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From Left to Right, Catherine Pevy Trewatha,
Estella Rodighiero, and Deputy Mayor Cr
Donna Gates

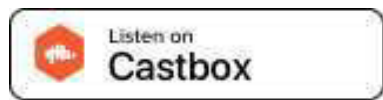
Local people creating local opportunities

Latest podcast

Michael Kelly,
National Trust of QLD

The iconic Currumbin
Wildlife Sanctuary

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Operating for an incredible 76 years, the 45-hectare Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (originally the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary) is one of the Gold Coast's most beloved community assets, and is also a significant regional employer and training centre, with 1000+ workers, volunteers and trainees.

Today's guest Michael Kelly, who until recently was the Sanctuary's General Manager, gives us an insight their world-class conservation projects around the region, the newly launched

'The Homestead' fine dining and event facility (a game changer for the Southern Gold Coast), and a mind-boggling 33 other projects in the works.

We also talk about Michael's new role overseeing all strategic and major projects for the National Trust of Queensland, which includes the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.



Michael commenced his career in operational management within the theme park, hotel and casino industries before joining Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary in 2013. During his tenure with Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Michael has overseen unprecedented growth in visitation and revenue with his strengths in connecting strategy, visitor experience and business outcomes.

This has allowed the commercial revenue arm of the business to almost double during his tenure. After leading the Sanctuary for seven years, Michael is now the General Manager of Strategic Projects for the National Trust of Queensland, which is headquartered at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

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).



Bringing QLD RDAs Together

2024 QLD RDA Workshop


At the beginning of May, RDA Gold Coast hosted the RDA QLD Workshop, bringing together Regional Development Australia (RDA) offices from across Queensland for a collaborative strategy session.


The event offered valuable insights and diverse perspectives for attendees to incorporate into their regional planning.

Participating RDAs present at the Workshop:


- RDA Ipswich & West Moreton
- RDA Wide Bay Burnett
- RDA Logan and Redlands
- RDA Darling Downs and South West
- RDA Tropical North
- RDA Central and Western QLD
- RDA Greater Whitsundays
- RDA Townsville and NWQ


Highlights included presentations on Gender Equality and Sustainability, featuring:

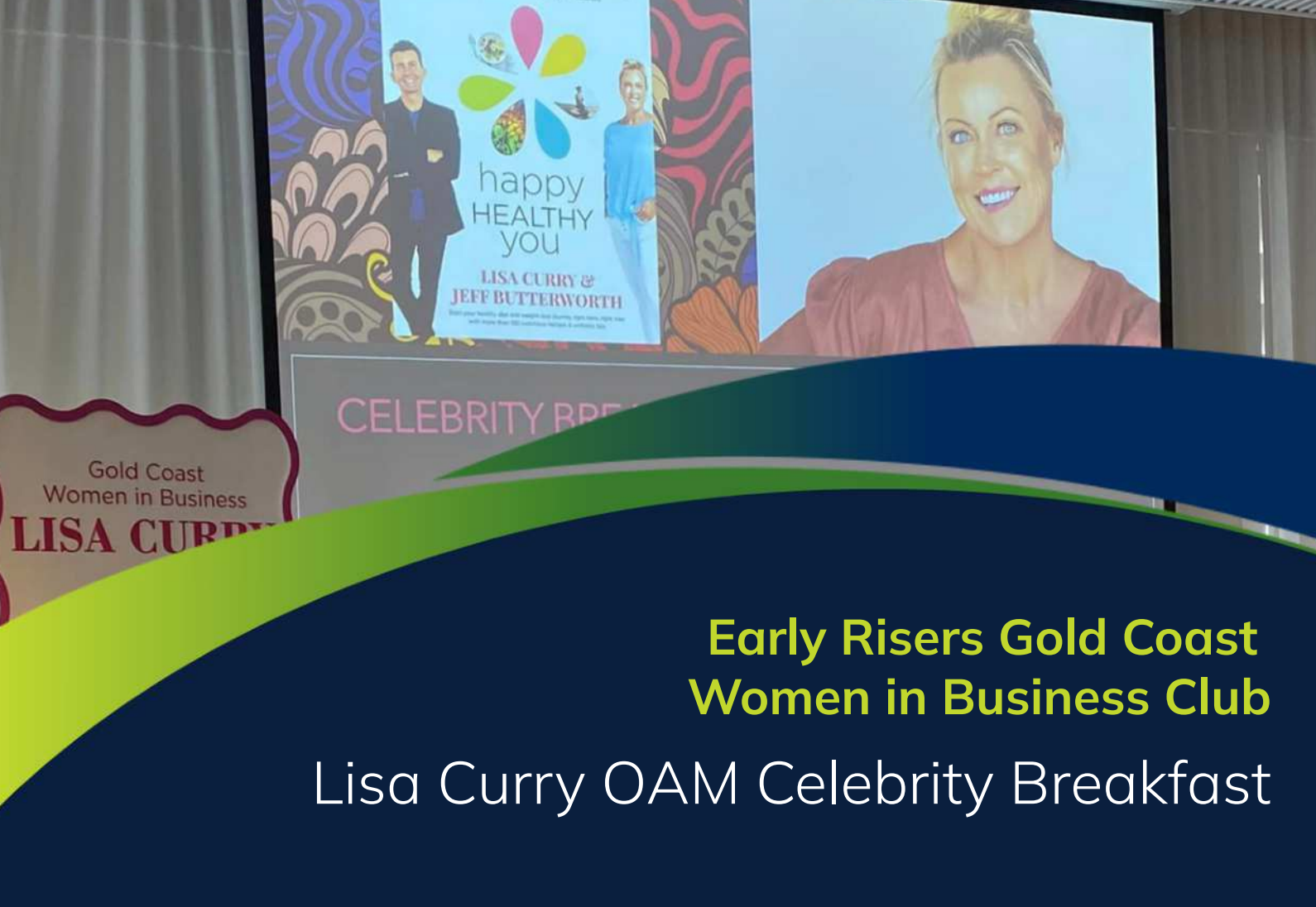
 Katrina Paterson from .id(informed decisions) sharing National and Queensland economic snapshots.

 Kayla Hill and Taleah Henderson from Future Lady Tradies discussing their services and new programs for female apprentices.

 Updates on the new Migration Strategy and upcoming visas from Marny Bowman and Yvette Adams at the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

 Andrew Brier from the Queensland Renewable Energy Council providing insights into renewable energy statistics and roadmaps.

 Cara Westerman and Omar Biaz from Business Chamber Queensland presenting on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategies.



Early Risers Gold Coast Women in Business Club

Lisa Curry OAM Celebrity Breakfast

Our CEO Estella Rodighiero had the pleasure of attending the Lisa Curry OAM Celebrity Breakfast hosted by Early Risers Gold Coast Women in Business Club on Wednesday 8 May 2024.

Attendees were treated to an inspiring journey through Lisa's life - from her incredible achievements as a golden girl of Australian swimming to her role as a 'super mum', successful businesswoman, and now, a proud granny.

It was a morning filled with empowering stories and valuable insights!





Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's New Event Venue 'The Homestead'

The exciting new event venue, 'The Homestead', was proudly unveiled by the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary during an exclusive preview event.

RDA GC CEO, Estella Rodighiero, attended this remarkable event and experienced firsthand the iconic Queenslander-inspired venue, beautifully nestled within the lush surroundings of the Sanctuary.

The Homestead offers a truly unique Australian experience for any occasion, whether it be weddings, social gatherings, or corporate events.


[Find out more](#)



Budget
2024-25

New & Interactive!

2024-25 Federal Budget Guide

 Wondering what's inside the 2024-25 Federal Budget and how it affects you? RDA Gold Coast has just released an interactive guide breaking down the budget across all sectors.

From healthcare to education, housing to environment, this guide covers it all, providing you with a clear overview of the budget.

Stay informed and check it out on our website now!

 [Explore our Budget guide](#)





Have your say!

Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Consultation Roadmap

Transport is currently the third-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia, amounting to 21 per cent of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions in 2023. If left unchecked, transport emissions are on track to be the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia by 2030.

All Australians now have an opportunity to share their views on the most effective options for governments, business and the community, to reduce emissions in the transport sector by 2050.

The Australian Government's **Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Consultation Roadmap** identifies opportunities for productivity benefits and innovation through decarbonising transport and transport infrastructure.

This feedback will guide the development of the actions and policies the Australian Government will commit to in the final Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan, which will be released later this year.

 Consultation will close on 26 July 2024.

 [Have your say](#)



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First Nations Digital Inclusions

The Australian Government's First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group is seeking feedback on the key considerations that should be included in its long-term roadmap to narrow the digital divide.

This roadmap will outline the path forward towards achieving Target 17 in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, which aims for equal levels of digital inclusion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by 2026, and beyond.

The Advisory Group has released a discussion paper calling for submissions on both the practical actions needed to improve digital inclusion for First Nations people and communities, as well the broader structural changes needed to ensure First Nations people and communities can get the most out of being online and having access to information and services.

 Submissions close on Friday 28 June 2024.

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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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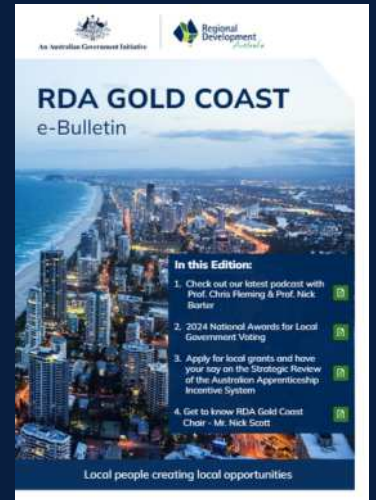
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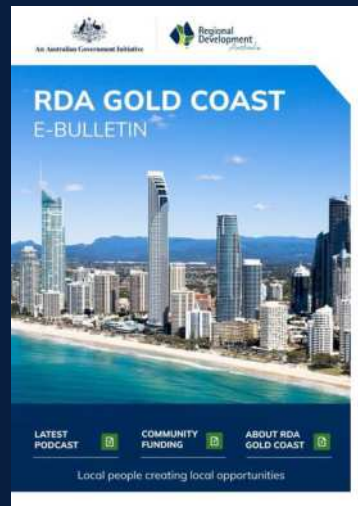
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