



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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at info@shirebiz.org.au. We would also appreciate feedback on the content.

Canberra to canvas opinion on science direction

The federal government has launched what it called a [national conversation](#) to guide the direction of Australia's science priorities. Launching a national debate at Burwood Girls High School in Sydney, Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic encouraged Australians to get involved in the discussion, to help identify priority areas that will deliver social, economic and environmental benefits for Australia.

Federal and state skills ministers meet

Federal, State and Territory Skills and Training Ministers met in Brisbane last week to [progress key skills sector reforms](#) and vocational education workforce challenges, aimed at strengthening the quality of vocational education and training and tackling the nations skills shortages now and over the longer term. This an edited version of their communique.

NSW Labor and Coalition pitch to business

In this [short video](#), hear from both the Coalition and Labor on their plans to make NSW the best place to do business this state election. Our election campaign "We Mean Business" has achieved some significant wins so far. We have been advocating strongly for our policy platform. Below is a scorecard of commitments from both sides so far.

Changes to working from home deductions

Taxpayers [can choose](#) one of two methods to claim [working from home](#) deductions: either the "actual cost" or "fixed rate" method. Only the fixed rate method is changing. The revised fixed rate method can be used from the 2022–23 income year onwards.

Invitation to participate in the Stronger Communities Program Round 8

[The Programme](#) intends to encourage and support participation in local projects, improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities. The Programme is ultimately administered through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (Department). A maximum of 20 projects per electorate can be funded, not

exceeding \$150,000 in total, with grant amounts between \$2,500 to \$20,000 for eligible projects.

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[This issue contains](#) New Research for Life bequest program; Walk for Medical Research; Cannabidiol reduce symptoms in patients with kidney failure; The UNSW Microbiome Project this year we are also trying to recruit Over 95's, Inactive adults and Teens 13-18 and People living with dementia.

Germicidal systems – more than keeping it clean

Gangi Group is installing [UV-C germicidal and lighting systems](#) to automate the disinfection process in healthcare and aviation for the first time. Billy Friend finds out how the once small family-owned electrical contracting company has expanded to provide breakthrough solutions via an underutilised but proven technology.

Recycled coffee cups in Penrith roads an Australian first

A road at Penrith in western Sydney has become the first in Australia to include recycled coffee cups, the result of a project between State Asphalt Services and Closed Loop Environmental Solutions, the operator of the Simply Cups recycling program. [The PAK-PAVE Roads product](#) was developed through a Cooperative Research Centres Program, and also involved the University of NSW. The road surfacing has been sanctioned by the NSW EPA and Transport NSW

The Natural Way to Retail

Australia's [only retail trade event](#) for organic, natural and better-for-you products is coming up on 5-6 June 2023 at the ICC Sydney. Why exhibit? This is a unique opportunity to increase brand awareness, and meet face-to-face with thousands of buyers and distributors looking for innovative products. Put your brand in the minds of retailers, and let them put your product in the hands of consumers.

Inside Construction - Marketplace

Australia's first ever [marketplace platform](#) dedicated to Civil Engineering and Commercial Construction industries is now live. Optimised for all digital devices, this is the only marketplace available that is dedicated solely to the construction industry. A one-stop-shop for buying, selling, and hiring a wide variety of new and used equipment, [InsideConstruction Marketplace](#) links sellers and hire companies with hundreds of thousands of potential buyers across Australia.

Preference for Australian-made products remain strong

New research conducted by market research company Roy Morgan found that the [preference for Australian-made products](#) remains strong as ever among Australian consumers, with 86 per cent saying that buying Australian-made products is important to them and only two per cent saying otherwise. The research also found that 67 per cent of Aussie consumers 'often' or 'always' buy Australian-made products, citing supporting local jobs and the economy as their reason for doing so, followed by the quality or reliability of Australian-made products.

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