



FUTURE LEADERS MEDIA RELEASE

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FUTURE LEADERS LAUNCH MENTOR PROGRAM

Next month, Future Leaders will launch their Mentor Program for 2012. In conjunction with the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and proudly sponsored by Heritage Bank, Future Leaders will promote this exciting opportunity to its members and members of the broader Chamber of Commerce.

The mentor program is structured around one-on-one engagements between a Future Leader Member (mentee) and a Chamber of Commerce Member (mentor). On Thursday 23rd February, the Empire Theatre Church will host the evening, as Future Leaders welcomes guest speaker Shane Webcke. With arguably one of the greatest mentors rugby league has ever seen in Wayne Bennett, the former Broncos legend will discuss his mentor relationship throughout his career with the rugby league supercoach.

This will be an open style question and answer forum. Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce President Geoff McDonald will be asking Shane a number of pre-selected questions and also opening the floor to questions from Future Leader Members.

Expressions of interest will be collected from both Future Leader members and potential mentors. Accompanied by profiles, mentors and mentees will be matched. This is a fantastic opportunity for young professionals in the Toowoomba community to network with and learn from prominent business people they may otherwise not have the opportunity to get to know.

'Future Leaders is about supporting young professionals and providing them with personal and professional development and networking opportunities. We have all seen the success of the Chamber of Commerce in Toowoomba, and our members are keen to learn what they can from people in this community', Future Leaders President, Sam Wright said.

'Let's not forget the mentors though. Mentors can expect to get to know some really exceptional people in our community. There are opportunities for both the mentor and mentee to learn from each other, and the opportunity to extend support or advice, and mentor a young up-and-comer will reap its own rewards.'

Future Leaders wishes to extend an invitation to professionals aged between 18 and 35 to become a member and participate in this program.

Future Leaders is an exciting initiative of the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce & Industry, sponsored by Heritage Bank, and was established as a sub-committee of the Chamber to specifically

target the city's business people under 35. Its primary objective is to promote, support and network tomorrow's aspiring business leaders. Networking events are scheduled monthly, at a time after work at a local venue.

For more information about the Future Leaders Mentor Program or to register your interest in participation, please contact Mark Cecil on 07 4639 2588 or email mark@dp.net.au. For more information about Future Leaders, visit the Chamber of Commerce website www.toowoombachamber.com.au or search Facebook for Toowoomba Future Leaders.