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Local people creating local opportunities

Latest podcast

Shaun Roux, BiomeCentric

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Before you put another product on your face, this is a podcast you won't want to miss! Skincare and cosmetics is a **\$100 billion global mega-industry**, but a revolution is underway - one which will upend everything (we think) we know about what is good for our skin.

This week we chat with Shaun Roux, the Director of Gold Coast-based biotech company BiomeCentric, which is leading the charge to empower skincare and beauty manufacturers with a new science-based approach to their product ingredients and manufacturing processes.

The key - made possible by advances in DNA sequencing over the last two decades - is understanding the diverse microbiome of the skin and scalp, and how products can either destroy or support this critical ecosystem of microflora.

And with BiomeCentric now positioned to be a global juggernaut, supplying bioactive ingredients and products to beauty brands worldwide, this is a true Gold Coast success story.

This project is delivering on the Australian Government's **Regional Investment Framework**, in the focus area of 'Investing in People' (targeted investment in skills, education and local leadership capacity) and 'Investing in Industries & Local Economies' (Supporting the conditions needed for regional industries to diversify and grow).



Gold Coast Women in Business

2024 International Women's Day Breakfast

Our CEO, Estella Rodighiero, was a panelist at the 31st Gold Coast Women in Business International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday 8 March 2024!

She was joined with other distinguished women who are key leaders including Dr Laetitia de Villiers, Co-Founder of NeuTex, Emma Crichton, CEO of AutogenAI, Lucy Shinnars, the Course Coordinator for the Australian Nursing Program from Southern Cross University, and Melissa Donnelly, Director of Affinity Communications, with Karen Phillips facilitating the panel.

The panel discussion emphasised the significance of embracing AI innovation, and leveraging advanced technology for a positive future impact and highlighted the transformative potential of AI in medicine, as well as its game-changing applications in procurement and regional development.



Investing in Queensland Women

grant program



Benefiting Queensland women and girls

Investing in Queensland Women Grant Program

The **Investing in Queensland Women (IQW) grant program** supports community groups and organisations across Queensland to develop and deliver projects and/or events that align with the Queensland Government's strategic priorities for women and address the unique issues faced by women and girls.

IQW funding is for **one-off funding only**. It provides up to \$25,000 for initiatives and/or events that are delivered within a twelve-month period.

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The application will be considered under one of the following categories:

Category 1: up to \$10,000 for small to medium scale initiatives and/or events (e.g. an awareness-raising event, a series of workshops, training sessions, or development of resources).

Category 2: up to \$25,000 for larger scale initiatives and/or events that may involve larger audiences, multiple events and/or elements that support greater community outcomes. These initiatives may also be delivered jointly between two or more organisations or community groups and include cash contributions and/or in-kind contributions from partners and/or your organisation.



Round 4 Now Open!

Queensland Biomedical Business Attraction Program

The **Queensland Biomedical Business Attraction Program (QBBAP)** are a key initiative of the Queensland Government's Biomedical 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan, designed to attract interstate and international biomedical industry to access Queensland's biomedical capability.

Under the program, eligible Queensland-based businesses can receive support for up to **one third of the fees** they would charge to interstate/international clients for obtaining Biomedical Services to develop a Biomedical Product, up to a **cap of \$250,000** (excluding GST). The interstate/international client will pay **at least two thirds of the fees** for the proposed Biomedical Services.

Applications close Friday 31 May 2024, 5.00pm (AEST).

If you have any queries about the program, contact the Biomedical Sector Team:

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 [Find out more](#)





Have your say!

Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central Design

Design details for the Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central package are now available!


The design shows detailed layouts for the eight-kilometres, six-lane section of the project from Helensvale Road to Smith Street Motorway. This section includes an active-transport path for bike riders and pedestrians with direct links into both Helensvale and Parkwood light rail stations.

Share your feedback on the current designs and or learn more about the project, visit:

 The Coomera Connector webpage

Email feedback to

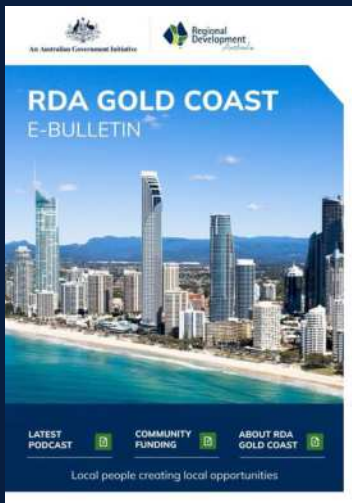
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Regional Development Australia (RDA) Gold Coast is part of a national network of committees which are critical to the delivery of the Australian Government's Regional Investment Framework (RIF). The RIF is ensuring a more coordinated approach to regional 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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