



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:

- Advocacy for business investment, traction and job diversity eg projects such as supporting *the development of the ANSTO Innovation precinct*
- Advocacy for infrastructure investment, policy change and streamlining regulatory environments in the Sutherland Shire
- Engaging the community through regular *newsletter*, and *events*

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Celebrating Australian Made: A local quiet achiever's homespun wisdom

If people have heard of [CST Composites](#) at all, it's likely for their work in the marine industry. The company doesn't do much in the way of media, but has been highly involved in elite-level sailing from early on. It has contributed to many world-beating Australian efforts, including Matt Wearn's gold in the one-person dinghy at last year's Tokyo Olympics (CST supplied the top mast sections in the Laser and Laser Radial classes at Tokyo.)

Realise Business: Exclusive Invitation to the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Networking Event Tuesday 21st June | From 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Realise Business has recently become members of the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce. This in turn allows us to share the benefits of our membership with our small business community. The CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce will host a [business expo](#) event to showcase CBD business, the business people and their value-adding capabilities, foster opportunity for collaboration and create new connections.

Reversal on Sunday construction is wise. Now let's move to a five-day building week

The NSW government's decision to [reverse its plan](#) to allow construction work on Sundays is not just a win for neighbours' peace and quiet. It will support workers' rights to enjoy the weekend, too. The idea to extend construction work to Sundays as a permanent feature – rather than as a temporary measure to address the economic disruption of rain and the COVID pandemic – was floated last month, days after the release of the final report from a two-year study into construction workers' wellbeing. [Project 5 A weekend for every worker.](#)

Defence purchasing need to change to grow local SMEs

Our defence industrial landscape has the offshoots of the large defence multinationals at one end of spectrum and a healthy base of SMEs and small businesses at the other, but a lack of Australian owned defence entities of scale occupying that middle space. Not since the days of Tenix Defence have we had any lead representation in the Australian defence prime space. We [need Australian entities](#) of scale that can integrate and sustain the critical capabilities we need and can partner with global OEMs and industry and provide us with the best of Australian and international technology that can be built, integrated and sustained in Australia.

Health and wellness innovators honoured at Naturally Good Awards

The Naturally Good Awards 2022 has recognised some of the best innovators and producers in the health and wellness industry. Naturally Good's product manager, Sinead Kavanagh, said [the awards](#), announced in Sydney on Friday night, recognise brands that are 'moving and shaking the industry' in all things organic and natural.

CEDA Update – June 2022 Change on the Horizon

Last week's national accounts showed growth a little bit higher than expected, with household consumption strong on the back of lower savings rates, and inventory rebuilds and government spending boosting the result. Looking ahead, there is [considerable uncertainty](#) regarding the outlook for housing and construction, and about the ability and willingness of households to continue to spend freely in the face of cost-of-living pressures and higher interest rates.

Skills crisis and a record project pipeline need a coordinated response to lift productivity

The scarcity of qualified skilled workers is one of the [biggest challenges](#) facing the construction industry and it cannot be solved by migration and training alone. To help the construction, design and engineering sectors build Australia with current resources, the Australian Constructors Association and Consult Australia have

joined forces in a new partnership for change initiative to bring forward practical ways for the industry to become more productive.

Navigating disruption: Supply chain risks and business management technology

Supply chain disruption has been a key challenge across most industries in Australia, and none more so than the manufacturing sector. Parts shortages, price increases, delayed orders or unavailable products, and the fragility of our global systems have been top of mind for Australian manufacturers over the last two years.

Consumers encouraged to shop local for Australian Made Week

This week is Australian Made Week and consumers are being encouraged to shop products that sport the green and gold kangaroo logo to support Australian businesses, makers and growers. Over 4200 businesses use the Australian-made certification and Australian Made chief, Ben Lazzaro, says when consumers buy locally, it has a direct impact on the economy and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people in the supply chain

ASQA Update: Spotlight On series 4 webinar on student support strategies

Our webinar, June 16th 2-3pm, speakers include ASQA staff and guest panellist Serryn O'Regan from Evolve College, who will discuss this topic, share plenty of insights and answer your questions. The webinar will wrap up Series 4, providing guidance on effective student support strategies. If you've missed a chapter or would like a refresher for the series, each chapter is available on our website.

ARA News: ASIC Releases new ePayments code

ASIC has released an updated ePayments code, including extending it to cover the New Payments Platform. The voluntary code is geared to protect consumers against unauthorised payments made on their accounts, and the responsibilities of business to keep payment data secure as well as deal with complaints in a timely

manner. The updated code also references PayID and PayTo, alongside maintenance to ensure relevance to payment systems.

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