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# ShireBiz Bulletin

*The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter*

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## **Shirebiz Qtly: *Medical Issues in the Shire* Oct 19 5-7pm RMYC Woolooware**

Peter Gonski is a senior staff specialist geriatrician and the Director of Southcare, Dept of Aged and Extended Care , Sutherland Hospital and Community. He is also Clinical Stream Director of Aged Care and Rehabilitation of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District. He is a conjoint Professor in the Faculty of Medicine University NSW, Sydney. He will address the meeting on the various issues affecting the Health Industry in the Shire. [REGISTER](#)

## **[Invite to Thrive – My Small Business Event Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 8-11:30am Doltone House, Sylvania – A FREE event](#)**

This [event](#) brought to you by the Sutherland Shire Business Chamber and the Cronulla Chamber of Commerce and Sponsored by Shirebiz and Sutherland Shire

Council, has a keynote speaker Carlil Lyon followed by a panel of local experts discussing 'Resilience' To attend please [REGISTER](#).

## **What a fast growth manufacturer does to digitise – Webinar**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> 11am**

Like all manufacturers Ty Hermans is rapidly [digitising his businesses](#), but his task is especially challenging given the very rapid rate of growth of his Venlo Holdings group of companies. Manufacturing a bewildering array of products from Evolve Group advanced plastics to recycled plastic resin, and from Poolrite swimming pool and BuildTuff building equipment to Plungie prefabricated, precast concrete plunge pools, his Queenslandbased companies are growing at 30 percent a year

## **Webinar: Asialink Leaders Program 23rd Oct 2-2:30pm**

Are you or someone in your team pursuing engagement with Asia, and could benefit from expert insights, connections, and capabilities to position you for success with the region? The [Asialink Leaders Program](#) is Australia's leading professional development program on Asia, empowering the Asia capable leaders of today and tomorrow for almost 30 years

## **World Congress on Safety and Health at Work at ICC 27-30**

**November Sydney**

Business NSW is partnering with the [23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work](#). For the first time in 68 years, it is coming to Australia's shores and will take place on the 27-30 November 2023 at the ICC Sydney. The World Congress is the Olympics of work health and safety, spanning over four days including evening events and a bonus day of opt-in tours. With over 3000 attendees expected from over 127 countries

## **Technology is revolutionising B2B relationships in FMCG. Here's how**

Times might be tough for FMCG companies right now, with soaring interest rates curbing consumer spending – but history shows that companies that [invest in technology](#) during tough times reap the benefits in the future.

## **Coates and Local Government NSW win industry award**

Coates, an Australian equipment hire and solutions provider, along with Local Government NSW, have been awarded the [Industry Collaboration Award](#) at the NSW Department of Education's annual 2023 Training Awards. Recently held at Sydney Town Hall, the awards acknowledge exceptional achievements across categories that highlight the state's foremost vocational learners, trainers, employers and training providers. Coates and Local Government NSW received the award after partnering to provide asbestos identification and response training to many local government employees across the state.

## **SSMRF – October 2023: R U OK Day BBQ**

[R U OK Day BBQ?](#) It is important to check in with your family and friends regularly – and each year on one day during September we are reminded of this with events and activities organised across the country. On Thursday 14 September SSMRF CEO Pam Brown and Head of Fundraising, Marketing & Events Kathryn Lord helped Caringbah Rotary cook a BBQ at The Sutherland Hospital for R U OK? Day.

## **The Shire Fundraiser**

I wanted to tell you and the members of Shire Biz about [The Shire Fundraiser](#). Each year since 2016 The Trusted Business Network (TBN) has organised this event to benefit local community organisations. TBN is a small group of local business owners who believe we have a responsibility to give back to our community. The details of the event are below, it would be greatly appreciated if you could share this with Shire Biz members. In addition to attending, there are opportunities for donations and sponsorship.

## **New e-learning course now available: Understanding and Addressing Workplace Sexual Harassment for Retail and Hospitality Managers**

The Australian Retailers Association has partnered with the Australian Human Rights Commission to launch a [vital course](#) to combat workplace sexual harassment. The Understanding and Addressing Workplace Sexual Harassment for Retail and Hospitality Managers course is designed to educate retailers on the impact and drivers of workplace sexual harassment and aid them in addressing it when it occurs.

## **Realise Business: What's on in small business month 1-31**

### **October 2023**

Includes: Selling Made Simple Oct 18th; Managing Rising Costs Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>; Developing a meaningful alliance for Revenue Growth Oct 24<sup>th</sup>; Modelling new products/services that sell Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and Building Trust with customers Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Precast befits prestigious apartment development**

With demand for new developments in the nation's capital at an all-time high, precast was specified as the material of choice for Renaissance Manuka, a premium apartment complex in Canberra's inner south suburb of Griffith.

### **Australian Government: Safe Work Month and Cyber Security Awareness Month**

Includes: October is National Safe Work Month, an opportunity for all businesses to raise awareness and encourage discussion about work health and safety. It's Cyber Security Awareness Month, and the Australian Cyber Security Centre has developed the Exercise in a Box Tool for businesses. To support Indigenous Business Month this October, the ATO is holding free webinars for small businesses, presented by First Nations staff.

## **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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