

Declaration


Quarterly disclosure period: 1/1/26 to 31/3/26

Minister name: COLIN BROOKS

Ministerial portfolio(s): CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, INDUSTRY AND
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING.

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: 13/4/26

Subject	Start Date	Description
Salvation Army	6/01/2026	Attendees: Brendan Nottle Purpose of meeting: General discussion on work of Salvation Army
Thornbury Theatre	13/01/2026	Attendees: Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP Aloke Kumar, Coo, Thornbury Theatre Ethan Harvey, Artist Manager, Night Eats Day Purpose of meeting: Local arts discussion

AO Tennis

28/01/2026

Attendees:

Matthew Grech, Head of Future Business, Supacat
 Sally Curtain, CEO, Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 Tim Piper, Head – Victoria, Australian Industry Group
 Jen Hill, General Manager of Finance, Boeing Aerostructures
 Andrew Birkic President & CEO, Australia and New Zealand, Ford Motor Company
 Brooke Dawson, Executive Chairman, Oakdale Meat Co. VCCI chamber member
 Romany Amarasingham, Project Manager, Brotherhood of St Lawrence
 Nanette Fitzgerald, Executive Director, DJSIR
 Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP
 Caroline Pitcher CEO, V icScreen
 Joanna Werner, Producer, Werner Film Productions
 Paul Currie, Producer, Footloose Productions
 Kate Dennis, Director
 Emma Fitzsimons, Managing Director, Princess Pictures
 Stuart Menzies, Producer
 Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Industry and Creative stakeholders discussions

Allan Myers

4/02/2026

Attendees:

Mr Allan Myers AC, Director and Trustee Hamilton Gallery and Foundation Executive
 DJSIR
 Max Coffman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Creative Victoria
 Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Discussion on Hamilton Gallery

Stephanie Lake	10/02/2026	<p>Attendees: Stephanie Lake, Artistic Director, Stephanie Lake Company Jerril Rechter AM FAICD, Chair, Stephanie Lake Company Acting Director Creative Investment, Creative Victoria Advisor, Office of The Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose: Discuss Stephanie Lake operations</p>
Bluestone Music Hall	10/02/2026	<p>Attendees: John O'Rourke, Blue Stone Music James Kenyon, Musician Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discuss Bluestone project</p>
WASCA	12/02/2026	<p>Attendees: Daniel Coyne, Managing Director, WASCA Chris Coyne, Director, WASCA Nick McLennan, General Manager, WASCA A/Regional Director, Southern and Eastern Metro, DJSIR Senior Investment Manager – Advanced Manufacturing, DJSIR Ministerial Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon. Colin Brooks MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Site visit and tour</p>

APV Corporation

12/02/2026

Attendees:

Harry Hickling, Managing Director & CEO, APV Corporation
Carl Liersch, General Manager, APV Engineering & Testing Services
Brad Ostermeyer, Executive Director, Investment & Engagement, DJSIR
Regional Director, Metropolitan, DJSIR
Ministerial Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon. Colin Brooks MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site tour

Ford Australia

12/02/2026

Attendees:

Fadi Mawal, President & CEO, Ford Australia
Steven Crosby, Head of Product Development, Ford Australia
Tinikki Mott, Chief Financial Officer, Ford Australia
Matthew Sullivan, Engineering Director, Ford Australia
Maurizio Tocco, Studio Chief Designer, Ford Australia
Vince Ciocca, Quality Director, Ford Australia and New Zealand
Kathleen Mathews Ward, Member for Broadmeadows
Danni Jarrett, Deputy Secretary, Industry Trade and Investment, DJSIR
Daniel Curtis, Director of Government Affairs, Ford Motor Company
Michael Edmonds, Regional Director North, West Inner Metro Regions, DJSIR
Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site visit and tour

Lockheed Martin

16/02/2026

Attendees:

Tim Cahill, President, Lockheed Martin

Paula Hartley, Vice President, Lockheed Martin

Jeremy King, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin

Gaylia Campbell, Vice President, Lockheed Martin

Dargan Pearson, Government Relations, Lockheed Martin

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James Heading, Director and General Manager Missiles and Fire Control, Lockheed Martin

Teresa Tufano, Executive Director, Defence, Aviation and Aerospace, DJSIR

Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Introduction to new CEO

Larita Academy

17/02/2026

Attendees:

Anita Pahor, CSR & Philanthropy Director

Larry Kestelman, Executive Group Chairman

Max Coffman, Deputy Chief Executive, Creative Victoria

Senior Advisor, Office of Minister Brooks

Purpose:

Introductory meeting

Abbotsford Convent

18/02/2026

Attendees:

Justine Hyde, Chief Executive Officer, Abbotsford Convent
Gillian Franklin, Board Chair, Abbotsford Convent
A/Director, Creative Investment, DJSIR
Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP
Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Abbotsford Convent operations and funding

Care Essentials

24/02/2026

Attendees:

Ella George, MP, Member for Lara
Abhay Sinha, Managing Director, Care Essentials
Upeka Samarakoon, General Manager - Operations, Care Essential
Director, Strategy, Reform and Fair Jobs Code, DJSIR
Regional Development Coordinator, Regional Development Victoria
Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

Geelong North Industry Roundtable

24/02/2026

Attendees:

Ella George MP, Member for Lara, Victorian Labor Party

Bill Patterson, Executive General Manager, Energy and Infrastructure, Viva Energy

Jennifer Conley, CEO, Geelong Manufacturing Council (GMC)

David Buchanan, CEO, Advanced Fibre Cluster, Geelong

Elly Hanlon, Executive Director, Hanlon Industries

Adrian Hart, CEO, Boomaroo Nurseries

Vivek Govindaraj, Engineering Manager, RPC Technologies

Abhay Sinha, Managing Director, Care Essentials

Frank Herd, Managing Director, M.C. Herd

A/Executive Director, Industry Development, Manufacturing, Construction and Talent

Regional Director, Barwon South West, DJSIR

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Rountable industry discussion

HANLON Industries

24/02/2026

Attendees:

Ella George, MP, Member for Lara

Elly Hanlon, Executive Director, Hanlon Industries

Russell Whiteford, General Manager, Internal Operations & Governance, Hanlon Industries

Tim Sheringham, General Manager, Hanlon Industries

Director Strategy, Reform and Fair Jobs Code, DJSIR

Regional Development Coordinator, Barwon Regional Development Victoria

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

National Fabrication Facility

26/02/2026

Attendees:

Professor Nico Voelcker, Scientific Director, ANFF

Dr. Sean Langelier, General Manager, ANFF

Bernie Orelup, Engineering & Operations Manager, ANFF

Michael Imsic, Infrastructure and OHS Manager, ANFF

A/Regional Director Southern and Eastern Metro Region, DJSIR

Senior Investment Manager - Advanced Manufacturing, DJSIR

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

RISING	26/02/2026	<p>Attendees: Simon Phemister, Chair, RISING Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discuss RISING Festival 2026</p>
Music Victoria	4/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Fiona Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Music Victoria James Kenyon, Chair, Music Victoria Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discussion on Victoria's contemporary music sector</p>
UK Consul General	4/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Sunny Ahmed, British Consul General, Melbourne Benjamin Buxton, Senior Trade Manager, Civil Security, Cyber & Space Teresa Tufano, Executive Director, Defence, Aviation and Aerospace, DJSIR Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Introductory meeting</p>
ACCA	5/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Terry Wu, Chair, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Industry discussion</p>

Grand Prix Hosting	8/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Lee Davis, Senior Director, Honeywell Defense & Space Nathan Poyner, CEO, Rheinmetall Paul Azar, Senior Manager External Affairs, Babcock Israel Lozano, Managing Director, Navantia Ben Hudson, CEO, Hanwha Ari Suss, CEO, Avalon Airport Brendan Pihan, Essendon Fields Matt Carrick, Secretary, Department of Jobs Skills Industry and Regions (DJSIR) Danni Jarrett, Deputy Secretary, Industry, Trade and Investment, DJSIR Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Portfolio discussions</p>
Arena Theatre	10/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Debra Allanson, CEO, Arena Theatre Dr Meg Upton, Arena Board Member, Lecturer at Deakin University Director, Creative Investment, Creative Victoria Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Introductory meeting</p>
Property Council of Australia	10/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Cath Evans, Executive Director, Property Council of Australia Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discuss property industry</p>

High Country Filming

11/03/2026

Attendees:

Michael Hudson, Director of Economic and Industry Development, VicScreen
Sarah Finney, Media and Communications, VicScreen
Kara Masters, Industry and Skills Development Coordinator, VicScreen
Daniel Monaghan, Executive Director, Entertainment Content, Foxtel Group
Chelsea Metaxas, Senior PR Manager, Foxtel Group
Jo Porter, Executive Producer, Curio Pictures
Rachel Gardner, Executive Producer, Curio Pictures
Nathan Lambert, Member for Preston
Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Cast and Crew

Leah Purcell, Lead Actor
Ben Lucas, Director, Block 2
Marcia Gardner, Writer and Producer
John Ridley, Writer and Producer
Manel Lopez, Sound Recordist
Tommi Hacker, Gaffer

Purpose of meeting:

Visit film set

Moog

12/03/2026

Attendees:

Pat Roche, Chief Executive Officer, Moog

Neil Fitzpatrick, Director of Industry Development Supply Chain, Moog

Bryan O'Connor, General Manager, Asia Pacific, Space & Defence Group, Moog

Tom Newnham, Engineering Manager, Moog

Andrew Snelgar, Financial Controller, Moog

Torben Prah, Senior Operations Manager, Moog

Meng Heang Tak, MP

Teresa Tufano, Executive Director, Defence, Aviation & Aerospace, DJSIR

A/Regional Director, Southern and Eastern Metropolitan, DJSIR

Senior Investment Manager, Advanced Manufacturing, DJSIR

Advisor, Office of Minister Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site visit and tour

Olympic Polymers

12/03/2026

Attendees:

Daniel Leeson, Managing Director, Olympic Polymers

Meng Heang Tak, MP

A/Regional Director Southern & Eastern Metropolitan, DJSIR

Senior Investment Manager, Advanced Manufacturing, DJSIR

Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site visit and tour

SVC Products

12/03/2026

Attendees:

Tim Richardson, MP

James Lacey, Chair, SVC

Shane Shepherd, Managing Director & CEO, SVC

Clayton Miles, Head of Operations, SVC

Dale Thompson, Head of Finance, SVC

Melody Ong, Marketing Manager, SVC

Tony Nagy, Associate, Policy Counsel

Jamileh Hargraves, Associate, Policy Counsel

Senior Investment & Engagement Officer, DJSIR

Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site meeting and tour

VAPAC

16/03/2026

Attendees:

Melenie Stevenson, Executive Director, Victorian Association of Performing Arts

Tammy Ryan, Chair, Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres, (VAPAC)

Kristy Witmitz, Board Member, Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres,
(VAPAC)

Director, Creative Investment, Creative Victoria

Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Performing Arts industry discussion

Blakdot Gallery	16/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Sheena Watt, MP Dr Kimba Thompson, Director, Blakdot Gallery Troy Walsh, Director of First Peoples, Creative Victoria Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Visit and tour of exhibition</p>
Ethical Clothing	17/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Rachel Reilly, National Manager, Ethical Clothing Australia Jenny Kruschel, TCF National Secretary, Timber, Furnishings and Textile Union & Ethical Clothing Australia Governance Committee Nanette Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Industry Development, DJSIR Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: To discuss textile industry</p>
Noe Harsel	18/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Noe Harsel, Lecturer, Monash University Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Arts Industry discussion</p>

Tim Piper	23/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Tim Piper, AI Group Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting</p>
Birrarangga Film Festival	24/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Damienne Pradier, Producer, Birrarangga Film Festival Tony Briggs, Artistic Director, Birrarangga Film Festival Isabel Dilena, Associate Producer, Birrarangga Film Festival Director, First People, Creative Vic Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discussion on work of Birrarangga</p>
Patrick Flannigan	23/03/2026	<p>Attendees: Dr David Feeney, Victorian Defence Industry Advocate, (VDIA) Patrick Flannigan, Chair of Vic Roads Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Discuss manufacturing investment and policy</p>

Vietnamese Delegation

24/03/2026

Attendees:

Phạm Hồng Điệp, Chairman, Shinec Corporation
Rich McClellan, Vice Chairman, Vietnamese International Financial Centre
Director, Investment - Asia and Middle East, DJSIR
Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Discuss trade and investment

Kids' Own Publishing

24/03/2026

Attendees:

Tom McCammon, Producer, Kids Own Publishing
Phil Lukie, Chair, Kids Own Publishing
Ailsa Wild, Writer, Kids Own Publishing
Sadia Dubow, Distribution and Digital Marketing, Kids Own Publishing
Director, Creative Investments, Creative Victoria
Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP
Beth Poulter, Chief of Staff. Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Site visit and tour

Premier's Business Council

24/03/2026

Attendees:

Premier (Chair)

Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing

The Hon Dr David Feeney, Victorian Defence Industry Advocate (VDIA)

Jeremi Moule, Secretary, DPC

Matt Carrick, Secretary, DJSIR

Danni Jarrett, Deputy Secretary, Industry, Trade and Investment, DJSIR

Tim Dillon, Agent General to UK, Commissioner for Victoria to Europe and Israel

Brett Stevens, Commissioner for Victoria to the Americas

Teresa Tufano, Executive Director, Defence, Aviation and Aerospace, DJSIR

MAJGEN (Ret'd) Fergus (Gus) McLauchlan AO, Board, AMDA Foundation Ltd

Michael Quinn, CEO APT / Hosico Engineering Group

Sam Bell, CEO, A.W. Bell

Bianca Lazar, Head of People, Babcock Australia & New Zealand

Nick Willams, CEO, Corvus Technology Solutions

Justin Hamilton, Senior Project Manager, H&B Defence Australia

Ben Hudson, CEO, Hanwha Defence Australia

Lee Davis, Head Defense and Space AU, Honeywell

Julia Dickinson, Chief Engineer, Lockheed Martin Australia

Karin Vosmansky, CEO Mack Valves

Alex Lyon, Group Manager, Marand

Bryan O'Connor, General Manager APAC, Moog Australi

Alison Stewart, State Manager Victoria, Mott MacDonald

Cindy Slaven, Chief Business Development Officer, Navantia

Joern Buelter, General Manager Logistic Vehicles, Rheinmetall Defence Australia

Gavin New, Managing Director, Ronson Gears

Amanda Holt, Managing Director & CEO, Sypaq

Paul Saker, Director Industry Support, Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS)

Michael Flowers, Defence Council Victoria

Aude Vignelles, President Asia Pacific, Titomic
Paul Saker, Director Industry Support, Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS)
Michael Flowers, Defence Council Victoria
Andrew Garth, Defence Council Victoria Universities
Dr James Mullins, Director, Defence and Security Strategic Partnerships, Deakin University
Prof John Carroll, Director and Dean, Monash University
Prof Alec Cameron, Vice-Chancellor and President, RMIT

Purpose of meeting:

Discuss defence industry

Birdon

24/03/2026

Attendees:

Dr John White, Chairman, Birdon

Purpose of meeting:

Introductory meeting

National Reconstruction Fund Corporation

25/03/2026

Attendees:

Martijn Wilder AM, Chair, NRFC

Kellie Benda, Director, NRFC

Ahmed Fahour AO, Director, NRFC

The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer, Director, NRFC

Daniel Petre AO, Director, NRFC

Kathryn Presser AM, Director, NRFC

Karen Smith-Pomeroy, Director, NRFC

Glenn Thompson, Director, NRFC

Daniel Walton, Director, NRFC

David Gall, CEO, NRFC

Nanette Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Industry Development, Construction,
Manufacturing and Talent

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Business and investment opportunities

BlueScope Steel

26/03/2026

Attendees:

Gerry Tidd, MBA, GAICD, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs at BlueScope Steel
David Jenkins, Manager External Relations, BlueScope
Sean Wong, Manager Western Port, BlueScope
Sanam Sharma, Manager People, Western Port, BlueScope
Ron Bange, Asset Manager, Western Port, BlueScope
Michael Rossi, Operations Manager Metal Coating, Western Port, BlueScope
Paul Mercurio MP, Member for Hastings, Australian Labor Party
Director, Industry, Construction and Manufacturing, DJSIR
Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

Chris Procter Investments

26/03/2026

Attendees:

Chris Proctor, Artist
Paul Mercurio AM MP TBC
Senior Adviser, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Introductory meeting

McClelland Gallery

26/03/2026

Attendees:

Lisa Byrne, Director, McClelland Gallery

Matt Healy, LLB/BA, MAICD, Chair, McClelland Gallery

Paul Mecurio AM MP, Member for Hastings

Acting Director, Creative Investment, DJSIR

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Discuss McClelland operations

Hart Marine

26/03/2026

Attendees:

Paul Mecurio, MP

Mal Hart, Founder and Managing Director, Hart Marine

Graeme Taylor, General Manager, Hart Marine

Paul Mecurio MP, Member for Hastings

Acting Regional Director, Southern & Eastern Metro Region, DJSIR

Senior Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

BATs Theatre Company

26/03/2026

Attendees:

Toni Anc, Citizen of the Year, Casey City

Debbie Jenkins, Secretary, BATS

Bridie Clark, President of BATS and Owner of ADP

Kristie Ogden, Treasurer, BATS

Heath Props Manager BATS

Amanda Harcourt BATS Committee

Georgia Neilson, BATS Committee and cast member, Game of Tiaras.

Bailey Ogden, Cast Member, Game of Tiaras

Nick Bywater, BATS Committee and cast member, Game of Tiaras

Sarah Pegara, cast member of Game of Tiaras

Cr C Eves Casey City Council

Cr. A. Walter Casey City Council

Pauline Richards, MP

Advisor, Office of the Hon Colin Brooks, MP

Purpose of meeting:

Visit and site tour

Australian Workers Union

30/03/2026

Attendees:

Ronnie Hayden, Victorian Branch Secretary, AWU

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting

MEEA Quarterly

31/03/2026

Attendees:

Adam Portelli, Deputy Chief Executive, MEAA

Matt Byrne, Political Officer, MEAA

Advisor, Office of the Hon Minister Brooks MP

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting