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# ShireBiz Bulletin

*The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter*

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## **Welcome to January! Explore Exciting Events with Realise Business**

As we step into the first month of the year, we're thrilled to welcome you back to [Business Connect](#), your hub for growth, collaboration, and success. We are making some BIG changes this year and we hope you enjoy the ride with us. Let's kick it off with **What's the #1 Thing You Need to Do Right Now in the New Year? Understand Cybersecurity Law Changes!**

## **More research cuts – national innovation in freefall**

A \$46.2 million cut to research commercialisation unveiled in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook undermines confidence with national investment in R&D, according to peak body in science and technology, [Science & Technology](#)

Australia. The fund was announced and funded under the Morrison Government and legislated under the Albanese Government, and it has strong cross-party support across the Parliament.

## **Omni Tanker delivers liquid hydrogen storage project with Lockheed Martin**

Australian composites manufacturer Omni Tanker, in collaboration with international aerospace giant Lockheed Martin and the University of New South Wales (UNSW), has developed a world-leading solution for the transport of cryogenic and liquid cargoes of hydrogen and helium, with support from the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)

## **BINGO ramps up circular economy drive**

Never say never is a value that is intertwined in BINGO's corporate identity. It sets the tone for innovation and technology as BINGO works towards its vision of a circular economy and waste-free Australia. To enable this vision, BINGO has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in its Eastern Creek Recycling Ecology Park precinct in recent years, with more investment to follow.

## **Service NSW: How to keep safe this summer**

When unexpected weather events happen this summer, make sure you know where to get the right information, at the right time. Here's some advice to help you plan and get ready for natural disasters such as storms, bushfires, heatwaves and floods. Essential apps to keep you safe From planning a day out to knowing when to evacuate, be ready for whatever summer brings by installing these apps on your phone: BOM Weather - shows current conditions, forecasts, warnings and radar; Emergency Plus - helps accurately inform emergency call takers of your location when calling Triple Zero (000)

## **AsiaLink Business News: December 2023**

Items include: Opportunities for Australian businesses in Vietnam's emerging green economy; Asialink Leaders explore areas for collaboration in sustainable and inclusive growth with the region; Asialink Business Academy launches programs on Doing Business in Asian Markets and The China Digital Economy Academy

equipping Australian businesses to enter China's eCommerce sector.

## **Nine projects receive Modern Manufacturing Initiative grants**

The Australian Government has finalised contracts for \$385 million in project grants under the [Modern Manufacturing Initiative Collaboration Stream](#) for nine large projects worth \$1.87 billion. The Collaboration stream is the largest grant program under the \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative. Grants between \$20 million and \$200 million and up to one-third of eligible project costs are awarded to large projects that feature or will create an environment that fosters collaboration.

## **Financing supply chain investments**

Cost restraints are a shared barrier for businesses looking to improve their supply chain. Russell Pruden, Director of Finance at Körber, tells MHD the [financial strategies](#) industry leaders are implementing to continue investing in the robustness and longevity of supply chains. In November, newly appointed governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Michelle Bullock, announced the first interest rate hike since June this year.

## **Economic Development Essentials for Elected Members**

EDA's Economic Development [Leadership Essentials course](#) empowers new or experienced community leaders to drive and support inclusive, sustainable economic development. The module also supports local government leaders to understand the key principles of economic recovery and how to build economic resilience within their communities. Suitable for all Mayors, Shire Presidents, community leaders, elected members and executives in local government.

## **Registration is now opening for Australian Manufacturing Week 10-19 Apr 2024**

Get the AMW App: Australian Manufacturing Week - Australia's Premier Manufacturing Solutions Event- [Save time](#) by planning your visit to AMW

- Search and make appointments with AMW Exhibitors
- Keep up to date with the latest information functions and activities taking place at AMW
- Navigate your way around the AMW digital floor plan

## Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Round 25 now open. Close March 5<sup>th</sup>

Applications are now open for Round 25 of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Grants program. The grants provide funding for medium to long-term projects (of up to 10 years) that will help solve major problems or issues facing Australian industries. Round 25 is open to all industry sectors, including projects that align with the National Reconstruction Fund priority areas.

## 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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