

# ShireBiz Bulletin

*The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter*

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## About ShireBiz

ShireBiz is a not for profit organisation dedicated to the Economic Development of Southern Sydney to enable sustainable business development which provides employment opportunities for the local community.

Our strategic pillars are:

- **Job Creation** through projects such as *Supporting the development of the ANSTO Innovation precinct*
- **Advocacy** such as *Improving Shire transport links*
- **Connecting the Community** through regular *newsletter*, and ZOOM and in person events with prominent speakers
- **Shirebiz supporters** are invited to continue to support Shirebiz by becoming members. [Join at](#)

## Study finds e-invoicing could save SMEs over \$40,000 a year

The report, [The connected SMB: Embracing digital strategies to fuel growth](#), found that Australian small to medium sized businesses (SMBs) process an average of 168 invoices each month. With a Deloitte study estimating that e-invoicing could deliver

savings of up to \$20 per invoice, Australia's SMBs could save up to \$40,320 a year. Three quarters of those who have transitioned say the biggest impact has been time and money saved, according to the report, while more than half said it improved the accuracy of record-keeping (56 per cent) and was more secure (53 per cent).

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## **BCSD Australia announces daily COP26 news program to share progress on climate negotiations**

The Business Council for Sustainable Development (BCSD) Australia will host a daily online [news program](#) during the UN Glasgow climate conference, providing insights into negotiations as world leaders work towards agreement on taking serious action on climate change, as well as business announcements on the Race to Zero. *G'day Glasgow: The BCSD Australia COP26 Daily News Program* will be hosted by BCSD Australia CEO Andrew Petersen and include special guests live from COP26 in Glasgow.

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## **Why energy storage is an essential part of a smart electric grid**

There is no doubt that the electricity grid of the future will be greener than it is today. Intermittent renewable energy sources, with solar and wind at the fore, are gradually taking over from fossil fuel generation in grids around the world. But there are [two other attributes](#) of the grid of the future that are just as important, if less widely acknowledged. One is that tomorrow's electricity networks will have to be much smarter than they are today. The other is that energy storage, at all scales, will play a key role. The requirement for greater intelligence in the grid is easy to understand based on the growing need to match intermittent renewable energy generation with fluctuating patterns of demand.

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## NSW Planning – Stakeholder News

This month we've seen the commencement of [many reforms](#) that bring clarity and certainty around land use, public spaces and infrastructure funding. The Department has also progressed engagement, funding and departmental appointments with a focus on public space, housing, economic recovery, better design outcomes and facilitation of renewable energy production.

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### Why printing is the missing piece of the sustainability journey

But there's one important piece of the sustainability journey that most brands are forgetting: printing. "Traditionally, the printing industry has been slow to take up sustainable practices from both a process and technical perspective, but that's slowly changing, as [emerging technologies](#) are coming to the fore in Australia and New Zealand," admits John Kapiniaris, General Manager at Kirk Group, which has been a leader in the local printing industry for 50 years.

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## Sutherland Council Business Now – November 21 Issue

The NSW Government announces a \$2.8 billion NSW [Economic Recovery Strategy](#) to support families, individuals and businesses across NSW. The NSW Government is providing a Summer Holiday Stock Guarantee of up to \$20,000 for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as the State reopens and the economy is rebooted. The NSW Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate Scheme will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000. In addition, road user tolls for business vehicles will be added as an eligible fee for businesses to claim.

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# Want to maximise your R&D tax benefit?

The Australian Manufacturing Forum has been approached by a number of companies struggling to identify RDTI eligible R&D activities and expenditure. As part of the Forum's value-adding services we are able to arrange a confidential, no-obligation discussion with our partners who can help [maximise your benefit](#).

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## Realise Business - Bookkeeping can be a daunting experience without the right guidance

It helps you understand your business financials whilst helping you assess your profitability. Grace Mugabe CPA and founder of Financially Empowered uncovers all the basics you need to know about [bookkeeping](#) to help your business succeed. Join us to discover what bookkeeping is, understanding GST, accounting software and much more.

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## The Future of customer service is both human and digital at they same time

On behalf of the Trans-Tasman Business Circle and Pegasystems, you are invited to join in a virtual capacity our [virtual discussion](#) on "The Future of Customer Service is Human And Digital At the Same Time" featuring *Glenn Wealands*, Head of Client Experience, Rabobank; *Matthew Corringham*, Associate Director of Business Analysis/Agile Chapter Lead, Optus; *Mike Knaggs*, Customer Service Business Lead, Pegasystems & Guest Speaker *Riccardo Pasto*, Senior Analyst, Forrester. On Wednesday 10 November 1.00pm - 2.00pm AEDT.

## Half of businesses see skills shortage

Half of businesses say it's more challenging to find skilled professionals than before the pandemic, due to competition for talent, restrictions on migration and demand for digital skills. According to research conducted by recruitment firm Robert Half, which surveyed 300 hiring managers, 47 per cent believe the pandemic has increased the [skills shortage](#) in Australia.

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