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# 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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## **Invite to attend the SSIN launch at nandin Oct 20th**

A new innovation and entrepreneurship networking community launches this month. The Southern Sydney Innovation Network (SSIN) will boost the region's capacity to drive economic development and entrepreneurship by linking startups, businesses and representative groups in the Bankstown, Georges River and Sutherland Shire local government areas (LGAs). [To REGISTER.](#)

## **UK Tech companies seeking opportunities in Australia**

Over 300 companies are waiting to explore the Australian market. Australia has seen a huge influx of [innovative British technology companies](#) landing on our shores since the signing in December 2021 of the forthcoming Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (Australia-UK FTA).

## **Ageism and hiring myths are destroying small business**

Many Australian small businesses are struggling to survive, let alone thrive without a full [complement of staff](#). For many, it's feeling like a recruitment mouse wheel. Many factors contribute including a [lack of skilled migration](#), but there is a key part solution. And that's to take a hard review of hiring myths and ageism stereotypes.

## **Realise Business: Have your say. Take our 5 minute survey**

You may have seen my previous email about our annual [Realise Business Survey](#). At Realise Business, placing our clients at the heart of everything we do is essential to us in having a purpose led impact on the small business community and better understand what is most important to small business owners.

## **Australian government grant to support needle-free vaccine technology**

Vaxxas will receive an \$8.2 million [second-round grant](#) as part of the Australian Federal Government's Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI) to support manufacturing scale-up in its Australian manufacturing facility. The funding will

support the specialised infrastructure necessary to manufacture its highdensity microarray patch (HD-MAP) device at its state-of-the-art biomedical facility currently under construction at Northshore, Brisbane.

## Work underway on Australia's newest city

Construction has begun on Australia's newest city, [Bradfield City Centre](#), which will create over 17,000 jobs and accelerate advanced manufacturing in Western Sydney. Work is underway on the first building, a 3,840 square metre multi-purpose building that will house office, exhibition and event spaces, Hitachi's Kyoso Creation Centre, and the first stage of a new Advanced Manufacturing and Research Facility.

## How to get your team on the same page with safety

Construction sites are among the most dangerous places to work in the world. Hard to believe, then, that a quarter of all construction companies still rely on pen and paper to track safety on site. Isn't it time to get everyone on the same page?

Construction leaders know [safety is among their greatest challenges – which is why](#) 29% of those surveyed for Procore's How We Build Now 2022 benchmark report ranked safety on their list of top priorities.

## How to start becoming a sustainable business

It's no secret that [environmental sustainability](#) has become a major focus for businesses and consumers alike. As the demand for more responsible products and services increases, businesses have no choice but to respond or they risk losing their customers' attention. For small businesses, making the shift towards more environmentally-conscious practices can be cost-prohibitive, resource-intensive and generally overwhelming. Making it even more difficult to navigate the current climate is the public commentary around 'greenwashing'.

## PPE doesn't fit everyone the same way

Any tight fitting respirator (whether disposable, half face or full face respirator) relies on an [effective face seal](#) to adequately protect the wearer. This effective fit, in

addition to using the correct product and filters for the hazard in question and also being worn correctly 100% of the time is required to have confidence that the wearer is being adequately protected

## Performance and innovation in Mid-market manufacturing businesses

On both sides of the Tasman, the manufacturing sector has been under pressure for many years. In a highly competitive international market, rising costs like those seen in transport and labour have put Australia and New Zealand at a disadvantage – particularly compared to international manufacturing juggernauts like China and India, [Download the report \[3.6Mb\]](#).

## The 5-minute Guide to Construction Photo Documentation

Many construction companies struggle with onerous manual [photo documentation](#) processes. These traditional methods eat up valuable resources and are a source of frustration, and in the end, there is usually an incomplete record of job progress. This can lead to disputes, poor coordination, and costly rework. There's never been a better time to start benefiting from 360° capture.

## Webinar: Grattan Institute How to fix Australia's Housing Crisis 19 Oct 12:30

Australia has a [housing affordability problem](#). Australians, particularly those on low incomes, are spending more on housing than they used to. Demand for social housing is rising. More people are becoming homelessness. And home ownership rates are falling, especially among the young and the poor

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