

Sport and Recreation Ministers of Western Australia

The Tonkin Labor Government in 1972 was the first Government to include a Recreation portfolio. The portfolio was expanded by the Burke Labor Government to include Sport in 1983. There have been 20 Ministers responsible for the Recreation and/or Sport and Recreation portfolios in 12 different Governments. Graham Edwards was responsible for the Sport and Recreation Ministry in three different Labor Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Thomas Daniel Evans	Minister for Education and Recreation , Attorney-General and Assistant to the Treasurer	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
		Attorney-General, Assistant to the Treasurer and Minister for Recreation	30 May 1973	8 April 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Education, Cultural Affairs and Recreation	8 Apr 1974	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones	Minister for Education, Cultural Affairs and Recreation	10 Mar 1977	5 Mar 1980
	Hon William Leonard Grayden	Minister for Education, Cultural Affairs and Recreation	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Robert Gerald Pike, MLC	Chief Minister and Minister for Cultural Affairs and Recreation	25 Jan 1982	30 Dec 1982
		Chief Minister and Minister for Prisons, Cultural Affairs and Recreation	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Keith James Wilson	Minister for Housing, Youth and Community Services, with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Sport and Recreation	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Housing, Youth Affairs, the Aged, Community Services, Sport and Recreation and with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986

		Minister for Housing, Sport and Recreation , Consumer Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Housing, Sport and Recreation , Consumer Affairs	25 July 1986	16 Mar 1987
	Hon Graham John Edwards, MLC	Minister for Sport and Recreation	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Graham John Edwards, MLC	Minister for Consumer Affairs and Sport and Recreation	25 Feb 1988	25 Feb 1989
		Minister for Racing and Gaming and Sport and Recreation , and Youth	25 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill	Minister for Local Government, Fisheries, Sport and Recreation , Youth and Minister assisting the Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
		Minister for Mines, Fisheries, Sport & Recreation , Mid-West and Minister assisting the Minister for State Development	5 Feb 1991	27 Feb 1991
	Hon Graham John Edwards, MLC	Minister for Police, Emergency Services, and Sport and Recreation	27 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Douglas James Shave	Minister for Tourism, Housing and Sport and Recreation	16 Feb 1993	24 Aug 1993
	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Minister for Education Employment and Training, Sport and Recreation , and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce and Trade	25 Aug 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Minister for Education Employment and Training, Sport and Recreation , and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
		Minister for Education Employment and Training, Sport and Recreation , Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs and Leader of Govt in LC	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997

Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Alan John Carpenter MLA	Minister for Education, Sport and Recreation , Indigenous Affairs	16 Feb 2001	14 Jan 2003
		Minister for Education and Training; Sport and Recreation ; Indigenous Affairs	14 Jan 2003	27 June 2003
	Hon Robert Charles Kucera	Minister for Tourism; Small Business; Sport and Recreation ; Peel and the South West	27 June 2003	26 Feb 2005
		Minister for Disability Services; Sport & Recreation ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors	10 Mar 2005	13 Oct 2005
	Hon Mark McGowan MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Youth; Peel and South West; Disability Services; Sport and Recreation ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors	13 Oct 2005	25 Nov 2005
	John James Mansell Bowler MLA	Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Land Information; Goldfields-Esperance & Great Southern; Sport and Recreation	25 Nov 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	John James Mansell Bowler MLA	Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Land Information; Goldfields-Esperance & Great Southern; Sport and Recreation	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon John Charles Kobelke MLA	Minister for Water Resources; Sport and Recreation	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
		Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation	8 May 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Terrence (Terry) Keith Waldron (Nationals)	Minister for Sport and Recreation ; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Sport and Recreation ; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Health		

	Hon Terrence Keith Waldron, MLA (Nationals)	Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming	21 Mar 2013	8 Dec 2014
	Hon Mia Jane Davies , MLA (Nationals)	Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation	8 Dec 2014	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Mia Jane Davies , MLA (Nationals)	Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation ; Forestry	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Michael Philip Murray, MLA	Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA	Minister for Finance, Lands, Sport and Recreation ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation ; International Education; Heritage	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation ; International Education; Heritage	14 Dec 2022	9 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023 -	Hon David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation ; International Education; Heritage	8 June 2023	

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist

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