



Ministerial Diary Disclosure Form

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Victorian Government

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Declaration

Quarterly disclosure period: 1 July - 30 September 2025

Minister name: Ingrid Stitt

Ministerial portfolio(s): Mental Health, Ageing, Multicultural Affairs

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: 6.10.25

PUBLICATION OF MINISTERIAL DIARIES: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025

Minister: Ingrid Stitt

Portfolios: Mental Health, Ageing, Multicultural Affairs

Subject	Start Date	Description
Pakastani-Australian Community	1/07/2025	Attendees: Rana Shahid, Convener, Vic Pak Action Committee Aqeel Shah, Founder/President, Australia Pakistan Youth Association INC Mian M Asif, Pakistani Community Member Muhammad Waqas Qureshi, Pakistani Community Member Lakshmi Holmes, Director, Social Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to the Pakastani-Australian Community
Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS)	2/07/2025	Attendees: Juanita Pope, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) Deborah Fewster, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) Kellie Horton, A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Portfolio matters relating to VCOSS
Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA)	3/07/2025	Attendees: Leigh Clarke, CEO, Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA) Amelia Condi, General Manager, Policy & Advocacy, Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA) Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Manager, Hospitals and Health Services, Department of Health Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Adviser, Ageing, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health and Ageing portfolio matters in relation to the VHA
City of Melton	4/07/2025	Attendees: Steven Abboushi, Mayor, City of Melton Roslyn Wai, CEO, City of Melton Sean McManus, Manager, Advocacy & Government Relations, City of Melton Adviser, Mental Health, Officer of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Portfolio matters relating to the City of Melton

Health and Community Services Union

7/07/2025 **Attendees:**

Paul Healey, State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)
Rebecca Sprekos, Assistant State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)
Senior Adviser, Union Partnerships, Office of the Premier
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to HACSU

VicHealth

8/07/2025 **Attendees:**

Anna Peeters, CEO, VicHealth
Sarah Xia, Chief of Staff, VicHealth
Michelle Murray, Executive Manager, Health Promotion Systems, VicHealth
Kellie Horton, A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to VicHealth

Mental Health Victoria (MHV) & The Royal Australian &
New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)

8/07/2025 **Attendees:**

Associate Professor Simon Straface, Victorian Branch Chair, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)
Joanne Balmforth, Policy & Advocacy Advisor, Victorian Branch, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)
Dan Brown, Executive Director, Policy, Advocacy and Programs, Mental Health Victoria (MHV)
Teone Tobin, Senior Policy Advisor, Mental Health Victoria (MHV)
Melissa Arduca, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to MHV and RANZCP

Premier's Anti-Hate Taskforce

8/07/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria
Mike Bush CNZM, Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Wayne Newman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
Nick Leys, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
Philip Zajac, President, Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV)
Elyse Schachna, President, Zionism Victoria and Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre
Jeremy Liebler, President, Zionist Federation of Australia
The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier of Victoria
Fiona Ward, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier
The Hon. Anthony Carbines MP, Minister for Police
Matt Hall, A/Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Police
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Jeremi Moule, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Emma Cassar, Deputy Secretary, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Brigid McCarthy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General
Damian Karmelich, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier
Mike Williams, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Premier
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier

Purpose of meeting:

First Anti-Hate Taskforce meeting

Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders

9/07/2025 **Attendees:**

Paul Mercurio MP, Member for Hastings
Dina Tanphanich, Chair, Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders
Gregg Nicholls, Member, Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders
Electorate officer, Office of Paul Mercurio
Adviser, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Ageing Portfolio matters in relation to the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Victoria Branch)

10/07/2025 **Attendees:**

Trent Twomey, National President, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia
George Tambassis, Branch President, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Victoria Branch)
Rachel Obradovic, Branch Director, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Victoria Branch)
Melissa Arduca, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Victoria Branch)

Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)	10/07/2025 Attendees: Chris Christoforou, CEO, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA) Melissa Arduca, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to VAADA
Forensicare	22/07/2025 Attendees: Colman O'Driscoll, CEO, Forensicare Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health portfolio matter in relation to Forensicare
City of Melbourne	23/07/2025 Attendees: Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne Nick Leys, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne Zona Black, Principal Strategy Advisor, Office of the Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne Tom Robertson, Program Manager, Safety and Amenity, City of Melbourne Dr Adrian Doyle, Director, Blender Studios Louisa Biviano, Admin and HR Manager, Movida Melissa Arduca, A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to the City of Melbourne
Targeted Advisory Group	29/07/2025 Attendees: George Lekakis AO, Victorian Multicultural Review Lead, Targeted Advisory Group Miriam Suss OAM, Member, Targeted Advisory Group Hass Dellal AO, Member, Targeted Advisory Group Mark Duckworth PSM, Member, Targeted Advisory Group Carmel Guerra AO, Member, Targeted Advisory Group Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters relating to the Multicultural Review

The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria
Dr Diana Cousens OAM, Buddhist Council of Victoria
Mr Bom Yonzon, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre
Mr Viryasiddhi, Melbourne Buddhist Centre
Ms Yang Hong, Australia Buddhism Promotion Association Incorporated
Mr Ian Green, The Great Stupa
Ashin Moonieinda, Karen Culture and Social Support Foundation Inc
Ven. Kotte Santhindriya Thero, The North Victorian Buddhist Association
Ms Shakila Maclean, The North Victorian Buddhist Association
Ms Carolyn Worth, Tara Institute
Mr Dendy Sherpa, Sherpa Association of Victoria, Australia
Ven. Ashin Zanita, Myanmar Buddhist Temple
Thaw Zin Htun, Myanmar Buddhist Temple
Mr Bandu Dissanayake, Former Consul General of Sri Lanka in Melbourne
Mr Choedak Max Nasotsang, Tibetan Community of Victoria
Mr Huy Khanh Lu, Bao Lin Chan Monastery
Mr Youhorn Chea, Cambodian Association of Victoria
Dr Bhagadatta Chakma, Bangladesh Buddhist Society Victoria
Mr Madan Lama Tamang, Tamang Society of Victoria
Reverend Chi Kwang Sunim, The Seon Buddhist Centre
Mr Neeraj Nanda, South Asia Times
Dr Phuc Nhan Pham, Quang Minh Temple
Phraronrawee Chainirattisai, Dhammakaya Society of Victoria Inc.
Ven. Bodhichita, International Centre for Inner Peace and Happiness
Mr Siddharth Maitrak, Indian Buddhist Community
Ven. Tich Tam Vieat Tiktam
Ven Phraronrawee Chainirattisai
The Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP, Member for St Albans
Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP, Member for Broadmeadows
Luba Grigorovitch MP, Member for Kororoit
Meng Heang Tak MP, Member for Clarinda
John Mullahy MP, Member for Glen Waverley
Eden Foster MP, Member for Mulgrave
Sarah Connolly MP, Member for Laverton
Lee Tarlamis MP, Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Region
The Hon. Gabrielle Williams MP, Member for Dandenong
Adviser, Office of the Premier
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt
Adviser to the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to the Buddhist Community

Orygen

4/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Professor Patrick McGorry, Executive Director, Orygen
The Hon. Daniel Andrews, Chair, Orygen
Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Health
Pam Anders, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Orygen

Community Roundtable

5/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Jenny Better
Mandi Katz
Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann
Dr Susan Carland
Azmeena Hussein OAM
Hass Dellal AO
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to social cohesion

Premier's Anti-Hate Taskforce

5/08/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria
Mike Bush CNZM, Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Wayne Newman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
Nick Leys, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
Philip Zajac, President, Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV)
Elyse Schachna, President, Zionism Victoria and Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre
Jeremy Liebler, President, Zionist Federation of Australia
Daniel Aghion President, Executive Council of Australian Jewry
Jeremy Lanzer, Chairman, Community Security Group
The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier of Victoria
Fiona Ward, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier
The Hon. Anthony Carabine MP, Minister for Police
Michelle Gordon, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Carabine
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt
Kate Houghton, Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety
Jeremi Moule, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Emma Cassar, Deputy Secretary, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Sophie Nevell, A/Executive Director, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
The Hon. Sonya Kirkpatrick MP, Attorney General
Brigid McCarthy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General
Damian Karmelich, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier
Mike Williams, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Premier
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier

Purpose of meeting:

Second Anti-Hate Taskforce meeting

Islamic Museum of Australia

5/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Moustafa Fahour, Founder and Director, Islamic Museum of Australia
Azmeena Hussain OAM, Chairperson, Islamic Museum of Australia
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Introductory meeting with Founder and Chair of Islamic Museum of Australia

Forensicare Board Meeting

6/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Penny Armytage AM, Board Chair, Forensicare
Allison Smith, Board Director, Forensicare
Ian Forsyth, Board Director, Forensicare
Frances Sanders, Board Director, Forensicare
Shaun Braybrook ACM, Board Director, Forensicare
Dr Angela Williams, Board Director, Forensicare
Professor Suresh Sundram, Board Director, Forensicare
Matthew Corbett, Board Director, Forensicare
James Lavery, Board Director, Forensicare
Jim Ogloff, Board Director, Forensicare
Colmán O'Driscoll, CEO, Forensicare
Nadia Baillie, Executive Director, Legal, Governance & Strategy, Forensicare
Michael Courtney, CFO, Forensicare
Tobias Mackinnon, Executive Director, Clinical Services, Forensicare
Kate Douglas, Executive Director, People & Corporate Services, Forensicare
Ben Brown, Executive Director, Projects & Infrastructure, Forensicare
Shelley Turner, Executive Director, Hospital Operations, Forensicare
Anthea Lemphers, Executive Director, Community Operations, Forensicare
Terry Runciman, Executive Director, Prisons Operations, Forensicare
Leah Marshall, Governance Officer, Forensicare
Melissa Arduca, A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Forensicare Board meeting

St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church

6/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Reverend Father George Mattar, Parish Priest, St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
George Al Sabbagh, Council Member, St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lilian Burton, Council Member, St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
Michael Dib, Council Member, St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church

Youth Activating Youth

7/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Ahmed Hassan, CEO, Youth Activating Youth
Mark Stone, Chair, Youth Activating Youth
Maya Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to Youth Activating Youth

Legalise Cannabis Victoria

7/08/2025 **Attendees:**

David Ettershank MP, Legalise Cannabis Victoria
Rachel Payne MP, Legalise Cannabis Victoria
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Legalise Cannabis Victoria

Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria

12/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Simon Judkins, President, Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria
Lewis Horton, Policy Manager, Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria
Associate Professor Sophie Adams, Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Health
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to AMA Victoria

Settlement Services International (SSI)

13/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Violet Roumeliotis, CEO, Settlement Services International (SSI)
Colin Lees, Government Relations Lead, Settlement Services International (SSI)
Sonia Vignjevic, General Manager of Growth and Stakeholder Relations, Settlement Services International (SSI)
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to SSI

Australian Education Union (AEU) Victoria

13/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Justin Mullaly, President, Australian Education Union (AEU) Victoria
Anthony Atkinson, Member, Australian Education Union (AEU) Victoria
Kristen Kosowski, Member, Australian Education Union (AEU) Victoria
Nikki White, Member, Australian Education Union (AEU) Victoria
Adviser, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health and Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to the AEU

Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)

18/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Vivienne Nguyen, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the VMC

Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)	18/08/2025 Attendees: Bwe Thay, Deputy Chair, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the VMC
Centre for Muslim Wellbeing & Educaid Australia	19/08/2025 Attendees: Ayman Islam, Executive Officer, Centre for Muslim Wellbeing Ziyad Serhan, Managing Director & CEO, Educaid Australia Dr Senem Eren, Vice-President, Centre for Muslim Wellbeing Dr Samah Jabr, Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist Dr Zaynab Hinnawi, Clinical Psychologist Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health and Multicultural Affairs portfolios matters in relation to Centre for Muslim Wellbeing & Educaid Australia
Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)	19/08/2025 Attendees: Dr Jill Gallagher AO, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) Tamzin Kennedy Watterson, Policy Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) Sheree Lowe, Executive Director, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) Nicola Perry-Peters, Director, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) Lang Baulch, Director, Balit Murrup Unit, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt Purpose of meeting: Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to VACCHO
Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)	20/08/2025 Attendees: Vivienne Nguyen, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Bwe Thay, Deputy Chair, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Kashif Bouns, Director, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Lakshmi Holmes, Director, Multicultural Affairs, Social Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt Senior Adviser, Office of Minister for Multicultural Affairs Purpose of meeting: Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters relating to the VMC

Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)

20/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Vrinda Edan, CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)
Prunella Howell-Jay, Chair, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)
Meghan Bourke, Deputy CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)
Fiona Patterson, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Sarah Squire, Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to VMIAC

Warrnambool Multicultural Association

21/08/2025 **Attendees:**

Jacinta Ermacora MP, Member for Western Victoria
Daisy Ye, President, Warrnambool Multicultural Association
David McIntyre, Secretary, Warrnambool Multicultural Association
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the Warrnambool Multicultural Association

Australian Services Union (ASU)

2/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Tash Wark, Branch Secretary, Australian Services Union (ASU) - Victorian & Tasmanian Authorities and Services Branch
Phillipa Balk, Assistant Branch Secretary, Australian Services Union (ASU) - Victorian & Tasmanian Authorities and Services Branch
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to the ASU

Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)

2/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Paul Healey, State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)
Rebecca Sprekos, Assistant State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of the Minister for Mental Health

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to HACSU

Premier's Anti-Hate Taskforce

3/09/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria
Tim Hansen, A/Deputy Commissioner, Victoria Police
Wayne Newman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
Nick Leys, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier of Victoria
Fiona Ward, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier
The Hon. Anthony Carbines MP, Minister for Police
Michelle Gordon, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Carbines
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt
The Hon. Vicki Ward MP, Minister for Equality
David Unwin, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Ward
Kate Houghton, Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety
Jeremi Moule, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Emma Cassar, Deputy Secretary, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Sophie Nevell, A/Executive Director, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
The Hon. Sonya Kilkeny MP, Attorney General
Brigid McCarthy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General
Xavier Williams, Director of Strategy, Office of the Premier
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier
Joe Ball, Commissioner, LGBTIQ+ Communities
Professor Adam Bourne, Co-Chair, LGBTIQ+ Taskforce
Simon Ruth, CEO, Thorne Harbour Health
Caitlin Grigsby, President and Chair, Gippsland Pride Initiative
Jenna Tuke, CEO, Switchboard
Makarand Bhagwat, President, Hindu Council of Australia (Victoria)
Gurpreet Verma, Secretary, Hindu Council of Australia (Victoria)
Deepak Raghvani, President, Shree Swaminarayan Temple
Biren Joshi, President, Swaminarayan Mandir Vasna Sanstha (SMVS) Temple
Rev. Bhakta Dasa, Minister of Religion, Hare Krishna Melbourne (ISKCON) Temple

Purpose of meeting:

Third Anti-Hate Taskforce meeting

Penington Institute

4/09/2025 **Attendees:**

John Ryan, CEO, Penington Institute
Phil Reed, Government Relations Advisor representing the Penington Institute (Registered Lobbyist - <https://www.lobbyists.vic.gov.au/search-the-register/philip-reed>)
Melissa Arduca, Executive Director, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Department of Health
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to the Penington Institute

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)

4/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Farah Farouque, CEO, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)
Abiola Akinbiyi, Chairperson, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)
Jill Morgan Deputy Chair, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)
Minwen Wu, Board Member, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs and Ageing portfolios matters relating to the ECCV

Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)

6/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Dr Tilak Pokharel, President, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Sudhir Shakya, Secretary, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Dipak Acharya, Joint Secretary, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Manisha Aryal, Joint Treasurer, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Parsu Sharma Luitai, Board Member, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Pitambar Koirala, Board Member, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Rudra Pokharel, Volunteer Member, Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre (ANMC)
Nirajan Gauli, Honorary Consul of Nepal to Victoria
Josh Bull MP, Member for Sunbury
Kathleen Matthews Ward MP, Member for Broadmeadows
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt
Electorate Officer, Office of the Member for Sunbury

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the ANMC

Ministerial Forum on Multicultural Affairs

12/09/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Dr Anne Aly MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Commonwealth)
Sneha Chatterjee, First Assistant Secretary, Office for Multicultural Affairs
Meredith Byron, Assistant Secretary, Multicultural Policy and Engagement, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Servet Brennan, A/Regional Director, NSW/ACT, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Ali Mond, Assistant Secretary, Language Services, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Adviser, Office of Minister Aly
Michael Pettersson MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Australian Capital Territory)
Tina Connor, A/Executive Branch Manager, Women, Youth, LGBTQIA+ and Multicultural Affairs, Health and Community Services Directorate
Kylie-Ann Petroni, Senior Director, Multicultural ACT, Health and Community Services Directorate
James Jegasothy, Deputy CEO, Multicultural NSW
Michael Shaw, Director, Community and Policy, Multicultural NSW
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Kamper
The Hon. Jinson Charls MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Northern Territory)
Samantha Livesley, CEO, Department of People, Sport and Culture
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Charls
The Hon. Fiona Simpson MP, Minister for Multiculturalism (Queensland)
Rose Dash, A/Director, Multicultural Affairs Queensland, Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism
Suellen Holmes, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Simpson
Adviser, Office of Minister Simpson
The Hon. Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (South Australia)
Justine Kennedy, Director, Multicultural Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet (South Australia)
Adviser, Office of Minister Bettison
The Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP, Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs (Tasmania)
Andrew Wilford, A/Deputy Secretary, Community and Government Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
Corrina Smith, Director, Community Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
Kristy Broomhall, Assistant Director, Community, Partnerships and Priorities, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
Senior Policy Analyst, Community Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
Maya Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, Social Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria)
Jordan Wren, A/Director, Multicultural Affairs Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria)
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt
The Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
Kate Rowlands, Executive Director, Multicultural Interests, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Buti

Purpose of meeting:

Meeting of Multicultural Affairs Ministers

Community Roundtable

16/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Jenny Better
Rabbi Gabbi Kaltmann
Azmeena Hussein OAM
Hass Dellal AO
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to social cohesion

Martin Foley

16/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Professor Martin Foley, Professor of Practice, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Monash University

Terry Laidler

17/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Terry Laidler, Psychologist

Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters

Lived Experience Leaders

18/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Rebecca Langman, Director, Consumer Lived Experience, Alfred Health

Sharon Williams, Director, Lived Experience Workforce and Strategy, St Vincents

Helen Searle, Director, Carer Lived Experience, Royal Melbourne

Harsh Bansal, Carer Discipline Lead, Austin Health

Reece Jones, Consumer Discipline Lead, Austin Health

Larissa Dern, Chief of Lived Experience, Forensicare

Pam Anders, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health

Sarah Squire, Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health

Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt

Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Lived Experience Leaders

Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee (MHMAC)

18/09/2025 **Attendees:**

Paul Edbrooke MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
Carmel Guerra OAM, CEO, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)
Chris Christoforou, CEO, Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA)
Katie Larsen, Executive Director, Lived Experience, Mind Australia
Marie Piu, CEO, Tandem
Matt Sharp, CEO, Goulburn Valley (GV) Health
Nicole Bartholomeusz, CEO, cohealth
Dr Paul Denborough, Director, Infant, Child, Youth and headspace, Alfred Health
Phillipa Thomas, CEO, Mental Health Victoria (MHV)
Sheree Lowe, Executive Director, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)
Simon Ruth, CEO, Thorne Harbour Health
Associate Professor Simon Straface, Victorian Branch Chair, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)
Associate Professor Sophie Adams, Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Health
Vrinda Edan, CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAAC)
Pam Anders, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Mia Bromley, Senior Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Simone Williams, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Health
Project Officer, Secretariat, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

Purpose of meeting:

Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee (MHMAC) Meeting

Family of Dau Akueng

19/09/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Acting Premier, Minister for Education, Minister for Worksafe and the TAC
The Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP, Minister for Youth, Veterans, Small Business and Employment
Steve McGhie MP, Member for Melton
Elbino Akueng, Father of Dau Akueng
Sabena Akueng, Mother of Dau Akueng
Other family members
John Kon, Lawyer, Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre
Andrea Davidson, Commissioner of Youth Justice & Executive Director, Youth Justice Operations, Department of Justice and Community Safety
Senior Adviser, Office of the Deputy Premier

Purpose of meeting:

Meet with the family of Dau Akueng

Family of Chol Achiek

19/09/2025 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Acting Premier, Minister for Education, Minister for Worksafe and the TAC

The Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP, Minister for Youth, Veterans, Small Business and Employment

Steve McGhie MP, Member for Melton

Cauti Ngong, Father, Chol

Other family members

John Kon, Lawyer, Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre

Andrea Davidson, Commissioner of Youth Justice & Executive Director, Youth Justice Operations, Department of Justice and Community Safety

Senior Adviser, Office of the Deputy Premier

Purpose of meeting:

Meet with the family of Chol Achiek