



2020 Agribusiness Futures Forum

Your Farm. Your Growth. Your Future.

Thursday, 12 March 2020

Guest Speakers & Forum Topics Announced

Last Week To Secure Early Bird Prices

The agricultural industry has long been a strength of Townsville and North Queensland. As we enter a new decade this sector continues to provide untapped potential and opportunities for the region. With the release of the 'North Queensland Agricultural Market and Supply Chain Study' in 2019, the time has come to set the roadmap for the future and identify how development, demand and diversification can strengthen the industry's ability to unlock growth opportunities for long-term success.

This event sold out in 2019 and is shaping up to be one of the industry's most in-demand conferences again this year. Get in now to secure your seats before it sells out.

2020 Agribusiness Futures Forum Tickets From* Only :

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***Prices will increase from Thursday 20 February 2020.**

FORUM SESSION TOPICS

Session One: Industry Update

The session will provide insights into market trends for several key commodities including Soybean, Beef, Sugar, Avocado and Macadamia.

Session Two: The Business of Agribusiness

This session covers the business practises and services that can save you time, reduce financial risk and simplify the management of your business.

Session Three: Expansion - What Is Needed?

A brief look at the changes occurring in agriculture in our region, covering opportunities for expansion and upcoming projects.

Session Four: Development, Demand and Diversification

Crop diversification opportunities can provide benefits to your business but turning over land to enter a new market is a big financial commitment. To prepare you to make this decision, this session will cover several commodities, their market requirements and several issues around exporting products.

GUEST SPEAKERS



**Assoc. Prof Delwar Akbar - CQUniversity
Australia**

**Topic: Horizontal collaboration for
horticulture supply chain in Queensland**

Associate Professor Delwar Akbar is a research-focused academic at CQUniversity Australia. His research during the last decade has focused predominantly on rural and regional economics, value chain analysis, property and health economics, economic impact assessment and regional development.



**Brock Dembowski - Department of
Agriculture and Fisheries**

**Topic: Broad acre crop diversification in
North Queensland**

Brock has been working for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for 10 years. Starting off his career in Horticulture and Turf grass in the Redlands, he moved back home to North Queensland to work in Sugarcane as an extension officer. For the last eight years, Brock has been working alongside farmers to diversify their farming enterprises, to improve their soil health and income.



**Prof. Yvette Everingham - James Cook
University**

**Topic: Technology in Agriculture
(Improving profitability against tightening
environmental regulations)**

Yvette is the Director of the Agricultural Technology Research Centre at James Cook University. She enjoys working with farmers to explore ways that new tools and technologies can help them to increase production with a smaller environmental footprint in challenging tropical climates.



Chris Balazs - Provenir

Topic: The future of high value premium quality beef

Chris is the CEO and Co-Founder of Provenir, one of the leaders pioneering real paddock to plate produce, through on-farm mobile abattoir technology.

Stay tuned for more speakers and the complete schedule to be announced soon.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday 12 March 2020

Time: 9.00am - 5.00pm. Registration from 8.30am

Networking: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Pavilion, The Ville Resort-Casino, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville.

Catering: Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Networking Drinks & Canapes

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