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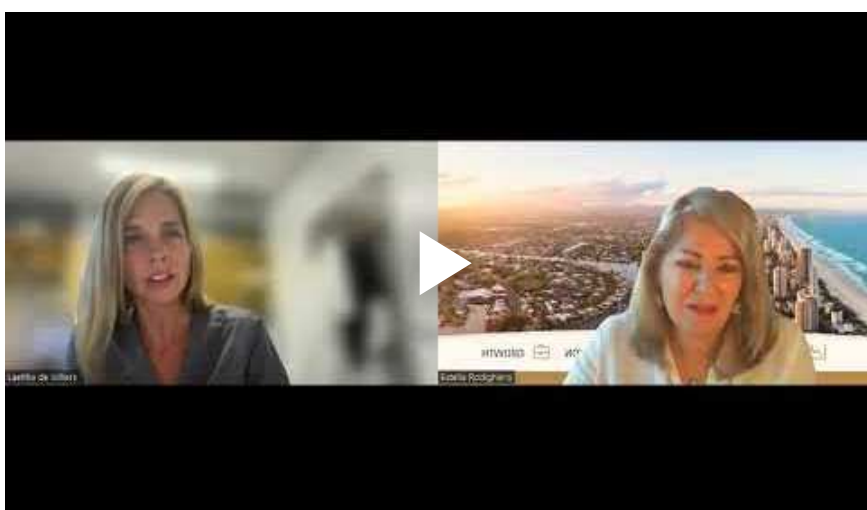
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Dr Laetitia De Villiers, NeuTex

Medical trailblazer helping the Gold Coast become a global hub for surgical training & robotics



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Imagine if there was a dazzlingly futuristic surgical training facility that could use medical imaging equipment and 3D printing to build a precise model of a patient's aneurysm or stroke - and then enable clinicians to practice robotics-assisted surgical procedures on the models, under near identical conditions to real life. Actually, there is no need to imagine - the Gold Coast *already has this*, and in today's episode we chat with Dr Laetitia De Villiers, co-founder of the NeuTex Image-guided Therapy, Surgical and Robotics Training Center, to find out how it all came about.

Laetitia, the 2023 Gold Coast Woman in Business of the Year, is a globally-renowned interventional neuro-radiologist who pioneers cutting-edge treatments for patients with complex conditions of the brain and spine.

This episode provides eye-opening insights into how new technologies are revolutionising the way we treat aneurysms and strokes, why collaboration is so vital, and what medical specialities will be benefitting from these incredible advances next.

This project is delivering on the Australian Government's **Regional Investment Framework**, particularly in the focus area of 'Investing in People' (targeted investment in skills, education and local leadership capacity).



\$400 million for transformative investments in communities

Regional Precincts & Partnerships Program

The Australian Government's \$400 million **regional Precincts and Partnerships Program** (rPPP) is open for applications. The rPPP supports transformative investment in regional, rural and remote Australia, based on the principles of unifying regional places, growing economies and serving communities. The program is an always open grants process that provides funding through two grant streams:

Stream one: Precinct development and planning - Grants of between \$500,000 to \$5 million are available for master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment.

Stream two: Precinct delivery - Grants of between \$5 million and \$50 million are available to help deliver one or more elements of a precinct. It could be enabling infrastructure (roads, pathways, underground infrastructure), public infrastructure, or open spaces between elements or a particular building that activates other investment.

The program will run over 3 years from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

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If your organisation is in the Gold Coast region, and you would you like to discuss the suitability of your project idea, contact RDA Gold Coast Director Estella Rodghiero: director@rdagoldcoast.org.au or 0411 558 834.

About the RDA Gold Coast Committee

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Gold Coast is part of a national network of committees which are critical to the delivery of the Australian Government's Regional Investment Framework (RIF). The RIF is ensuring a more coordinated approach to regional development, underpinned by strong local engagement and on-the-ground knowledge.

RDA Gold Coast helps to drive economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in our region, by facilitating investment in community, industry and the environment. We coordinate across all levels of government, business sectors and the community to make these investments work better.



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