



ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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LAST CHANCE: Premier Chris Minns to address the Shire 24 Nov 12-3pm Doltone House

The Sutherland Shire Business Chamber in conjunction with Shirebiz is delighted to bring the NSW Premier, The Hon. Chris Minns, MP to the Shire. Hear the [Premier's plans](#) for NSW firsthand and how they will support and impact the Shire. Plus, we have an incredible panel of local business sector leaders lined up who will share their thoughts on what is needed for the Shire to thrive - spanning innovation, health, housing, the 24hour economy, and so much more. To attend [REGISTER](#)

2024 to be the year of the sustainable supply chain

Australia's largest logistics event is rebranding to reflect the industry's shift towards sustainability. The year 2024 will see the [logistics industry](#) make its most significant shift to date towards sustainability, with investments in this space set to skyrocket, according to MEGATRANS Show Director Lauren Chartres. "The sustainable supply chain is going to be the top focus in the new year," says Lauren, who oversees MEGATRANS, Australia's largest logistics event taking place in Melbourne in September 2024.

The Orbital Space NSW October 2023

In this edition: NSW Telco Authority tender; Industry Spotlight; National Spaced Hub Fast Start Program; 2024 Defence Export Catalogue; South Jerrabomberra Regional Job Precinct; New Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility; iLAUNCH Second Round Funding; ELO Big Dipper Regolith Acquisition Challenge; NSW Advanced Capabilities Accelerator Forum.

Search for industry partners for Surface Manufacturing CRC

UniiSA are seeking companies to develop surface processing capabilities, in a planned Surface Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre. What can manufacturers expect from a new Surface Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre (SMCRC)? SMEs who collaborate with each other and with public sector researchers are known to grow faster, innovate more, experience rising sales and are more resilient in adapting to challenges.

Underground car parks heating up groundwater

The heat given off by car engines warms up underground car parks so that the heat passes through the ground into the groundwater. In Berlin alone, enough energy is transferred to the groundwater to supply 14,660 households with heat. This finding was made by a team from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, and the University of Basel. According to the researchers, this warming could have long-term effects on groundwater quality.

Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility seeks proposals for first projects

The NSW government's Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility (AMRF), currently under construction at Bradfield City Centre, is seeking proposals for its first projects. The AMRF is scheduled to open in its first stage mid-next year, and aims to be the centre of "an advanced manufacturing ecosystem" within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis. According to its website, those interested can

- Propose a project to be considered among the first undertaken; or
- Provide feedback on the AMRF customer proposition, and information about their CEDSACEDA: The organisation's current production and/or research priorities

CEDA: There is more to the inflation debate than immigration

In this context it is important that the many factors influencing inflation and our housing market are well understood, however, and that migration does not become the scapegoat for nuanced and complex challenges. One factor contributing to housing pressures, for example, is a fall in average household size that began during COVID as people sought more space for a variety of reasons.

Hobson Engineering cracks the construction code

Hobson Engineering is going the extra mile to ensure construction businesses understand their responsibility of [structural bolting and masonry anchor compliance](#), following recent changes to the National Construction Code. The [National Construction Code \(NCC\) 2022](#), which is mandatory for construction professionals to follow, now includes new references to design standards for structural bolting and masonry anchors.

Realise Business: Join Us for the Year End: BIZ LINK Networking Event on December 5th

BIZ Link, previously known as "PUB BIZ" is our [monthly networking event](#) for small business owners across Sydney. It's a unique opportunity to build new connections with like-minded peers, learn from business people from various industries and boost your referral network. Our Realise Business Team will also facilitate introductions for you, in a relaxed evening of conversation and networking.

Small businesses to get free cyber education boost

Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil has unveiled millions of dollars worth of new funding to [help small businesses](#) protect themselves from cyber-attacks. A new cyber health check program is being set up for small and medium businesses, allowing them to undertake a free assessment of their security measures

Cost-conscious shoppers shunning brand loyalty as Christmas discounts loom

Consumer confidence dropped by 2.6 per cent in November after the Central Bank hiked rates. Australian consumers are [turning their backs](#) on major brands in favour of the lowest-priced options as the cost-of-living crisis squeezes family budgets ahead of the Christmas shopping rush

Ausindustry: R&D Tax Incentive Insider PLUS

[In this edition:](#) Joint review of R&D Tax Incentive claims Tax transparency measure Service level agreements R&D notional deductions updates Frequently asked Questions Application insights Registration updates

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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