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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*

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](mailto:info@shirebiz.org.au). We would also appreciate feedback on the content.

## **Shirebiz Quarterly “The current pressures on the development industry both locally and nationally” Julian Zammut, COO The Zammut Group**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 5pm Royal Motor Yacht Club, Woollooware

You are invited to the Shirebiz Quarterly on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Issues to be addressed include Material cost increases; Labour shortages; and Confidence in the development industry. To attend please [REGISTER](#)

## **The Entrepreneur’s Unconvention 15 Aug 2023 [Free digital event]**

The [Entrepreneurs' Unconvention](#) will be the catalyst for transformative change, propelling you to break free from conventional wisdom and create lasting and profound shifts in your business and life.

## **FMGC: Free masterclasses for growth**

These include: How to nail the DTC experience: Tips from leading brands; Navigating price pressure: How to thrive in a tough economy; Understanding AI and what it means for the future of FMCG; and How commerce tech is driving FMCG’s future growth

## **Lentune streamlines management of construction cost codes**

Lentune captures project data and links it directly to the relevant project and cost code. While managing construction cost codes can be complex, Lentune is helping simplify the process with its [Project Cost Management software](#). Also known as activity-based costing, cost codes can be difficult to manage if not done correctly. But, with the help of Lentune’s Project Cost Management software, cost codes are an extremely useful tool.

## **Grants up to \$20 million open for plastics recycling technology projects**

Applications opened on Tuesday morning for the [Plastics Technology stream](#) of the federal [Recycling Modernisation Fund](#), offering grant funding of between \$1 million and \$20 million each to projects concerned with hard-to-recycle plastics. According to a statement from federal environment minister Tanya Plibersek, up to \$60 million in total would support projects.

## **MHRI July Newsletter**

Our [new stroke drug](#) is about to start Phase II clinical trials in stroke patients in hospitals across Australia. Until now, up to 90 per cent of stroke victims have not had an effective emergency drug treatment available to them, and sufferers often have a long recovery journey even if paramedics are immediately called. Our new

drug could change that.

## **CEDA: Powering the transition: the net zero workforce challenge**

Last Thursday, CEDA released our new report, [Powering the transition: \*The net-zero workforce challenge\*](#). In the report we call for the Federal Government's new Net Zero Authority to focus on supporting communities affected by the energy transition by: ensuring all affected workers receive personalised support; improving and updating training and education; and investing in locally-driven projects in the most severely affected communities.


## **All risk no reward revealed in new construction industry report**

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) has last Thursday released its *All risk, no reward report* shining a spotlight on the poor health of the construction industry and the need for urgent action. ACA CEO Jon Davies said the message is clear – the industry is in deep trouble, and government must act now to stop the contagion and create a more sustainable industry able to build the housing and infrastructure the nation requires

## **NSW government to hold roundtable on future of rail manufacturing**

The New South Wales and Australian Governments last Tuesday held a [joint roundtable](#) on the future of rail manufacturing, bringing together more than 100 of the most important and influential representatives of Australia's rail manufacturing industry. An initiative of the NSW and Australian Governments, this is another step in the process of mapping out a plan to restore and strengthen this critical industry in NSW and across Australia

## **Realise Business: Making Digital work for you**

Are you struggling to navigate the complexities of digital marketing for your business? For many business owners digital is overwhelming and confusing. But it doesn't have to be. [Introducing \*Digital Solutions\*](#), our newly launched program that has already helped hundreds of small business owners like you, demystify the digital world and implement practical marketing strategies. 

## **Exit planning for manufacturers**

Australia's manufacturing ecosystem is largely made up of small to medium enterprises (SMEs), most of which started with little resourcing and have grown through the trials and tribulations of economic, supply and labour challenges. A manufacturer's business is their pride and joy and the realisation of their hard work and ambition. [Letting go of this most prized possession](#) is a complicated and

sometimes messy journey for local manufacturers.

## **ARA: Grant funding available for technology that processes e-waste plastics**

The Australian Government has announced a new \$60 million fund to support advanced and innovative technologies targeting hard-to-recycle plastics. The WA Government are seeking expressions of interest from industry proponents by Monday 14 August 2023 using the SmartyGrants portal.

## **New partnership to spearhead advance in aluminium manufacturing**

A new partnership between Jamestrong, a regional manufacturer of metal cans for leading Australian and international brands, and the UNSW SMaRT Centre, is developing a ground-breaking project to revolutionise aluminium manufacturing and recycling in Australia. The partnership will establish Jamestrong as one of the first aluminium aerosol can producers in the world to not only make aerosol cans from recycled content but from waste currently not recycled because it contains mixed materials including plastics.

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