



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

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Gemaker Newsletter Apr 2022 Have your say on research-industry engagement incentives

The Federal Government seeks [feedback](#) from Australian businesses on how proposed changes to university research grant allocations will impact their engagement with research organisations. To make it easier for busy industry players to have their say, gemaker has developed a [short survey](#) — closes 20 May.

Webinar: Working in the spatial industry 12-1pm May 12th

With Australia's unemployment rate at 4%, the lowest level since 2008, recruitment and retention of staff has become one of the biggest challenges in Australian business. This [webinar](#) aims to provide businesses with some practical approaches to best manage workforce issues, as well as provide some insights into the strategic thinking around the long-term development of the spatial industry workforce.

ANSTO Innovation News May 2022: Accelerating deep tech

How can design thinking, global collaboration, and innovation maximise deep tech opportunities in Australia? Tune into this free “Science meets Business” [seminar](#) on 20 May, or join us in person 11:30am – 3pm at nandin, ANSTO's Innovation Centre and hear from four deep tech experts.

Excellence in maritime manufacturing – AIDN's Brent Clark on defence/SME engagement

Brent Clark, CEO of AIDN: There have been a number of attempts by government to work out how they can meaningfully [engage with Australian defence SMEs](#). We had the Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) which has now become the Office of Defence Industry Support.

Australian Retail Voice May 2022

Australian retail sales have reached their [highest levels on record](#), with March trade increasing 9.4% compared to the same time last year and increasing 1.6% compared to the previous month, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau

of Statistics. [Here is a full overview of the results.](#)

Almost half of ransomware victims pay attackers

Global cyber security company Sophos has released its [State of Ransomware 2022 report](#) – which involves a survey of 5,600 mid-sized organisations in 31 countries – revealing 80% of Australian organisations were hit with [ransomware attacks](#) over the course of 2021, up from 45% in 2020.

Wealth Generation

Well, that escalated quickly. From a record low 0.1 per cent, the Reserve Bank of Australia yesterday jacked up official interest rates to 0.35 per cent – higher than pretty much any forecaster expected and the first rise in more than 11 years. Economics correspondent Ronald Mizen [reports](#) that this would mean [an additional \\$85 a fortnight](#) on mortgage repayments for an average new home loan of about \$600,000.

The ‘social’ in ESG – moving from concept to practice

Once, the critical challenge in mining was finding an economically accessible resource to develop. Recently, however, the key challenges to mineral developments have not come from the area of traditional technical risks of resource grade and price sensitivity, but rather from environmental, social and governance [\(ESG\) factors](#), ultimately impacting supply chains.

Discover the story behind DHL’s award-winning inventory robot at CeMAT Australia 2022

What’s in store for manufacturers this July? Kent Rogers and Karl Brooks, colleagues with similar strengths in IT, created their [inventory robot Meerkat](#) Inventory after witnessing so many go-live and operational challenges created by inventory problems. The new mobile robots opened the way for small platforms to deliver solutions never before possible

Cyber security: are you personally liable?

Law firm Allens has warned company boards and senior management that the

responsibility for data handling and cyber security starts and ends with them. In a [written analysis](#), the firm said that the large amount of data firms hold on their customers and others comes with challenges including regulatory scrutiny and reform, demands for greater transparency of [data handling](#) from consumers, as well as heightened financial, operational and reputational threats.

Bureaucratic inertia: the biggest barrier to transformation

Government may have all the intention in the world to adopt more modern approaches, embracing new technologies and diversity of mindset and background in their workforces, but until it can address [organisational inertia](#), it will be impossible to achieve the best outcomes, says former chief of staff at Australia's Navy Strategic Command Commodore Jonathan Sadleir AM.

ARA: Retail Therapy Podcast The business of leadership

ARA is excited to deliver [Episode 8](#) of our Retail Therapy podcast – a retail rich conversation with Rowan Hodge, CEO of Andersens, a well known floor covering business founded in the 1950s. Growing up in a country town in Queensland, with two degrees under his belt in accounting and law, his retail career has taken him around the world and back again. From senior leadership roles in Battery World, Westfield and Domino's to name a few, his wealth of experience shines through in this episode.

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