

BUSINESS



Deputy PM Wayne Swan to visit region

Business luncheon will focus on developments in the Gladstone region

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THE technology and resource boom that Australia is experiencing will have its winners and its losers.

Investments and predictions fuel the economy with many businesses practically playing a roulette wheel, where no-one is really sure where it's all going to end up. Gladstone is very much in the same position.

Our economy is fuelled by our industries which are predicted to expand tenfold over the next decade, with the population of Gladstone expected to double by 2030 to more than 100,000.

Gladstone will need community facilities such as schools, health care, childcare centres and accommodation and public transport.

This Friday, the Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer Wayne Swan will be in Gladstone to provide an insight into the many aspects that are set to affect the Gladstone region over the next 20 years.

The Deputy Prime Minister's address at the business luncheon will focus on the future of the

coming development, growth and expansion in our region.

An urban strategist said at a recent conference that Gladstone has the potential to surpass cities such as Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville because of its strong industrial base.

The growing resources sector offers many opportunities for local businesses to get involved in not only the supplying and servicing of these industries, but the supplying and servicing of the expected influx of workers.

Mr Swan will touch on the planned LNG developments set for the area and how these will impact the Gladstone region, with the chance to ask questions at the end of his address.

Federal Member for Flynn Chris Trevor said he welcomed Mr Swan's visit at a time when Gladstone was on the cusp of a major industrial boom.

"I thank Mr Swan for accepting my invitation to come to Gladstone to talk to our local community about local and national issues," Mr Trevor said.



IN TOWN: On the request of Member for Flynn Chris Trevor, Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan will be in Gladstone week to discuss the future of the Gladstone region, including upcoming development, growth and expansion

Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) and Mr Trevor, the Financial State of the Nation; Future for our Region business luncheon will be held on Friday, July 16.

GAPDL CEO Glenn Churchill said it is GAPDL's aim to advance the Gladstone region through the promotion and development of tourism, business and industry for the benefit of its members and the

community. The event is booked out. If you would like further information please contact Kirsti Bruton at GAPDL on 4972 4000 or gapdl@gapdl.com.au