baw Shire Council Mr Cohen Van de Velde – Interim CEO, Baw Baw Shire Council

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		<p>Ms Jan Fitzgerald – Chair, Destination Gippsland Mr Jaime de Ano Jr – Executive Director, Government Relations and Public Policy, Federation University Mr Paul Buckley - Chair, TAFE Gippsland Ms Laura Macpherson – CEO, TAFE Gippsland Ms Rachael Sweeney – Project Manager and Secretariat (Managing Director, Collective Position)</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder discussion in relation to activities and priorities for One Gippsland – Emergency Management Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward and Tony Mavromatis, AMWU, State Secretary	19/3/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Tony Mavromatis, AMWU, State Secretary</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Regular stakeholder meeting – Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Minister Ward & FDRP Brigade Captains	19/03/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Greg Leach, CEO, CFA Jason Heffernan, Chief Officer, CFA Brett Boatman, Deputy Chief Officer West Region, CFA Bill Johnstone, Acting Deputy Chief Officer Northwest Region, CFA Trevor Owen, Deputy Chief Officer, Southeast Region, CFA Bethany Rogers, Acting Head of Executive Services, CFA BALLARAT FIRE BRIGADE, Nathan Cook, Captain, Mark Cartledge, 3rd Lieutenant</p>



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		<p>SEBASTOPOL FIRE BRIGADE, Steven Burgess, Captain, Benjamin Carey, 1st Lieutenant WENDOUREE FIRE BRIGADE, Don Garlick, Captain, Rob Hurley, Firefighter (and former Lieutenant) EAGLEHAWK FIRE BRIGADE, Kylie Davis, Captain, Tom Elliott, 1st Lieutenant KANGAROO FLAT FIRE BRIGADE, James O'Brien, Captain, Nathan Harris, 1st Lieutenant EPPING FIRE BRIGADE, Anthony Grubb, 1st Lieutenant, Liam Gallagher, 2nd Lieutenant WERRIBEE FIRE BRIGADE, Michael Wells, Captain, Damian Milloy, 1st Lieutenant WYNDHAM VALE FIRE BRIGADE, Trevor Weston, Captain, Brendan Micallef, 4th Lieutenant EDITHVALE FIRE BRIGADE, Sean McGuckin, Captain, Patrick Hughes, Firefighter BERWICK FIRE BRIGADE, Craig Sanderson, Captain, Alan Boyd, Firefighter (and former Captain) CARRUM DOWNS FIRE BRIGADE, Terrence Larkin, Captain, Scott Grimme, 1st Lieutenant HAMPTON PARK FIRE BRIGADE, Chris Gomolis, Captain, Jayden Keen, 1st Lieutenant NARRE WARREN FIRE BRIGADE, Travis Carter, Captain, Adrian Jones, 1st Lieutenant</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> To discuss matters relating to the Emergency Services Portfolio.</p>
Minister Ward & United Firefighters Union, Branch Secretary Peter Marshall	21/03/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Peter Marshall, UFU Branch Secretary Laura Campanaro, UFU</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Regular stakeholder meeting: Emergency Services Portfolio</p>
Equality meet-and-greet with LGBTIQ+ stakeholders in Ballarat	28/03/2025	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Minister Vicki Ward – Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery and Minister for Equality Adviser Joe Ball, Commissioner LGBTIQ+ Communities</p>

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		<p>Juliana Addison MP, Member for Wendouree Michaela Settle MP, Member for Eureka Martha Haylett MP, Member for Ripon Ange Elson, CEO, Tiny Pride Incorporated Jack Khouri, Manager, QHub Ballarat Jemma Mead, Director of Services LGBTIQA+ Community Engagement, QHub Benjamin Ashe, Director, Ballarat Frolic Festival Deb Lord, Founder, Lance TV Renea Johnson, Manager, Rainbow Rack LGBTIQA+ Op Shop Cheryl Szollosi, Co-ordinator, Rainbow Coffee Ballarat Sean Mulcahy, Member Co-Chair Convener, LGBTIQA+ Taskforce Justice Working Group Rainbow Local Government Group Sez Lothian, Community Inclusion Officer LGBTIQA+, Ballarat Council Daniel Witthaus, Founder, CEO, Rural Pride Australia Jason Templar Inspector / LLO Ballarat Region, Victoria Police Lachlan Watson (he/him) Inspector / Ballarat region, Victoria Police Damien Geyle, Regional Manager, Wellway Marcus Middling, LGBTIQA+ Leadership Program alumni, Ballarat Community Health Abbie Clarke, Trans advocate, runs trans.au website and LGBTIQA+ Leadership Program alumni</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Stakeholder meeting to discuss Equality Portfolio</p>
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