

ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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News from Shirebiz: Projects supporting local industry

Following a successful Education Pathways Forum held in May 2023 a second meeting of the Forum decided on a revised way of providing work experience for students across the Shire. This should provide an improved service to students and schools.

A meeting was recently held with representatives of the Shire Marine Industry which provided advice on improving the industry in the Shire. Issues being addressed include the Marine Card system, Trailor Parking at Boat Ramps and Annual safety inspection for boats.

A Health Round Table meeting is planned for the end of October at which issues affecting the Health industry locally will, be discussed.

Early next year we plan to convene a Hospitality Round Table.

If you are passionate about the above issues and wan't to be involved in the Forums please contact the Shirebiz Secretary on info@shirebiz.org.au

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

Webinar: Learn how manufacturers are navigating reinvention in the modern age Oct 5th 11 am

Exploring strategic shifts, technology adoption, and success stories in the manufacturing industry. No two days are the same when running any business, even at the best of times. But sometimes, companies will be forced to <u>fundamentally reinvent</u> what they're all about. Many manufacturers will move from one line of work to a new one, either organically or because they saw disruptive change ahead.

Chris Minns to address the Shire Nov 24th Doltone House 12-3 pm

In a not-to-be-missed event, Sutherland Shire Business Chamber [SSBC] is excited to announce we are hosting the <u>NSW Premier</u>, The Hon. Chris Minns, MP. In his first local appearance, the Premier will deliver the keynote address for our Spotlight on the Shire business luncheon. This is your chance to hear firsthand his plans for NSW and how they will support and impact the Shire, and in particular, our business community.

National skills passport to provide digital ID for workers

Job seekers would be able to share their verified qualifications with employers through a <u>new national skills passport</u> that could function as a digital record-keeping platform like the Medicare app, with the federal government investing \$9.1 million to pursue the reform.

Safeguarding Australia's healthcare sector with a new nuclear medicine facility

Yesterday, ANSTO welcomed a significant Federal Government funding allocation to further safeguard the production of life-saving nuclear medicines in Australia. Acting CEO for ANSTO, Professor Andrew Peele, said the new Nuclear Medicine Facility will form a more sophisticated nuclear medicine precinct to enable a seamless manufacturing and distribution chain

Content creators and chaotic cooking: Global food trends for

2023

Creative, media and influencer agency McKinney has identified <u>food trends</u> from four core categories: Culture, Wellness, Technology and Social Responsibility; in its 2023 Food Trends Report. The agency said these trends show what people seek and explain why beyond what ingredients are "in" or "out", because as consumers' moods and desires shift, so does food.

Construction Project Management Virtual Forum Oct 17 2023 1pm AEDT

Autodesk invites you to the 2023 Construction Project Management Virtual Forum, an unmissable event bringing together construction business leaders and project management professionals across Asia Pacific to learn and network. Industry experts from Downer, Soilbuild Construction Group Ltd., University of Melbourne and Autodesk will share strategic insights on how to consistently deliver successful, profitable projects

Top 5 challenges for Family businesses

Grant Thornton's <u>2023 Family Business Survey</u> reveals the <u>key challenges</u> and focal areas for Australian family businesses. The top five are: Improving cash flow (91%); Recruiting, retaining, and upskilling family members and employees (86%); Succession planning (72%); Developing/launching new products (70%) and Expanding into new markets (69%).

Mintel News: Explore Elderly Trends, Asia's Alternative Protein Market, Gen Z Marketing and More

Strong growth of alternative proteins market in Asia signals opportunities for Aussie, NZ exporters; Mintel's Chinese Consumer 2023 report reveals domestic travel tops this year's spending; Gen Z in APAC: What marketers get right (and wrong), and how to catch their attention

WMRR to host Energy From Waste Conference Nov 1-2 Sydney

WMRR CEO Gayle Sloan is not convinced that Australia's current trajectory to meet resource recovery targets is going to be met due to a variety of reasons. She believes one under-utilised method EfW, which is why WMRR is hosting the Energy From Waste Conference on November 1-2 in Sydney.

Is your business using integrated payments? Adopt now or get left behind

The rise of digitisation in recent years has helped <u>businesses transform</u> the way they work. Whether a company has used automation to make account reconciliation and reporting easier or found ways to optimise other processes, using technology that

integrates across a business is what drives truly powerful transformation.

Realise Business: Are you ready to turbocharge your business online and make it a magnet for your dream customers

Let's talk about <u>Google My Business</u>, the game-changer business directory that can skyrocket your online presence. It's not just another business listing; Google My Business is a simple, cost-free way to increase your visibility among customers actively searching for products or services like yours in your area.

Accelerating technology adoption in the construction industry

Last month, while in the US for a Brinkman Construction Board meeting, I had the opportunity to introduce an <u>Australian construction technology</u> firm, Earlytrade, to several leaders in the US construction industry. Each industry leader was quite impressed with the Earlytrade model of automating early settlement discounts to facilitate the flow of working capital in the industry. But it was one statement that nearly every person made that made me cringe – "You know, we're not really an 'early adoption' industry when it comes to technology"

About Shirebiz

ShireBiz is a not for profit organisation dedicated to the Economic Development of Southerrn 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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Regards,

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