



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*

Shirebiz would like to thank our supporters for your support over the last year

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Welcome to the 2023 Shirebiz Bulletin

Business NSW: We want to hear about your insurance and risk challenges.

The 2022 Insurance and Risk Survey is now open. Your [input](#) is critical to helping Business NSW better understand your needs. We will use the results to support our discussions with key government representatives and leading indemnity product providers, to help identify ways in which Business NSW can support its members to operate confidently, sustainably and resiliently. Tell us about your experiences with business insurance

My Business: Waste Reduction Grants

NSW businesses are being supported to reduce their waste, reduce emissions, and transition to a circular economy, with \$6 million available in grants through the new [Bin Trim Networks program](#). Minister for Environment James Griffin said the Bin Trim small and medium business funding is the largest business recycling program in the country. “Reducing waste can be challenging for small and medium businesses, which is why we’re helping with grants of between \$150,000 and \$500,000,” Mr Griffin said.

MedTech Actuator Showcase Winners 2022

At the MedTech Actuator Showcase, we joined ecosystem leaders to celebrate Asia Pacific's [next wave of early-stage MedTech](#), HealthTech and BioTech entrepreneurs with four taking home prestigious awards.

Economic Development training for new and experienced local government councillors, mayors and executive leaders

Delivered by Economic Development Australia (EDA), the national peak body for economic development professionals, this [one-day module](#) is designed for new and experienced local government councillors, mayors and executive leaders. The interactive virtual session will empower community leaders to drive and support inclusive, sustainable economic development. The module also supports local government leaders to understand the key principles of economic recovery and how to build economic resilience within their communities.

Rawlinsons launches 2023 Construction Cost publications

Containing comprehensive pricing information and data sources for Australian construction, covering all states and territories, including regional indices, the publications are a [cost management tool](#) from inception to completion of a project.

Attracting talent requires transformative thinking

The Construction industry seems to be much more adept at solving technical problems than we are at solving our people problems. I would argue that [transformative thinking](#) is necessary to ensure we have the talent we need to deliver on our projects. Here are three areas I suggest we focus upon: 1) Improve our industry image; 2) Solve the diversity challenge and 3) Transform our industry's culture

ANSTO: [Top innovation stories from 2022](#)

2022 has been a big year for ANSTO, with contributions to the advanced manufacturing, space, food, energy industries, and more. As we set our sights on 2023, we thought we'd take the opportunity to share some of our [key innovation achievements](#) from this year.

From in-store to online – White Paper

The last two years have brought unprecedented challenges to the food & beverage sector, forcing grocers and food delivery companies to fight fires on many fronts. With rising inflation as a new concern, how can modern commerce help food & beverage businesses succeed in the years ahead? In this [report](#), business leaders in the food industry will learn how modern commerce solutions based on composable commerce enable companies to thrive in the digital age.

NeedleCalm improves needle patient experience

Lauren Barber, CEO of NeedleCalm, tells Manufacturers' Monthly how she set about developing and commercialising an Australian made [medical technology](#) that could drastically reduce the discomfort in patients who experience severe anxiety during needle procedures.

Infrastructure Australia releases latest Market Capacity report

Today Infrastructure Australia released their [2022 Infrastructure Market Capacity report](#), a current review of national infrastructure demand and market capacity to deliver projects. The report found improving risk management and proactively sequencing the major infrastructure pipeline will be key to managing the impacts of an overheated construction market, escalating input costs, labour shortages and productivity challenges

Ditching concrete for earth to build a cleaner future

It was used to build the Great Wall of China and Spain's mediaeval Alhambra Palace -- and now earth is back in vogue as a building material. Climate change has spurred renewed interest in the ancient technique which sees [polluting concrete](#) swapped where possible for earth. For centuries, mud and clay were an abundantly available way to put a roof over one's head, but earth's environmental credentials are behind its modern-day resurgence. "A kilo of cement emits a kilo of CO2. Whereas a kilo of earth emits none," Xavier Chateau of the Navier Laboratory at the French National Centre for Scientific Research said.

Memjet embracing advanced manufacturing

Global printing technology [company](#) Memjet is boosting manufacturing in Australia with [advanced robotics](#) at its new factory in North Ryde, Sydney. "There's big benefits to vertical integration in Australia," said Jason Thelander, Chief Technology Officer for Memjet. "We have a stable economy, great scientific and engineering capability as well as a highly-skilled workforce. With new robotics and ultra-smart software, our manufacturing is competitive with Asia."

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