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ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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Realise Business: Are you keeping pace with the AI tools currently taking the digital world by storm

In today's dynamic and competitive business landscape, staying ahead of the curve is paramount to achieving success. [Embracing the power of AI-driven tools](#) can be a gamechanger, propelling your company to unparalleled levels of efficiency, innovation, and profitability

Industry and government launch Infrastructure Net Zero initiative

The Australian Constructors Association has joined forces with other private sector peak bodies and federal agencies to launch the '[Infrastructure Net Zero](#)' joint initiative. Australian Constructors Association CEO Jon Davies said the initiative underscores the close collaboration between government and industry in creating a clear path for the sector to reach net zero emissions. "We are entering a time where we need everything all at once – net zero, decarbonisation, sustainability – and navigating the policy landscape is challenging," said Davies. "This initiative will help to join the dots."

Australia's most advanced paper and cardboard recycling facility comes online

Visy unveiled a major \$42.5 million upgrade to its paper recycling and remanufacturing campus in [Coolaroo](#) with Premier Daniel Andrews and Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek. [The upgrade](#) is part of Visy Executive Chairman Anthony Pratt's commitment to invest \$2 billion over the next decade to reduce landfill, cut emissions and create thousands of green collar Australian manufacturing jobs.

Is your business delivering sustainable solutions for the construction industry?

This month's [Green Construction feature](#) provides you the opportunity to showcase your business's sustainable construction solutions. The building sector accounts for [almost 40 per cent of global emissions](#), but the Australian construction industry is striving for change. Contractors and project stakeholders are actively searching for greener construction methods, materials and technologies. They're targeting green building certifications. They're seeking solutions that can help reduce carbon emissions across all stages of the project lifecycle.

5 Reasons Your Business Is Safer in the Cloud

The concept of working from a PC in an office five days per week is ancient history. The global shift towards remote work has introduced more collaboration tools and, in turn, [data protection and security risks](#) to businesses of all kinds and sizes. However, the risk is more prominent in small- to medium-sized businesses where the cost of an attack can be a lot more devastating

Service NSW: Save more with this Cost of Living Hub

The NSW Government is helping people find ways to ease financial pressures with the new [Cost of Living Hub](#). Access resources, tools and information on how to cut costs and save money. Find out what help is available with:

- food and groceries
- health
- energy and utilities
- managing money
- housing
- transport, driving and fuel
- families and care.

The manual task challenge in retail

The retail industry can be deeply entwined with [manual tasks](#), be it unpacking deliveries, arranging displays, or moving stock. However, alongside these tasks exists the ever-present potential for injury. Recognising and managing these inherent risks is of paramount importance to retailers. [Click here](#) to access the recent insights article from Amy Towers, Founder and Principal Advisor at the Risk Collective.

Business NSW: Member Update

Business NSW continues to advocate for you in securing [better business conditions](#) across the state. Business NSW is working every day to ensure the interests of our almost 50,000 members are front of mind with the state's decision makers. Premier Chris Minns has been engaging with our vast network in the past month

Food fraud is costing Australia \$3 billion annually, says AgriFutures

Food fraud is costing the Australian economy a staggering \$3 billion each year, according to a [report from AgriFutures](#). Veal, wine, fish, and molluscs were identified as high-risk categories, collectively accounting for an economic cost of between \$700 million and \$1.3 billion yearly. Food fraud is the act of purposely altering, misrepresenting, mislabelling, substituting or tampering with any food product at any point along the farm-to-table food supply chain

Information, tools and support to grow your business globally

Austrade is helping you go further, faster at every stage of the export journey using their [Go Global Toolkit](#).

ASQA Update: August 2023

Includes: Renewing VET accredited courses – critical timeframes; Publication of compliance guidance materials; Ombudsman releases new ESOS factsheets; Supporting integrity in the international education system and Keep up to date with ASQA's latest Transition Extensions.

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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