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REGION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH TO STEM FROM RUBYANNA PROJECT

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iencement of the \$92 million Rubyanna Waste Water Treatment Plant is being seen by many as a cornerstone for economic growth in the Bundaberg Region.

Bundaberg Regional Council Mayor Mal Forman said he was extremely excited that the project will be the focus of a local forum canvassing development possibilities to be created in tandem with the Rubyanna initiative.

"The Urban Development Institute of Australia (Queensland) (UDIA-QId) is hosting a "heads up" forum locally involving industry experts who will discuss the topic "Rubyanna, The Catalyst for Development"

"With a \$92 million price tag, Rubyanna is by far the largest infrastructure project undertaken by Council with Stage 1 estimated to be operational by late 2017. When fully operational the infrastructure will service 50,000 people.

This project represents a huge funding commitment by Council but is reflective of the confidence we all share that this project is the shining light we need to turn a ripple of local economic activity into a tidal wave.

"Rubyanna is infrastructure vital to the progress of the entire Bundaberg region. This facility will enable the provision of sewerage to all new development located in the coastal strip between Burnett Heads and Elliott Heads.

"The community expects its Council to deliver projects that are sustainable and will have a measurable return on investment. This project is being hailed as a fire starter to a blaze of development initiatives," Cr Forman said.

"The forum has attracted keynote speakers including Austcorp Senior Development Manager and developer of Coral Cove Barry Young. Jason Pascoe from the Port of Bundaberg will be presenting on the imminent commencement of the \$70 million Knauf Plasterboard Plant at the port

"This information sharing forum will showcase the positives for our region and I am very much looking forward to a major announcement involving what has been described as a 'massive' coastal development.

"The announcement will be made by architect and urban designer Thomas O'Malley representing developers Multilow Pty. Ltd."

Cr Forman said the UDIA "Heads Up; Rubyanna, The Catalyst for Development" function will be held on Friday, April 24 at Rowers on the River commencing

Reservation can be made by heading to www.udiagld.com.au/events and finding the Rubyanna tab to register,

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