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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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Realise Business: Upcoming Workshops

Workshops include: Social media trends impacting your business right now; Strategies for small business success; How to write a simple business plan; A beginner's guide to crowdfunding; Women, business & money and Using AI for easy marketing and promotions.

CEDA: Boosting intercompany transfers

The Federal Government is now progressing the detail of a new three-tiered approach to migration, as skills shortages continue to plague the economy. CEDA's migration member advisory committee met recently to discuss an easier process for [intra-company transfers](#) for multinational corporations, an issue we've been vocal about in the past

Maria Skyllas-Kazacos – a Shire innovator we should all know better

Emeritus Professor Maria Skyllas-Kazacos (pictured) is a name few know, but we all should, as she is one of the most brilliant and somehow unappreciated innovators this country has ever produced. Ms Skyllas-Kazacos's name re-emerged this morning with an announcement that she had joined a Technical Advisory Group of critical mineral processing company Tivan. Tivan is progressing development of its [Mount Peake vanadium-titanium-iron project](#) in the Northern Territory, utilising its 100 percent owned TIVAN processing technology.

Could virtual reality be the future of construction training?

New training methods for construction workers have been tested in what's said to be an Australian-first study into the effectiveness of [training delivered using virtual reality](#). The three-year project involved a partnership of researchers from Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) and Next World Enterprise, with support from several registered training operators. The study assessed the effectiveness of construction training delivered via virtual reality (VR) as compared to conventional (face-to-face) training methods.

Mark Speakman Cronulla e-news June 2023

Items include: Work starting on Kamay wharves; Save Active Kids; Free RATs; Flu and COVID vaccination; SCATL update; Apprentice scholarships; Platypus in the Royal; News in brief; Grants and funding finder and Community recognition

Billion-dollar medical research grants process under review

The governance and administration of billions of dollars worth of health and medical research grants each year will go under the microscope in a review aimed at [reducing duplication](#). Health and Aged Care minister Mark Butler announced the

review over the weekend to explore reforms to improve the alignment and coordination of grants.

Driving continual improvement with internal auditing

An Internal Audit program creates value when it is optimised to identify opportunities for improvement that directly impact performance and waste. [Watch this webinar where](#) Kester Brown, director, TRAC compliance risk and training solutions, SAI Global, uncovers ways you can manage and improve your management system to be more sustainable, whilst achieving certification to relevant ISO Standards

How digital self-service is changing B2B retail forever

The Covid-19 pandemic had a number of significant impacts on businesses the world over – but one of the biggest effects was that it forced more businesses to take digital operations seriously. According to Adobe’s strategy lead Sheerien Salindera, [customer experience](#) is now the top differentiating factor separating the best companies from the rest. And while this is true for B2C transactions, it’s equally true for B2B relations.

\$70m more in MMI grants revealed

Another \$70 million in grants committed under the former government’s [Modern Manufacturing Initiative](#) have been executed, with figures published inclusive of GST. Arafura Resources is receiving \$32.9 million to support development of a rare earth separation plant, while Turbine Sunshine Coast is receiving \$36.7 million for a collaborative food and beverage manufacturing precinct

Bubs founder breaks her silence, warns women execs of ‘bullies’

The founder and former CEO of Bubs Australia Kristy Carr has taken to LinkedIn to pay tribute to her colleagues and team, weeks after she was brutally ousted from leading the company she created. Carr, who led the business for 18 years, was [fired by the company’s board](#) earlier this month for “failure to comply with reasonable board directions”. She has since resigned as a non-executive director, with immediate effect.

How food production, consumption trends are about to change

With the world’s population projected to reach 10 billion by 2050, looming environmental challenges are expected to impact [how we produce and consume our food](#). Professor Johannes le Coultre, a food and health expert from the University of NSW Sydney’s School of Chemical Engineering, said the most “pressing challenge” will be how to sustainably ramp up calorie production without overwhelming the planet.

Construction Trends 2023

This past year has been an interesting one for the construction folks, to say the least. In 2022, we kicked off strong with four consecutive months of increased construction spending. However, supply chain bottlenecks, inflation, and labor shortages all remained significant challenges for the construction industry. [A 2022 study](#) by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Autodesk found that 93% of construction firms have unfilled positions.

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