



Gympie Region Economic Summit



INVESTING LOCAL TO STRIKE GOLD

Wednesday 10 September 2025

EVENT PROGRAM

9:00am Registration and Exhibition Open

Lanyards and Coffee Vans Outside

| Sponsored by NBN Local and Trio Towing Group

10:00am Official Start Time

- Emcee Welcome
 - Martin Muller – President, Gympie Chamber of Commerce
 - Glen Hartwig – Mayor, Gympie Regional Council
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10:30am Keenan Jackson – Principal Economist, .id Gympie – State of the Region Briefing

10:45am Session 1 – Shaping Gympie's Sustainable Future

| Sponsored by HQPlantations

Update by The Hon. Steven Minnikin, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data, Small and Family Business

Panel Facilitator: Scott Sutton – Vice President, Gympie Chamber and Director, Sutton Building

Panel Guests:

- The Hon. Steven Minnikin, Minister for Customer Services and Open Data, Small and Family Business
 - Jason Wilson – Chief Executive Officer, HQPlantations
 - Camila Galindo – Gympie Factory Manager, Nestle
 - Garreth Higgins – Director, Offaly Civil Engineering
 - Terry Nolan – Director, Nolan Meats
 - Dr Vanessa Rauland – Climate Director, ICN
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11:45am Morning Tea

12:00pm Session 2 – Beyond The Brochure

| Sponsored by Offaly Civil Engineering

Update by The Hon. Tim Mander MP, Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Panel Facilitator: Nicole Harper – Board Member, Gympie Chamber and Festival Director, Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival

Panel Guests:

- The Hon. Tim Mander MP, Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
 - Roz White – Chair, Sunshine Coast 2032 Committee and Company Director and Founder, White's IGA Group
 - Matt Stoeckel – Chief Executive Officer, Visit Sunshine Coast
 - Alwyn Prinsloo – Head of College, Victory College
 - Frank Dinneen – Small Business Procurement Advisor, Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business
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1:00pm Lunch



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1:40pm **Session 3 – A Path Forward**

| Sponsored by Workforce Australia and M1 Workwear and Safety

Update by Sotera Trevaskis – Director of Regional Development, Regional Development Australia Wide Bay

Panel Facilitator: Martin Muller – President, Gympie Chamber and Group Manager, Gympie RSL Club

Panel Guests:

- Sotera Trevaskis – Director of Regional Development, Regional Development Australia Wide Bay
- Austin Ryann – Employment Facilitator, Workforce Australia
- Justin McGowan – Chief Executive Officer, Trade and Investment Queensland
- Glen Hartwig – Mayor, Gympie Regional Council
- Jay Hobbs – Founder and Creative Director, Smyth Studio
- Aaron Johnstone – Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate, Queensland Government

2:40pm **Keynote by Dr. Prins Ralston** – Adjunct Professor Business, Law and Governance, James Cook University

3:00pm **Update by The Hon. Tony Perrett MP**, Minister for Primary Industries and Member for Gympie

3:15pm **Amy Roberts – Secretary**, Gympie Chamber of Commerce and Owner, Pearl Class Communications

3:25pm **Emcee – Official Economic Summit Close**

3:30pm BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted by Peter Scott – Board Member, Gympie Chamber and Real Estate Agent, Tom Grady

- Live Entertainment
- VIP Upstairs receive complimentary Canapés
- Downstairs can purchase food and drinks

7:00pm **Event Concludes**
Farewell and safe travels

