



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.

APOLOGY: I am resending this Bulletin due to a mistake in the spelling of the Sammut Group.

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

Thursday 24th August 5pm Royal Motor Yacht Club, Woollooware

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

Webinar: Introduction to doing Business in India 22 Aug 1-3pm

Topics covered: Raise awareness of the key cultural drivers that impact the way business is conducted in India; Build understanding of Indian business styles and how to respond; Introduce the skills needed to effectively influence business outcomes and strengthen relationships when working in and with India.

Business NSW: Business Conditions Survey

The Australian economy has evidently slowed in recent months. The current business environment is full of uncertainties. How is your business preparing for the challenges ahead? We want to understand what help you would appreciate from the NSW Government. We will continue to advocate strongly on your behalf and strive to unlock whatever assistance can be made available. Your participation in this [5-minute survey](#) is vital

Join us for our webinar on automation, smart data and workforce shortages 29 Aug 11am

With customers moving to bolster their supply chains following the Covid pandemic, Australian manufacturers are crying out for the [skilled staff](#) they need to expand. Every manufacturer whether they are producing industrial machinery, fabricating sheet metal, in the automotive sector or in high technology areas such as medical devices is short of 10, 20 even 50 or more staff

FMCG: Free Masterclasses

Webinars: Find out how to achieve growth in FMCG; How to nail the DTC experience-tips from leading brands Aug 16; Navigating price pressure-how to thrive in a tough economy Aug 30; Understanding AI and what it means for the future of FMCG 13 Sept and How commerce tech is driving FMCG's future growth 27 Sept.

National Skills Week 2023: Aug 21 – 27

Now entering its thirteenth year, [National Skills Week](#) focuses on promoting retail as a viable and rewarding career path. The event underscores the value of vocational learning and recognises the invaluable contributions of apprentices and trainees throughout Australia.

Mark Speakman News July 2023

Topics include: Future train services • Transport news in brief • Cronulla interim heritage order • Kamay facilities update • Early childhood education • Opal network upgrade for iPhone and Apple Watch • SCATL update • Grand Parade etc clearways • Crisis volunteers have a say • Free RATs • Community recognition • Community building partnership grant

Harvard's economic complexity ranking shows Australia's luck is running out

Australia's over-reliance on exporting items of low complexity has been laid bare in data released by the globally respected Harvard Kennedy School which reveals that [Australia's Economic Complexity Index \(ECI\)](#) rating has plummeted to 93rd, down 12 positions in the past ten years. The Harvard Index systematically ranks 133 countries by their ability to manufacture and export diverse and complex items and services and has been a global benchmark of a nation's global impact since 1995, when Australia ranked 55 on the index.

\$64 million in ARC funding for industry training and research

The funding will support eight new Australian Research Council (ARC) Industrial Transformation Training Centres and five new ARC Industrial Transformation Research Hubs to mentor and train Australia's next generation of research professionals. It will also support partnerships between universities and industry that will generate real-world outcomes that are vital to Australia's economic growth.

Master Builders Australia reveals sustainability goals in new report

National peak building and construction industry body Master Builders Australia has today released its [Building and Construction Industry Sustainability Goals 2050](#) inaugural report. Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn said the report outlines the association's commitment to fostering a more robust and sustainable industry in the long term

Aust Govt: Free tools and templates for businesses, all in one place

The new [Tools and templates finder](#) on business.gov.au makes it easier than ever to access free and practical resources for businesses at all stages. Whether you're trying to put together a business plan, check in on your financial health, or create an emergency management plan, we've got the tools to help

Australian Retail Report 2023

Customer journeys are no longer linear. [Learn how](#) retailers are connecting data across channels to anticipate shopper preferences and drive growth. Ch 1 Shoppers want more choice in return for their loyalty; Ch 2 Australians still love stores, but

change is afoot; Ch 3 Unified commerce is a AU\$44billion retail opportunity; Ch 4 1 in 4 shoppers experience fraud; and Conclusion: A connected industry is a disruptive one

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