



Gladstone industry and business will support a rapidly growing population.

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Population to near 100,000 in 16 years

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POPULATION in the Gladstone region is expected to exceed 96,500 by 2026, with the region supporting a diverse spread of business and industry.

From tourism, agriculture, fishing, forestry and engineering, the Gladstone area boasts strong economic activity worth billions in the future.

The 2010 Gladstone Region of Choice Summit brings together key stakeholders with interests in the Gladstone region for pos-

itive announcements, discussions and opportunities.

The theme for this year's Region of Choice Summit is "Leading the Way" and will be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre on March 18 and 19.

There is strong support for the initiative by business, industry, community and governments for the future development of the Gladstone region.

Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited's Kirstie Bruton said the two-day

summit would promote the area as the "region of choice" for investors, developers, visitors, individuals and families.

Keynote speakers include Liam Tobin - QER director of Sustainable Development, Mining and Environment; Leo Zussino, chairman, Gladstone Economic Industry Development Board; and Everaldo Compton, chairman, Australian Transport and Energy Corridor.

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