

Success in Sight

Neuro Vision Technology Pty Ltd wins 'Hottest Company' award in the United States.

From its base in South Australia, Neuro Vision Technology (NVT) has developed the NVT Vision Rehabilitation System to help people who have lost their vision after a stroke or traumatic brain injury.

The company won the Guy Manson Hottest Company Award at the 2008 ANZA Technology Network Gateway to the US Summit, held in California.

The ANZA Technology Network is an independent organisation that helps companies from Australia and New Zealand to access the US market through its Gateway to the US and Fast Track programs.

"The Guy Manson Award will allow us to build on our successes in the US and reach thousands of people with acquired or traumatic brain injury – those who have come back from Iraq or Afghanistan, for example – to help them see better more quickly," said Gayle Clarke, CEO.

"Thanks to our participation in the ANZA Gateway program and now the Fast Track opportunities, we will be better equipped to take advantage of this huge market opportunity."

The award includes 6 months of Fast Track mentoring to speed up the expansion of the company into the US market.



L-R: Viki Forrest, CEO ANZA Tech Network, Gayle Clarke, CEO Neuro Vision Technology, Allison Hayes, Neuro Vision Technology, and Larry Marshall, Southern Cross Venture Partners, Sponsors of the ANZA Gateway Summit Guy Manson Hottest Company Award.

The NVT Rehabilitation System combines a scanning device and a software program, designed and developed in South Australia, with assessment and training.

The scanning device gives patients and their carers clear information about the extent of vision impairment. The assessment of functional vision is then followed up by training, to help the patient compensate for their loss of vision and function safely in their own environment.

The NVT team has expertise in biomedical engineering, software development and vision rehabilitation.

ANZA said Neuro Vision Technology was one of 12 Australian companies pitching for the award and demonstrated readiness to enter the US market with a "much-needed product in an underserved market." NVT already has \$1 million worth of orders in its US sales pipeline.

"NVT is poised for success in the US," said Viki Forrest, CEO, ANZA Technology Network.

"They've made solid initial connections with clinical leaders here in the States which validates the effectiveness of their brain-training software for the millions of people who can't see well after a brain injury."

For more information on Neuro Vision Technology, visit www.neurovisiontech.com.au

New AusBiotech Chair

Dr Deborah Rathjen takes the helm.



The CEO and Managing Director of Bionomics Ltd, Dr Deborah Rathjen, has been appointed Chair of AusBiotech, Australia's peak body for the biotechnology industry.

Dr Rathjen has a distinguished track record in research and commercialisation and is considered to be one of the industry's most respected executives.

She is a member of the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council, the Human Genetics Advisory Committee, and the Innovation Australia Board.

As Chair of AusBiotech, Dr Rathjen sees an opportunity to increase recognition for the bioscience sector both nationally and internationally.

"The global financial crisis and the closure of Commercial Ready have presented challenges, but the fundamentals are there. The industry is strong and has so much to contribute to the knowledge economy in Australia," she said.

"My role on the Board, working with Anna Lavelle and the AusBiotech team, will be to take AusBiotech to the next level and focus on what the biotechnology industry can deliver for Australia."