

# Report to Parliament

## Official trade mission to Japan

21-27 April 2025

The Honourable Tim Mander MP

Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games



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# Program

Monday, 21 April 2025   Brisbane – Tokyo	
7.30am	Arrive at the Brisbane International Airport, Brisbane
10.30am	Depart Brisbane for Tokyo, Japan
6.50pm	Arrive at Narita International Airport, Tokyo
6.50pm – 8.00pm	Travel to Imperial Hotel Tokyo
Dinner	Own arrangements
Overnight	Imperial Hotel Tokyo
Tuesday, 22 April 2025   Tokyo – Osaka	
Breakfast	Own arrangements
8.15am – 9.15am	Brisbane liaison time
9.30am – 10.00am	Travel to National Stadium
10.00am – 10.30am	Meeting with the President of the Japan Sports Council
10.30am – 11.00am	Site visit to the Tokyo Olympic Legacy spaces
11.00am – 11.30am	Travel to Tokyo Metropolitan Government
11.30am – 12.00pm	Meeting with the Governor of Tokyo
Lunch	Own arrangements
1.20pm – 2.45pm	Meeting with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Travel to Japan Sport Olympic Square
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Meeting with the Japanese Olympic Committee
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Travel to the Australian Embassy
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Game Plan Japan: Sports Business Connections at the Australian Embassy
5.00pm – 8.30pm	Travel to Osaka
Dinner	Own arrangements
Overnight	Imperial Hotel Osaka
Wednesday, 23 April 2025   Osaka	
Breakfast	Own arrangements

7.30am – 8.30am	Brisbane liaison time
8.30am – 10.00am	Travel to Expo site
10.00am – 11.00am	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade briefing and Australia Pavilion tour
11.00am – 4.00pm	Game Changers – Brisbane 2032 Games, Australia’s global opportunity (including sit-down lunch and media call)
4.00pm – 4.40pm	Travel to Imperial Hotel Osaka
Dinner	Own arrangements
Overnight	Imperial Hotel Osaka
<b>Thursday, 24 April 2025   Osaka</b>	
Breakfast	Own arrangements
7.30am – 8.30am	Brisbane liaison time
8.30am – 9.15am	Travel to Mizuno Innovation Center
9.30am – 11.45am	Site visit and meeting with Mizuno Innovation Center
Lunch	Own arrangements
1.15pm – 1.30pm	Travel to Nakanoshima Qross
1.30pm – 4.30pm	Nakanoshima Qross site visit and meeting
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Travel to Tourism Australia event
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Celebration of Australia, hosted by Tourism Australia, Networking Reception (including sit-down dinner)
8.00pm – 8.30pm	Travel to Imperial Hotel Osaka
Overnight	Imperial Hotel Osaka
<b>Friday 25 April 2025   Osaka</b>	
6.00am – 7.00am	ANZAC Day Commemoration (including breakfast)
7.00am – 8.00am	Brisbane liaison time
8.15am – 9.00am	Travel to Panasonic Stadium
9.00am – 10.00am	Site visit to Panasonic Stadium
10.00am – 10.15am	Travel to Expo ’70 Commemorative Park
10.15am – 10.40am	Site visit to Expo ’70 Commemorative Park

10.40am – 11.25am	Travel to Imperial Hotel Osaka
Lunch	Own arrangements
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Travel to Expo site
2.00pm – 5.00pm	Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee event
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Osaka Healthcare Expo Pavilion site visit
6.00pm – 7.00pm	Travel to Imperial Hotel Osaka
Dinner	Own arrangements
Overnight	Imperial Hotel Osaka
<b>Saturday, 26 April 2025   Osaka – Tokyo</b>	
Breakfast	Own arrangements
8.30am – 9.30am	Travel to Australia Pavilion
9.30am – 12.15pm	Queensland, Australia's Keepy Uppy Global Challenge and Networking event
11.30am – 12.30pm	Travel to Osaka International (Itami) Airport
Lunch	Own arrangements
2.35pm – 4.00pm	Travel to Tokyo
4.00pm	Arrive Narita International Airport, Tokyo
Dinner	Own arrangements
9.20pm	Depart Tokyo for Brisbane, Australia
Overnight	Inflight
<b>Sunday, 27 April 2025   Brisbane</b>	
7.20am	Arrive at the Brisbane International Airport, Brisbane

## Minister's Official Delegation

<b>The Honourable Tim Mander MP</b>	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
<b>Ms Kristin McGill</b>	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
<b>Mr Andrew Hopper</b>	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games

# Meeting Summaries

Tuesday, 22 April 2025

<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with the President of the Japan Sports Council
<b>Time</b>	10.00am – 10.30am
<b>Venue</b>	National Stadium, 10-2, Kasumigaoka-machi, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ)
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
Ms Saya Sakakibara	Queensland BMX Olympian
Mr Satoshi Ashidate	President, Japan Sport Council
Dr Takeshi Kukidome	Vice President, Japan Sport Council
<b>Event Summary</b>	
Throughout the meeting, there were clear synergies between the Japan Sport Commission's (JSC) model and the Australian Institute of Sport structure. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) was discussed with the JSC offering to provide ongoing support and learnings to the Queensland Government. The Minister outlined the approach the Government took to finalise the Brisbane 2032 Delivery Plan (the Plan) and explained the allocation of Venues and their proximity to each other.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit to the Tokyo Olympic Legacy spaces
<b>Time</b>	10.30am – 11.00am
<b>Venue</b>	National Stadium, 10-2, Kasumigaoka-machi, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games



Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
Ms Saya Sakakibara	Queensland BMX Olympian
Mr Satoshi Ashidate	President, Japan Sport Council
Dr Takeshi Kukidome	Vice President, Japan Sport Council
<b>Event summary</b>	
<p>The site visit was an opportunity to learn about the National Stadiums sustainable design elements that contributed to the spectator and athlete experiences at the Tokyo 2020. This tour was invaluable to show firsthand how the venue is used post-Tokyo 2020 for sports, concerts and weddings. This asset is incredibly important to government as it is also used as an evacuation area throughout earthquakes or natural disasters, with enough food and supplies kept on premises to support 60,000 people at any point in time. This dual purpose was very influential in getting community support to build the stadium.</p>	

<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with the Governor of Tokyo
<b>Time</b>	11.30am – 12.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Reception Room, 7F, 1st Building, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, 2-8-2 Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku, Tokyo
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
The Hon Ms Yuriko Koike	Governor of Tokyo
Mr Noboru Sekiguchi	Special Advisor to the Governor on International Affairs



Mr Toshihide Watanabe	Director-General, Office for Sports Promotion, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Mr Tadahito Kudo	Senior Director for International Affairs, Office of the Governor for Policy Planning
Ms Saya Sakakibara	Queensland BMX Olympian
<b>Event summary</b>	
Discussions were inclusive of the spread of venues across Queensland in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032). The meeting also touched on high-profile upcoming sport and innovative events the capital is hosting in the coming months including World Athletics Championships, Deaflympics and SusHi Tech (Sustainable high City Tech for the Future) events.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government
<b>Time</b>	1.20pm – 2.45pm
<b>Venue</b>	National Stadium, 10-2, Kasumigaoka-machi, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
<b>Event summary</b>	
Discussed learnings from Tokyo 2020 that could benefit Brisbane 2032. The Queensland Government already enjoys an excellent working relationship with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, with a Memorandum of Understanding already in place. The discussion focussed on: ensuring organisers quantify legacy benefits; maximising use of competition venues post-Olympic and Paralympic Games; importance of environment and sustainability and making use of other power sources; creating a 'barrier-free environment' to improve accessibility; and finding new ways to use technology. These discussions were very productive to grow the relationship between Tokyo and Queensland, with a hope to work closely on upcoming initiatives between the governments.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with the Japanese Olympic Committee
<b>Time</b>	3.00pm – 3.30pm

<b>Venue</b>	Japan Sport Olympic Square, 13F, 4-2 Kasumigaokamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
Ms Kaori Hoshi	Senior Executive Board Member, Japanese Olympic Committee
Mr Senji Ishikawa	Senior Director, International Affairs Division, Japanese Olympic Committee
Mr Naoya Yanagiya	Senior Director, Athlete Training, Japanese Olympic Committee
Mr Toshihide Watanabe	Director-General, Office for Sports Promotion, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
<b>Event summary</b>	
<p>The Japanese Olympic Committee reflected on their preparation for Tokyo 2020 and the Minister outlined the Queensland Government approach to finalising the Plan. The representatives talked through the original footprint for Tokyo 2020, which was much more compact and focussed on the city of Tokyo and how this changed to utilise more venues spread right across the country.</p>	

<b>Meeting</b>	Game Plan Japan: Sports Business Connections at the Australian Embassy
<b>Time</b>	4.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Australian Embassy in Tokyo, 2-1-14 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ

Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
Ms Bec Allen	Counsellor (Public Affairs), Australian Embassy, Tokyo
<b>Event summary</b>	
Supported Queensland companies to make meaningful connections with potential partners in Japan. The travelling party had the opportunity to network with contacts brought together by the Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan, the Australian Japan Business Co-operation Committee and the Australian Sports Technologies Network. There was a particular focus on throughout this opportunity to learn from the Japanese sports tech industry and promote the Plan.	

### Wednesday, 23 April 2025

<b>Meeting</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade briefing and Australia Pavilion tour
<b>Time</b>	10:00am – 11:00am
<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Nancy Gordon	Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025
Others	Visiting Australian dignitaries
<b>Event summary</b>	
Briefed on the objectives of Australia's participation in the World Expo Osaka 2025 and received a tour of the Australia Pavilion, including the Walkthrough Visitor Experience and Special Events Zone.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Game Changers – Brisbane 2032 Games, Australia's global opportunity (including sit-down lunch and media call)
<b>Time</b>	11.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	

The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Japan, TIQ
Ms Keiko Yanai	Director, Research Partnerships, North Asia, TIQ
Ms Bec Allen	Counsellor (Public Affairs), Australian Embassy, Tokyo
<b>Event summary</b>	
<p>This event was hosted in partnership with the Australian Government and featured panel discussions centred around the once in a generation opportunity presented to Australia as part of hosting Brisbane 2032. The panel discussions were held around a formal luncheon and comprised representatives from both the public and private sector to not only talk about what's planned for Brisbane 2032, and also what was possible to activate the state more broadly in terms of procurement, job creation, trade opportunities and sports diplomacy.</p>	

#### Thursday, 24 April 2025

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit and meeting with the Mizuno Innovation Center
<b>Time</b>	9:30am – 11:45am
<b>Venue</b>	Mizuno Innovation Center, MIZUNO ENGINE, 1-12-35 Nanko Kita, Suminoe-ku, Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Mr Hirotaka Nakajima	R&D and Corporate Planning Deputy Manager, Mizuno Corporation
Ms Cristina Merino	Deputy CEO, AJBCC
Ms Kirsty Richardson	Founder/Owner, GravityFit
Mr Paul Kleverlaan	Director, KLEVOS PTY LTD Trading as Court Coverage
Mr Benjamin Parsons	Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Ministry of Sport

Ms Debra Tracey	Customer Success Manager, ECAL
Mr Danny Walk	Director, Pixon Group
<b>Event summary</b>	
The Mizuno Innovation Center is a research and innovation facility geared towards accelerating social innovation through sport. This meeting focussed on collaboration between and Queensland and Japanese sports tech industry, to drive further research and product development.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit and meeting with Nakanoshima Qross
<b>Time</b>	1:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Venue</b>	Nakanoshima Qross, 4 Chome-3-51 Nakanoshima, Kita Ward, Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication
Mr Hirotaka Nakajima	R&D and Corporate Planning Deputy Manager, Mizuno Corporation
Ms Cristina Merino	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, AJBCC
Mr Dale Equid	EngageRM
Mr Robert Joseph	ECAL
Ms Debra Tracey	ECAL
<b>Event summary</b>	
Opportunity to tour the site and understand how the facility fosters innovation, collaboration and community engagement through the development of sports tech. These discussions explored opportunities for collaboration between the Queensland and Japanese sports industries, particularly in health innovation, sports medicine, and biotechnology.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Celebration of Australia (Tourism Australia Networking Reception) (including sit-down dinner)
<b>Time</b>	6.00pm – 8.00pm

<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
The Honourable Zoe Bettison MP	Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs, South Australia
Mr Hiroki (Abarerukun) Kobari	Japanese Comedian, Ambassador for Tourism Australia's World Heritage Campaign
Mr Derek Baines	Country Manager, Japan, Tourism Australia
Mr Paul Summers	Director, Japan and Korea, Tourism and Events Queensland
Other	Visiting Australian and local Japanese dignitaries
<b>Event summary</b>	
Engaged in a showcase of Australian music, art and sporting culture. This event connected over 150 dignitaries from across the world to showcase Australia.	

#### Friday, 25 April 2025

<b>Meeting</b>	ANZAC Day Commemoration (including breakfast)
<b>Time</b>	6.00am – 7.00am
<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Other	Visiting Australian and local Japanese dignitaries

<b>Event summary</b>
The Minister observed ANZAC Day with other visiting Australian and local Japanese dignitaries as part of the Australia Pavilion proceedings at World Expo Osaka 2025. A wreath was also delivered to the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Hodogaya Yokohama on behalf of the Queensland Government while in region.

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit to the Panasonic Stadium
<b>Time</b>	9.00am – 10.00am
<b>Venue</b>	3-3 Senribanpakukoen, Suita, Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Mr Naohito Mizutani	President and Chief Executive Officer, Gamba Osaka
<b>Event summary</b>	
Discussed how the 10-year-old stadium worked to be more power efficient for Tokyo 2020, contributing to Japan's mission of delivering a more sustainable and inclusive Games.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit to the Expo 1970 Commemorative Park
<b>Time</b>	10.15am – 10.40am
<b>Venue</b>	Senribanpakukoen, Suita, Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Mr Naohito Mizutani	President and Chief Executive Officer, Gamba Osaka



<b>Event summary</b>
Discussed how the World Expo Osaka 1970 site was overhauled into the Expo 1970 Commemorative Park and opened to the public for live events, connecting with nature and delivering active recreation outcomes (i.e., parkrun).

<b>Meeting</b>	Australian-Japan Business Co-operation Committee event
<b>Time</b>	2.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Other	Australian and Japanese sport industry leaders, business representatives and government officials
<b>Event summary</b>	
Discussed the Plan as the catalyst for Queensland making connections and developing global recognition ahead of Brisbane 2032.	

<b>Meeting</b>	Site visit to the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion
<b>Time</b>	5.00pm – 6.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Osaka Healthcare Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Dr Hidekazu Yamada	Director, Future Healthcare, Osaka Healthcare Pavillion

<b>Event summary</b>
Visited the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion and discussed with Dr Yamada Japan's advancements in sports tech and its connection to health and medical innovation, with a focus on athlete health and recovery technologies.

#### Saturday, 26 April 2025

<b>Meeting</b>	Queensland, Australia's Keepy Uppy Global Challenge and networking event
<b>Time</b>	9.30am – 12.15pm
<b>Venue</b>	Australia Pavilion at World Expo Osaka
<b>Attendees</b>	
The Honourable Tim Mander MP	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Kristin McGill	Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Mr Andrew Hopper	Director-General, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
Ms Maria Karatzis	Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Communication, TIQ
Other	Australian and Japanese dignitaries
<b>Event summary</b>	
Showcased Queensland through the 'Queensland is Bluey's world... for real life' activation, as part of the Australia Pavilion program at World Expo Osaka. This activation was an opportunity for the general public to engage with Bluey and play a game of Keepy Uppy in different sessions over the course of the weekend. As part of the activation, a networking session was also held in the Pavillion to showcase Queensland as a key player in the creative industries sector and promote our state as the ideal place for content creation.	

# Photo Summary

Tuesday, 22 April 2025



Meeting with the President of the Japan Sports Council



Site visit to the Tokyo Olympic Legacy spaces



Meeting with the Governor of Tokyo



Meeting with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Meeting with the Japanese Olympic Committee



Game Plan Japan: Sports Business Connections at the Australian Embassy



Wednesday, 23 April 2025



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade briefing and Australia Pavilion tour



Game Changers – Brisbane 2032 Games, Australia's global opportunity

Thursday, 24 April 2025



Site visit and meeting with the Mizuno Innovation Center



Site visit and meeting with Nakanoshima Qross



Friday, 25 April 2025



Site visit to the Panasonic Stadium



Site visit to the Expo 1970 Commemorative Park



Australia-Japan Business Co-operation Committee event



Saturday, 26 April 2025



Queensland, Australia's Keepy Uppy Global Challenge and networking event