



ShireBiz

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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

Shirebiz supporters are invited to continue to support Shirebiz by becoming members. [Join at](#) If you want to regularly receive this Bulletin Contact the Secretary at info@shirebiz.org.au. We would also appreciate feedback on the content.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Shire Business Chamber: Thrive Breakfast *The future is AI* Wed 22nd Feb 2023

Shirebiz supporters are [invited to attend](#) this breakfast at Shire Business Chamber member rates. The Chamber is excited to announce that [Stephen Yarwood](#), an international thought leader on the future citizen and former Lord Mayor of Adelaide, will be joining us as the keynote speaker for our upcoming event. Stephen is incredibly passionate about 'planning tomorrow, today' and has extensive experience in local urban planning, making him a great resource when it comes to discussing new technology and its impact on business and society.

CEDA: Occupation Gender segregation

CEDA is launching a report today that finds [occupational gender segregation](#) – where a job is done by either mostly male or female workers – remains at a high level in Australia, despite the growing proportion of women in the workforce. There is still a low proportion of women in traditionally male-dominated industries such as: construction; mining; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); and manufacturing.

Australian Cyber Security Summit June 1 2023

Protect your business and data by better understanding areas of potential risk specific to you. Enhance your cyber security strategy by being better informed. [Our sessions](#) will explore the latest global trends, the resources utilised by modern-day hackers, tactics used to penetrate systems, and so much more.

Inside Construction: Construction Waste Showcase

According to the recent [National Waste Report 2022](#) prepared for The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, during the financial year 2020–21 [Australia generated an estimated 75.8 million tonnes](#) of waste, with building and demolition materials contributing a whopping 25.2 million tonnes to that figure. That's over 30 per cent of all waste in Australia being generated by the building and demolition sectors.

R&D and grants update

In the current economic climate, invoice payment times are blowing out for many companies in the manufacturing sector, and access to finance has got tighter. To help cashflow, you may want to consider other options of funding. For companies undertaking research and development (R&D) activities, the Federal Government's

primary means of support is the [R&D Tax Incentive program](#). This is a broad-based, entitlement program, meaning if a company performs eligible R&D activities, it's entitled to make a claim.

Value of Independent Cost Reviews

With over 25 years' experience as a quantity surveyor and cost consultant, Stephen Birchall delves into the value of [Independent Cost Reviews](#) in the construction industry. Despite high levels of demand, 2022 saw many established companies file for insolvency. With rising interest rates, surging inflation, labour shortages, and low unemployment, forecasts indicate that construction activity is likely to expand modestly over the medium term, while facing increased pressure on profit margins.

COSBOA February 2023 Update

[Issue includes](#): Young Australians the least cyber safe generation; Big business urged to lift their game on payment times; New guides for small business on mentally healthy workplaces and understanding the issues with migrant works exploitation

Good business sense: employing people with a disability

CEO of Weld Australia, Geoff Crittenden, explains the importance of employers embracing a [diverse workforce](#) as Australia faces a huge shortage of welders. A Weld Australia member – who happens to be one of Australia's largest mining and minerals companies – raised an important issue with me recently. This mining company is committed to creating a diverse workforce. They know that inclusive and diverse teams are good for their business; their research proves that these teams are safer, more productive and have a better culture.

Register for free tickets to Australia's largest design and construction expo

Australia's largest construction & design show is taking over the ICC Sydney in just 4 weeks (6-7 March)! [No-cost tickets](#) to Sydney Build are limited so register yours today. Sydney Build offers a totally unique experience over the 2 days, featuring: 450+ inspiring speakers across 9 conference stages, covering: Architecture & Design, Future of Construction, Digital Construction, Climate Resilience, Safety, Sustainability, Infrastructure and more.

ARC Research Hub for wearable medical devices opens at UNSW

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Research Hub for Connected Sensors for Health was opened at UNSW by Tim Ayres, assistant minister for trade and assistant minister for manufacturing. Ayres said [the Hub](#) will position Australia at the forefront of connected health, with new products made locally in Australia, creating jobs in design, testing, evaluation and manufacturing

The Lowy Institute: The Asia Power Index 2023

Read more about the [Index](#) below, including its [key findings](#), commentary from the authors, and how the Index has been [reported in the global media](#). There's also a link to a [special video event](#) in which Project Lead Susannah Patton and Director of Research Hervé Lemahieu discuss the 2023 Index.

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