



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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Shirebiz Quarterly Thurs 18th Aug 2022 5pm RMYC Woollooware

You are [invited](#) to hear Nick Holden of Modular Walls speak on the development of his company. A passionate entrepreneur from a young age, Nick developed the first 'Modular Wall' using his composite panel manufacturing experience. [REGISTER](#)

CEDA: AI Principles to Practice Report

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to unlock transformative economic, social and environmental opportunities for Australia. The potential for public benefit is significant, provided the development, adoption and use of AI is governed in a safe, responsible and sustainable manner. CEDA undertook a series of [roundtable workshops](#) with member organisations in late 2021 and early 2022 to gain insights on the progress towards and challenges of using responsible AI principles and practices within organisations.

Retailers seek national alignment on phasing out single-use plastics

State and Federal governments have been asked to align their plans to [phase out](#) single-use plastics to smooth the way for retailers to adapt to new rules. The Australian Retailers Association (ARA) has called on the Federal Government to take the lead in facilitating such an alignment. CEO Paul Zahra says complex state and territory legislation includes eliminating 18 separate single-use plastic items across eight different jurisdictions – resulting in multiple deadlines to be met by retailers and communicated to customers.

Mark Speakman: Cronulla eNews July 2022

[Issue covers](#): Sutherland Hospital update, Surf club grants, Attorney General update, Cost of living, News in brief and Grants open.

NSW Government – Round 2 EV Fleet Incentive Closes 17 Aug

The NSW Department of Planning is excited to announce you can now access the online bidding platform for [round 2 of the EV fleet incentive](#). You have until 5pm Wednesday 17 August 2022 to submit your initial bid. Over 900 new battery EVs were incentivised in round 1, and we'd like to see your bid in this second, larger \$15 million round.

Australian Govt moves to 'discount' EVs on first day of Parliament

The new Labor government has moved to lower the [cost of electric vehicles](#) on the first day of Parliament, sending an "unmistakable signal" about its intent towards the technology, Treasurer Jim Chalmers said. Mr Chalmers introduced the Electric Car Discount Bill 2020 on Wednesday morning, the first sitting day under the new government. The bill serves to scrap the fringe benefits tax on electric vehicles made available by employers to employees.

Heart Research Institute – National Diabetes Week

As you may know, [National Diabetes Week](#) was this month. With around 1.7 million Australians living with [diabetes](#) and thousands more at risk, it's important to [break the myths about diabetes and nutrition](#) so that you can stay on top of your health. People who've had gestational diabetes are at greater risk of developing heart disease, so these [tips for decreasing that risk](#) may be helpful.

The corporate sustainability skills gap on the road to net zero

[The survey](#) of more than 500 business managers and decision-makers across corporate Australia found that 76 per cent of businesses saw sustainable transformation as providing a competitive edge. However, it also highlighted that the majority are struggling with a lack of energy transition expertise and dedicated personnel to get their strategies in place. The concerning findings are part of the

new [Sustainability Index: transforming intention to outcomes](#) report from [Schneider Electric](#), the global leader in digital transformation of energy management.

Strength in apprentice numbers, but commencements drop – NCVER

The numbers of apprentices and trainees in-training in Australia remain high, according to the [latest data](#) from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER).

The centre said there were 349,235 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 December 2021, 16.8 percent higher than at the same time in 2020 and only slightly lower than at the end of the September quarter 2021. In trade occupations, numbers were up 12.0 percent to 216,265 in-training, while numbers in non-trade occupations were up 25.3 percent to 132,905.

How to Prevent & Fix 5 Common Ecommerce Complaints

It happens to the best of us sometimes. Customer complaints are the bane of even the most accomplished and experienced sellers in the ecommerce industry. From wrong orders and returns, to shipping price confusion, your best defence is prevention, with fast and fair resolution a close runner-up. Here are [five of the best ways](#) to prevent, reduce and fix common customer complaints

Q&A: Creating a market for unwanted produce

This week we meet Richard Tourino who launched Good & Fugly in 2020 to make saving the planet affordable, convenient, and tasty. Working directly with farmers, [Good & Fugly](#) curates weekly produce boxes out of fruit and vegetables that are deemed cosmetically unsuitable for supermarkets and delivers them directly to consumers.

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