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ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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Shirebiz Activities October 2023

Shirebiz held a Health Round Table at Sutherland Hospital on 26th October involving Hospital and Private medical practitioners, with representatives of the Aged Care Industry and the University of Wollongong. Health issues of importance to the Shire community were discussed. There is a need to communicate the services in Emergency, Aged Care and Mental Health provided by the Hospital to the Business Community. A comprehensive strategy will be developed to facilitate this communication.

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](#)

Heart Research Institute Newsletter – October 2023

In [exciting news](#), a cutting-edge instrument, known as a mass spectrometer, has been successfully installed here in the [Fluxomics Centre](#) at HRI – thanks to the generosity of people like you. Watch [Dr Sergey Tumanov](#) give his personal thanks and take you on a tour showing how this equipment will help unlock some of the mysteries of [cardiovascular diseases](#) like [heart failure](#).

Unlocking the future of consumer behaviour

Get insights into changing consumer sentiment and behaviour from the latest edition of our quarterly tracking [Toluna Global Consumer Barometer report](#). Insights from over 15,800 consumers in 19 markets across the world on topics including: • Consumer confidence levels and life satisfaction in the current economic climate • How people are adapting their behaviors in response to financial pressures • How ongoing challenges are impacting consumers' emotional and physical well-being • The continued importance of demonstrating strong social, ethical, and brand values

Prepare for the biggest disruption to employment relations in decades

In this [networking breakfast](#) on 22nd Nov hosted by ARA CEO Paul Zahra, guests will hear from Australia's leading experts: • The latest on the Closing Loopholes Bill • All the legislative changes expected in 2024 • What to expect from Industry Award reform in 2024 • Navigate staff wellbeing and duty of care.

National Skills Agreement supporting NSW journey to net zero

Following the signing of the National Skills Agreement the NSW Government is continuing to bolster its commitment to reskill NSW and [transform the economy to net zero](#) with TAFE NSW launching eight new microskills related to renewables. The five-year National Skills Agreement (NSA) will deliver a Commonwealth investment of up to \$3.8 billion into the skills and training sector in NSW, supporting the NSW government's commitment to rebuild TAFE and training in NSW.

Why recycling e-waste will become a necessity

According to The World Counts website, "If Earth's history is compared to a calendar year, modern human life has existed for 37 minutes, and we have used one third of Earth's natural resources in the last 0.2 seconds". This is why [recycling e-waste](#) is becoming critical. One group of resources that has taken a battering over the past 1000 years are metals – especially so since the electronic age dawned. From cars through to the latest iPhone, metals – whether they be run-of-the-mill aluminium, or the rare earth type – are a finite resource.

CSIRO Snapchat – October 2023

[Topics include:](#) Could falling particles of solar energy help us reach net zero; Warmer

oceans threaten marine ecosystems; How generative AI change the way we think; A journey from art to automation and Putting our best future forward at SXSW Sydney.

Youth Partnership – October 2023

Items include: Creating a Successful Work Placement Experience for Students: Tips for Host Employers; The Youth Partnership unveils new Workplace Induction Checklist for Host Employers & Business Services Placement Resource; The Youth Partnership unveils new Workplace Induction Checklist for Host Employers & Business Services Placement Resource

Emerging forever chemicals found in drinking water and humans

A newly released study led by researchers from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health was one of the first to find an emerging class of “forever chemicals” in the homes, drinking water and bodies of United States residents.

Report from SafetyCulture provides insights into workplace safety

Today, SafetyCulture, a global technology company has released its third annual Feedback from the Field report, which gives insight into the views of more than 2,000 ‘frontline workers’ in Australia, the UK and USA. This year’s report, Feedback from the Field: Room for Improvement has revealed that three in five (65 per cent) workers observe operational issues monthly, yet less than half (48 per cent) see actions taken to address them. Interestingly, workers in Australia were more likely to spot issues than their UK or US counterparts.

Australian retailers add security tech amid rising theft, aggression

Australian retailers are ramping up their tech security initiatives, including placing cameras at self-checkouts and body-worn cameras on staff, to combat a surge in stock theft and customer aggression aggravated by the cost of living crisis. Top supermarket chains like Woolworths (WOW.AX) and Coles (COL.AX) have flagged a pickup in store theft and hostile behaviour, in line with global trends, as higher fuel, housing and grocery costs squeeze shopper budgets and tempers

Viatrix medicines gain Australian Made logo

Healthcare manufacturer Viatrix Australia has announced the Australian Made, Australian Grown (AMAG) logo has now been added to 50 of its Australian medicine products. In what the company describes as a first for a prescription medicine manufacturer in Australia, 50 products manufactured in Carole Park, Queensland, now showcase the logo. Products bearing the AMAG logo will include medicines across more than 10 major therapeutic areas ranging from cardiovascular health, antidepressants to well-known antibiotics.

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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