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2020 Tamworth Regional Business Summit to welcome former Qld Premier as keynote speaker

Small business owners in the Tamworth region will have a chance to hear from the head of the Australian Banking Association (ABA) at the 2020 Tamworth Regional Business Summit, with former Queensland Premier, the Hon. Anna Bligh AC confirmed as one of the event's major keynote speakers.

Tamworth Business Chamber President, Jye Segboer says it's a major win for the region.

He says, "Anna Bligh spent five years as Queensland's Premier, is currently the CEO of the Australian Banking Association and now she's headed for Tamworth. To welcome a high calibre speaker like Anna is a major win for the local business community and something we've not seen in the region before."

Anna Bligh has been the CEO of the ABA since 2017 and has worked on delivering the recommendations of the Royal Banking Commission, strengthening the culture in banking, rebuilding trust in the sector and delivering the right outcomes for customers.

She will use her keynote speech at the summit to discuss all things business and banking, as well as the newly adopted Banking Code of Practice and the impact it will have on the local business community.

Anna Bligh says, "I'm looking forward to hearing from local Tamworth businesses directly as there's no substitute for talking face to face and hearing about issues firsthand.

"Banks have listened to community concerns and released a new rule book for banks, the Banking Code of Practice, which is a major step up in protections for customers.

"The industry has also outlined its strong support for locals affected by the drought, with anyone affected encouraged to contact their bank."

Anna Bligh will join a high profile list of keynote speakers at the 2020 Tamworth Regional Business Summit.

Chamber President, Jye Segboer says, "We have SIX keynote speakers including Australian War Veteran Damien Thomlinson and co-founder of Glasshouse Fragrances, Nicole Eckels, as well as a number of great discussion panels. No other event in the region can give business owners access to this many speakers of such high calibre."

He says, "I urge all business owners to secure their spot now, tickets are selling fast! This is an event not to be missed."

There are two ticket options:

GOLD PASS – THREE DAYS - \$250 (*three days for the price of two*)

SINGLE DAY - \$175 (*Anyone who buys a ticket to DAY 1 or DAY 2 will also gain access to DAY 3 for FREE!*)

A GOLD PASS valued at \$250 provides unlimited access to all keynote presentations, the “*Moving Forward in a drought economy*” and “*Growing regional economies*” panel discussions and workshops across the three day Summit. Day passes are also available for \$175 per day. **Anyone who buys a ticket to DAY 1 or DAY 2 will also gain access to DAY 3 for FREE!** Morning tea and lunch, plus Summit pack included in ticket price.

Registration open and Tickets NOW ON SALE via Summit [website](#) or by contacting the Chamber office on 02 6766 4810.

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