

BUSINESS



No time to gamble on future success

Treasurer to address key issues as Gladstone braces for huge growth



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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 rolling the dice, 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, with predictions of those industries to expand tenfold over the next decade.

Due to industrial projects, the population of Gladstone is expected to double by 2030 to more than 100,000.

The Liquefied Natural Gas industry alone is expected to employ 18,000 people in Australia with a massive influx of skilled international workers.

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 supply-

ing and servicing of the expected influx of workers.

Over the next 20 years Gladstone will need to reinvent itself as a city and every business should plan and be ready or they will be left behind.

Next week, the Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan will be in Gladstone to provide an insight into

“Every business should plan and be ready or they will be left behind”

the many aspects that are set to affect the Gladstone region over the next 20 years.

The Treasurer's address at the Financial State of the Nation; Future for our region business luncheon will focus on the future of the Gladstone Region including upcoming development, growth and expansion in our region.

He will also touch on the



Chris Trevor with Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan, discussing the Financial State of the Nation; Future for our Region business luncheon. Picture: SUPPLIED

planned LNG developments and how these will impact the Gladstone region, and answer questions at the end of his address.

Federal Member for Flynn Chris Trevor said he welcomed the Treasurer's visit at a time when

Gladstone was on the cusp of a major industrial boom.

“I thank the Treasurer for accepting my invitation to come to Gladstone to talk to our local community about local and national issues,” Mr Trevor said. Hosted

by the GAPDL and Mr Trevor, the luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 20. To book your place at the luncheon or if you would like further information please contact Kirstie Bruton at GAPDL on 07 4972 4000 or gapdl@gapdl.com.au

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