

Queensland Shadow Cabinet

April 2012

On 19 April 2012 Anastacia Palaszczuk, Leader of the Opposition in QLD, announced her Shadow Cabinet. Ms Palaszczuk noted that positions may be revised depending on the outcome of the South Brisbane by-election, which is to be held on Saturday 28 April. Labor's candidate for that election is Jackie Trad.

Please see below for a short biography of each member of the Queensland Parliamentary Labor Party.

Portfolio Responsibilities

<u>Annastacia Palaszczuk</u> Member for Inala	Leader of the Opposition; Attorney-General, Justice and Industrial Relations; Education, Training and Employment; Tourism, Small Business, Major Events and Commonwealth Games; the Arts.
<u>Tim Mulherin</u> Member for Mackay	Deputy Opposition Leader; State Development, Infrastructure, Planning and Racing; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Local Government; Science, IT and Innovation.
<u>Curtis Pitt</u> Member for Mulgrave	Leader of Opposition Business; Treasury and Trade; Energy and Water Supply; Main Roads; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Sport and Recreation.
<u>Jo-Ann Miller</u> Member for Bundamba	Opposition Whip; Health; Natural Resources and Mines; Housing.
<u>Desley Scott</u> Member for Woodridge	Deputy Opposition Whip; Disability Services; Community Services, Child Safety, Multicultural Affairs and Women; Mental Health; Transport
<u>Bill Byrne</u> Member for Rockhampton	Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services; Construction and Public Works; National Parks, Environment and Heritage Protection.

Annastacia Palaszczuk

Leader of the Opposition; Attorney-General, Justice and Industrial Relations; Education, Training and Employment; Tourism, Small Business, Major Events and Commonwealth Games; the Arts.

Member for Inala

Annastacia Palaszczuk was elected as the Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party and became the Opposition Leader following the 2012 State Election. She has previously held the positions of Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs and Minister for Disability Services.

Prior to entering politics, Annastacia worked as a policy adviser to a number of Labor ministers, including Minister for Communities, Disabilities and Seniors Warren Pitt and former Minister for the Environment Dean Wells.

Annastacia contested and won the seat of Inala at the 2006 QLD state election following her father's, Labor MP Henry Palaszczuk's, retirement. Her father had held the seat of Inala from 1992 – 2006.

Annastacia Palaszczuk grew up in the Brisbane suburb of Durack. Annastacia is a patron of Inala Community House, Project Love & Care, Wolston Park Golf Club and the Darra-Oxley Pony Club.



Tim Mulherin

Deputy Opposition Leader; Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Planning and Racing; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Local Government; Science, IT and Innovation.

Member for Mackay

Tim Mulherin was born and raised in Mackay, where he now lives with his wife and three children.



Prior to entering politics, Tim was a clerk on the Mackay Electricity Board. From 1994 to 1995 he was a state organiser of the Australian Labor Party. In 1995, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Queensland as the Labor member for Mackay.

In 2005 he became Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries in Beattie government. He was given additional responsibility for Regional Development in 2009, and his title was recast as Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland. In February 2011, he became Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies.

Tim was elected as Deputy Opposition Leader following the 2012 election. He is the longest-serving ALP MP and the only to have served in Opposition, having been in Parliament during the 1996–98 Coalition Ministry of Rob Borbidge.

Tim is a patron of many local sporting and community organizations and a member of the Australian Republican Movement.

Curtis Pitt

Leader of Opposition Business; Shadow Minister for Treasury and Trade; Energy and Water Supply; Main Roads; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Sport and Recreation.



Member for Mulgrave

Curtis Pitt was born in and raised in Gordonvale, south of Cairns. He went to James Cook University in Cairns where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics.

Prior to entering politics, Curtis worked in the Queensland Public Service for six years. Most recently, he led the Queensland Government's Indigenous Jobs and Enterprises Taskforce, established to improve economic participation for members of discrete Indigenous communities.

Curtis was elected to the seat of Mulgrave at the 2009 QLD election. Prior to Curtis' election, the seat had been held by his father, Warren Pitt.

Curtis has previously served as the Minister for Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. Prior to his appointment to Cabinet, Curtis was Deputy Government Whip (May 2010 – February 2011) and briefly member of the Environment and Resource Committee. He was a member of the Integrity, Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee (April 2009 – February 2011) and Temporary Speaker/Deputy Speaker (April 2009 – May 2010). Curtis has also previously been a member of various Ministerial Legislative Committees.

Curtis has been an Auxiliary Firefighter with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, and is currently a member of the Edmonton Lions Club and the Gordonvale RSL Citizens' Auxiliary. He is patron of several sporting and community organisations, including the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support (SANDS) Queensland.

Jo-Ann Miller

Opposition Whip; Shadow Minister for Health; Natural Resources and Mines; Housing.

Member for Bundamba

Jo-Ann Miller was born in Ipswich, QLD. She attended Silkstone State School and Bremer State High School. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business, (Public Administration), from Queensland University of Technology in 1980, majoring in political science, and state and local government administration.



Jo-Ann was elected as the Member for Bundamba at a by-election in 2000, which was brought about by the resignation of Bob Gibbs in late 1999.

Immediately before entering politics, Jo-Ann worked on the staff of Bob Gibbs. Prior to that she had worked as a Registrar and Manager of Justices of the Peace Branch; as the Manager of the Daylight Savings Inquiry 1989-1990; and for a major mining company and the Department of Local Government.

Jo-Ann was a Parliamentary Secretary from 2001 to 2006, first working to the Minister for Education and later to the Minister for Health.

She has chaired a number of committees, including the Transport, Local Government and Infrastructure Committee; the select Committee on Travelsafe; and the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee.

Jo-Ann is married with two daughters, and her interests include current affairs, reading and sewing.

Desley Scott

Deputy Opposition Whip; Shadow Minister for Disability Services; Community Services, Child Safety, Multicultural Affairs and Women; Mental Health; Transport



Member for Woodridge

Desley grew up in the City of Toowoomba. Her father owned an electrical appliance sales and service business.

Desley Scott was elected as the Member for Woodridge at the 2001 QLD election. Prior to the election, Desley had worked as an electoral officer for 16 years. In that time she worked for both Bill D'Arcy and Mike Kaiser. She also holds a Dental Nurse Certificate, which she trained for in both Toowoomba and Victoria.

Desley has a particular passion for early childhood development and a strong focus on parenting and promoting healthy lifestyles. She has also chaired the Griffith University Logan Campus Development Advisory Group since its inception and takes a keen interest in all levels of education and training.

She is Patron or Vice Patron to a number of community organisations, including the Logan Artists Association, Logan Womens' Health and Wellbeing Centre, Disabled Ten-Pin Bowlers Association, Citizens Auxiliary of the RSL, 40 plus Club of Crestmead, German Shepherd Club of Qld, and a member of many clubs and organisations such as Soropimists, Zonta, Lions, Assoc of Women Educators.

She has chaired and served on various parliamentary and ministerial committees, including the Industry, Education and Industrial Relations committee; and the Social Development committee.

Desley is married with three sons, a granddaughter and a grandson. Her interests include music and her three sons have worked as professional musicians.

Bill Bryne

*Shadow Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services;
Construction and Public Works; National Parks, Environment and
Heritage Protection.*



Member for Rockhampton

Bill Bryne was elected as the Member for Rockhampton in the 2012 QLD election.

Prior to entering politics, Bryne completed a four year electrical apprenticeship with Queensland Rail before enlisting in the Army in 1980, attending the Officer Cadet School, Portsea. He was commissioned as an infantry officer and has since served at various times as an instructor, staff officer and company commander. He has served in a number of senior command positions, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, his career including active duty and overseas service.

In recent years he held civilian regional management positions within the Department of Defence with core responsibility for the sustainable management of nearby Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area.

Bill also has experience and civilian qualifications as a marine coxswain, rural fire-fighter and emergency management incident controller.