



ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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Joint Shirebiz/Sutherland Business Chamber event. Hon Chris Minns, Premier of NSW

About 200 Shire business people attended a lunch at Doltone House on Friday 24th November. [The event](#) was opened by a Welcome to Country followed by The Mayor, Councillor Pesce. The Premier outlined his vision for the State and how it could impact on the Shire, This was followed by questions from the audience, then two panel sessions involving Shire business leaders.

Shirebiz Health Round Table October 2023

Shirebiz in conjunction with Sutherland Hospital and Private Health professionals held a Round Table to discuss how business could more closely interact with the Shire Health Industry and assist in its development. One outcome of the meeting was that Shirebiz contact local businesses to inform them and their staff of ways to improve their health outcomes. A report of the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Webinar: Building a Greener Future: *Strategies for Sustainable Construction Excellence* Wed 6th Dec 2pm

With the construction sector contributing to almost 40% of greenhouse gas (GHG)

emissions worldwide*, there is mounting regulatory and social responsibility pressures for industry players to adopt eco-friendly construction practices. Autodesk invites you to [our webinar](#) featuring built environment sustainability leaders in Asia Pacific. In this panel discussion, industry experts will share research-based insights on how organisations can overcome barriers to achieving their sustainability goals.

CSIRO Snapshot November 2023: Smart Homes, Smarter Devices

By embracing advances in AI and wireless networks, [Aussie homes](#) could drive our net zero transition. Renewable energy devices that we own, like solar panels, will play an important role in our transition to net zero. Advances in AI and wireless networks will allow systems of these devices to be integrated in what scientists are calling the 'Internet of Energy'.

Inside Waste Magazine: Feb/Mar Issue Plastic Recycling

[Plastics are a troublesome waste stream](#) but a necessary product that adds value to a lot of products. As the collapse of REDcycle showed, it is no easy task trying to recycle the various forms of plastic into end uses. However, not everybody in the resource recovery and waste industry is an expert. They need help

Is your business pioneering project management solutions?

The pivotal role of [effective project management](#) in ensuring success for construction businesses cannot be overstated. This month's Project Management feature offers a prime opportunity for you to showcase your business's cutting-edge project management solutions. According to McKinsey Global Institute's Reinventing construction: A route to higher productivity report, global labour-productivity growth in the construction industry has averaged just 1 per cent per year over the past two decades

Australia Post unveils new service in time for Christmas

When an Australia Post team member cannot safely deliver an eligible parcel at a customer's address and cannot return the parcel to the nearest Post Office during operating hours, they will place the parcel in a free 24/7 Australia Post Parcel Locker located within 1km of the customer's address. [MyPost customers](#) will be notified via the AusPost app or SMS that their parcel is in a secure Parcel Locker near their home.

DP World Attack a 'Stark Reminder' on Cyber Spend, Warns ASIC

ASIC Chair Joe Longo's [warned company directors](#) the regulator will take action if they fail to adequately prepare for cyber attacks. He'll speak at ASIC's annual forum later today. Meanwhile, markets are awaiting RBA Governor Michele Bullock's panel

appearance at the same event, along with the bank's November meeting minutes, in a bid to assess whether rates will be hiked again next month

SMEs face rising labour costs as Wage Price Index hits record 26-year high

The Wage Price Index (WPI) rose 1.3 per cent in September quarter 2023, and 4.0 per cent for the year, according to seasonally adjusted data released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). This is the [highest quarterly growth](#) in the 26-year history of the WPI. The annual growth, at 4.0 per cent, is the highest for the WPI since March quarter 2000

Top 10 biggest challenges for SMEs right now

Small and medium-sized enterprises, or SMEs, play a significant role in the global economic landscape. These organisations serve as pivotal contributors that create jobs, foster innovation and drive economic growth. However, if you're the owner of a small or medium-sized business, you'll also be well aware of the [many challenges for SMEs](#), which can impede growth and expansion.

Upcycling plastics project gets funding from Macquarie university

Macquarie University researchers will share in the \$26.1 million funding pool awarded as part of the Australian Research Council's Linkage Projects scheme. One project includes the [upcycling of mixed plastics](#). Two Macquarie University projects have been awarded a total of almost \$1.2 million, a sum that will increase via contributions from partner organisations. The Linkage Projects scheme supports projects that initiate or develop long-term strategic research alliances.

Heart Research Institute November 2023: Today's Research, Tomorrows Cure

[This month](#), Nicole is sharing her incredible story of survival after she suffered a

stroke when she was pregnant and just 30 years old. The young schoolteacher collapsed at home and almost died. She spent two weeks in the ICU on life support and tragically, lost her baby boy. We don't know exactly why Nicole had a stroke, but it's essential that we learn. Our groundbreaking work into the causes, prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases like stroke and congenital heart disease (CHD) continues, thanks to your support

Five steps to take if you've been scammed

Need to know • If you think you might have been scammed, break off contact with the scammer and contact your financial institution immediately • You can get help dealing with the experience and lodge a report with various government agencies and other organisations • If you've encountered a scam, it's important to report it, even if you haven't handed over any money or information.

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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