



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

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.

Shirebiz's Education Pathways Forum Tues 23rd May 9-11 am

Following feedback from members on advocacy priorities for 2023 Shirebiz is holding this Forum for Shire Educators and business people to identify/clarify the various pathways to work from Year 11 to employment. We are also interested in the most appropriate ways of training mature workers in new technologies and businesses. This Forum will be by invitation only to ensure a meaningful discussion of ideas and provide useful recommendations.

Australia's first National Electric Vehicle Strategy released

The Federal Government has released Australia's first [National Electric Vehicle Strategy](#) – a comprehensive roadmap to ensure Australians have a better choice of electric vehicles and encourage greater use of cleaner, cheaper-to-run vehicles. As part of the Strategy and following extensive public consultation, the Government will introduce a Fuel Efficiency Standard, working with industry and the community to finalise details in the coming months.

Brian Schmidt's big ideas for how Australia funds and uses research

[Education](#) makes Australian citizens healthier, [wealthier](#) and [more engaged with society](#). At the same time, government-funded research in higher education [drives economic productivity](#) in ways other government funding does not. Together, the future of Australian prosperity depends on the education and research undertaken within its tertiary education system, and especially our universities.

Professional development support up to \$10,000 available for manufacturing workers

Applications are open for [support payments](#) worth between \$1,000 and \$10,000 through Manufacturing Skills Australia's Industry Development Fund. According to an invitation for nominees on MSA's website, the funding will help those "seeking support for individual skilling and development that is not supported by any other funding opportunity." Nominees can be aged between 15 and 65.

Weld Australia welcomes the Federal Government's Energy Apprenticeships Program

Weld Australia has welcomed the Federal Government's [New Energy Apprenticeships](#) program, and the updated Australian Apprenticeships Priority List. The financial support provided by the initiatives will be a drawcard for some businesses and apprentices. However, according to Weld Australia, much more must be done to tackle the nation's deficient of skilled welders.

Simply Cups program gains ARL recognition for paper cup recycling

Simply Cups, Australia's largest paper cup recycling program, has been recognised

as an [Alternative Destination](#) under the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL). Traditional curbside recycling programs do not accept paper cups, which often end up in landfills. The ARL gives consumers “easy-to-follow” instructions on which bin the cups should be placed in and an alternative destination option for specialised recycling programs, such as Simply Cups

FMCG: Australia’s Healthy Food Report

Perhaps the one thing that every consumer from Gen Z to Baby Boomers agree on is that [eating healthily is incredibly important](#). Their commitment to it has become a cornerstone of their value systems and how they live their lives. And while their [plant based foods](#) may seem the flavour of the month, there are extraordinary opportunities in every food category including those that might have traditionally been viewed as 'unhealthy'.

The future of construction – disrupted

This year’s [Future of Construction Summit](#) (FCON23) is set to ignite positive change. It will see government, industry and union leaders come together to discuss a collective and disruptive response to the industry’s challenges. Appropriately themed ‘FCON Disrupted’, this year’s event is based on the premise that the industry cannot afford to continue down the path of slow incremental change. It is time to fundamentally disrupt how it operates, if for no other reason than to ensure the industry has sufficient workers to deliver the infrastructure that Australia can afford

Youth Partnership Apr 2023 – Highlights from the *Partners in Excellence* event

Welcome to our April edition of ConnectED, where we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible achievements of our partners, Host Employers and Educators. This month we are bringing you highlights from our biggest event of the year, [Partners in Excellence](#). This event also included the celebration of 20 years of business for The Youth Partnership.

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[Includes](#): lots of [funding](#) opportunities including the [CSIRO Kick-Start](#) and [Clinical trials funding](#); discussions on our [current climate crisis](#), and insights on; information on funding for [STEM industries](#), as well as recent [relevant; government updates](#) and opportunity to have your say on [Diversity in STEM](#)

Australian Tax Office - Occupation and Industry Guides 2023

Our [occupation and industry guides](#) help you to complete your tax return, use these guides to: work out what income and allowances to declare; check if you can or can't claim work-related expenses as a deduction and find out what records you need to keep.

To claim a deduction for work-related expenses, you must meet the 3 golden rules:

You must have spent the money and you weren't reimbursed; The expense must directly relate to earning your income; You must [keep records](#) that show you incur the expense (usually a receipt)

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