



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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Addressing the skills crisis requires collaboration, Forum reveals

On 17 August, IBSA's Manufacturing Skills Forum brought manufacturers, union leaders, peak bodies and training providers together to share strategies to address the skills crisis. [The Forum](#) highlighted the need for a collaborative and systematic approach, with government and industry working together to seize the opportunities that lie ahead. "As a government, it is imperative that we more precisely identify and supply the skills that are in demand now and in the future," minister for Skills and Training Brendan O'Connor said.

Husic calls for R&D lift to 3% of GDP – report

Federal industry minister Ed Husic has talked of a [new goal](#) of raising Australia's R&D spending 'towards three percent of GDP'. According to a report in *Campus Morning Mail*, Husic told an audience at UTS, Sydney on Thursday that the goal should be to raise spending from today's 1.79 percent of GDP which covers government and industry research.

Curiosity: the new superpower of business

When we lead and live with curiosity we open the space for a curious mindset in our teams and business. This leads to us questioning and exploring things as a team, with the by-product of this, being connection and collaboration. [Curiosity is a motivating desire](#) for more information. It's the engine that drives learning, innovation and achievement

Jade Nicholson: Driving positive change in the Construction industry

Industrial gases specialist BOC has officially opened its second [Application Technology Centre](#) in Australia, with federal assistant manufacturing and trade minister Tim Ayres cutting the ribbon at a new site in south-west Sydney on Wednesday. With her determination, perseverance and resilience Jade Nicholson is making her mark in the construction industry. Now a [Project Manager with Multiplex Constructions](#), Nicholson has worked on a broad range of projects which have each shaped the professional she is today. When it comes to passion, Nicholson has it in

droves. Coming from an all-girls school in Sydney where construction was never spoken about as a career choice, the now Project Manager for Multiplex paved her own path into the construction industry.

Retail Awards 2022 – Excellence in Customer Experience

2023 Retailer Awards is the ultimate accolade and recognises retailers at the forefront of excellence in customer experience. If you have created a customer experience of the highest standard, make sure it's noticed. [Nominations](#) close 30th November.

Greater Cities Commission – Shaping the future of the Six Cities region

In the weeks ahead, we'll be hosting technical workshops with local councils in each of the six cities, and roundtables with key stakeholders to discuss the six region shapers from the [Discussion Paper](#). In addition, our Commissioners and Executive continue to provide briefings and presentations to our many stakeholders. You can continue to contribute ideas through the *Have Your Say website*, with broader and deeper community consultation on the draft plans taking place in mid-2023. I look forward to hearing your views and continuing the conversation.

Advancing manufacturing is the key to complexity

“Rich, dumb and getting dumber.” Personally, I would not use such strong words to describe Australia. Notwithstanding that, their deployment by a journalist in 2019 to characterise our [Economic Complexity Index \(ECI\)](#) results was memorable. If nothing else, it's a catchy phrase and I've seen it reproduced by others drawing attention to our dire ECI performance.

A proven framework for manufacturing innovation

When it comes to manufacturing, I am a realistic optimist. So, before we start talking about why [manufacturing innovation](#) matters in Australia, it is important to reflect on

the challenges we face. Much news has been made of Australia's further slide down the rankings of the Economic Complexity Index (ECI). We now sit in the bottom third, ranked 91 of 133 countries measured. Why is this? To be blunt, we simply don't design, manufacture and export enough diverse, complex and high-value products to warrant a higher position.

Preparing for your end of year festivities

Christmas parties provide a great opportunity for team building and rewarding staff, but they can also provide a forum for inappropriate workplace behaviour and accidents. We've compiled [some resources](#) to help your business identify and reduce potential risks during the silly season.

SSMRF News – November 2022

Issue includes SSMRF End of Year Celebration Dinner Dec 2nd : St George and Sutherland Hospital Medical Research Symposium and a report on the Australian Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) Microbiome Study. IBD is an incurable chronic disabling disease that impacts health and quality of life of many people.

COSBOA October & November in Review

IR Reform Bill "Secure Jobs, Better Pay"; Join us for the 2023 COSBOA National Small Business Summit 4-5 April 2023; [Re 2022 Budget](#) a Solid foundations for small business recovery in a post-COVID era and *Cyber Wardens* a new initiative to keep Australian small businesses safe on-line

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