



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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A Service NSW Business Concierge can help your business grow

Could free personalised business advice make a big difference to your small business? Get help creating a plan for your business so you can grow and feel confident about the future. Speak with a Service [NSW Business Concierge](#) - they'll connect you to the right local advisor who can meet your needs.

Industrial Energy Efficiency playbook

The "[Industrial energy efficiency playbook](#)" lays out 10 actions that businesses can take to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and lower emissions. Right now. Read the new 20-page whitepaper from the Energy Efficient Movement, produced in collaboration with Reuters Events.

CEDA Skills and Training in focus as Labour shortages persist

"With the jobless rate at a near 50-year low, it's the perfect time to focus on helping the long-term unemployed to find work." [Skills and training](#) are a current focus of our work at CEDA; the release of our submission will be followed by our Skilling Australia event next week featuring The Hon Brendan O'Connor, Federal Minister for Skills and Training

Sparc progresses graphene additive manufacturing

Graphene and battery technology group Sparc Technologies has progressed plans to [commercialise its graphene](#) based additive products. Sparc Technologies Managing Director Mike Bartels said that all equipment for the graphene based additives manufacturing facility had been delivered to site and construction was now underway.

5 reasons small businesses fail and how to avoid them

Unfortunately, an estimated 20% of new small businesses in Australia will fail in their first year, and up to 60% of start-up businesses will not survive beyond five years of launching, according to the ASBFEO (Australian Small Business and Family Ombudsman). Of all the new businesses started four years ago, almost half (46%) are no longer operating, highlighting the [tough business environment](#). Of the more than 2 million businesses operating in Australia four years ago, one in three no longer exists (36%)

[Autodesk announces APAC construction industry survey results](#)

Autodesk today announced the results of a survey of respondents across the Asia Pacific (APAC) construction industry, which continues to face challenges despite strong growth. According to the survey results, 65.4 per cent reported that the biggest challenge they're facing in consistently delivering successful projects is collaboration, communication and information sharing across project teams. The [survey respondents](#) were a selection of attendees from Autodesk's recent Construction Project Management Virtual Forum, which had over 3,000 people present

[A new Medicare: strengthening general practice](#)

Medicare no longer works, for patients or GPs. The way GPs work and get paid should be overhauled so Australia can turn the tide of chronic disease, keep more people out of hospital, and ensure poorer Australians get the care they need when they need it. Australia's [universal healthcare system](#) has failed to keep up with changes to Australians' health needs since it started four decades ago. Download [Report](#). Download [Charts](#)

[New fund to turbocharge modern manufacturing in NSW](#)

A new \$30 million program in New South Wales will attract more investment in industries such as medical technology, digital systems, clean energy, defence, and aerospace. Minister for enterprise, investment and trade Alister Henskens said the new [Future Industries Investment Program](#) would drive growth in emerging industries and ensure NSW remains at the cutting edge of modern manufacturing.

[Australia's trading environment faces radical change](#)

Australia's prosperity and security fundamentally depend on trade. Whether it is through multi-billion-dollar export industries or connections to global supply chains for imports, no part of our economy or society isn't deeply intertwined with trade. Like many countries, Australia's trade links to the world were significantly disrupted at the height of COVID-19. Shipping delays, product shortages and snap lockdowns threw global supply chains into chaos. It was a difficult reminder of [how important trade is for Australia](#).

FMCG suppliers warned of looming pallets shortage this Christmas (again)

A [pallets shortage](#) across Australia is interrupting production schedules at some food and grocery suppliers – and the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) says it could disrupt Christmas and post-holiday deliveries. Déjà vu? Yes, because the same shortage happened last year after Covid disrupted the supply chain, leaving pallets stranded in factories and wharves.

The parlous state of Australia's food industry – by Allen Roberts

[entirely different strategic](#) To consider the 'food industry' as one entity ignores the , 'of the three main components: raw material production or 'farming [drivers](#) basket, you have manufacturing, and retail In addition to food products in the FMCG to health, beauty many non-food grocery items from cleaning and homewares these non- and personal and pet care categories. Go into any supermarket, and space food categories take up somewhere around 20 percent of shelf

Spectainer's world-first integrated collapsible containers to pioneer the future of global trade

[collapsible container](#) Australian company Spectainer has invented a next-generation – that is set to change the shipping and logistics industry. The Collapsible Economic – .known as COLLAPSECON – is a holistic, integrated solution Container that is set to change the shipping and logistics industry. The Collapsible Economic company Spectainer has invented a next- [collapsible container](#) Australian Container one without cranes or manual labour A tracking generation. to 4 containers into container provides rich data on fleet movements and carbon device on each .emissions

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