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Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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This week I have included newsletters from 3 of our local MPs. Normally only one will be included in each Bulletin

[ANSTO: Nuclear Science News Feb 2024](#)

Includes: ANSTO welcomes \$13.9M critical minerals funding; Water cycle on earth responds to temperature increases; International Day for Women and Girls in STEM; Ultra-thin lithium-ion batteries; Innovative approach to see how diet of pregnant women might impact foetal development; ANSTO hosts groundbreaking silicon carbide semi-conductor investigation and New drug identified to help lower cholesterol.

[Member for Hughes Newsletter February 2024](#)

Includes: Hughes Woman of the Year 2024 Nominations now open; Watch in

Parliament: Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2023; National Redress Scheme for Institutional Sex Abuse Amendment bill 2023 and Question Time Stage 3 Tax Cuts.

Presentations: Southern Strength Breakfast

Includes: Terry O’Riordan, Ausindustry [Supporting Manufacturing Innovation](#); Tina Guan - IP Australia [Introduction to intellectual property](#) and Lou Matthews - Service NSW Govt Business Bureau

CRC Projects selection round 15 outcomes

The Federal Government is investing \$51 million in 21 new Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P through Round 15 of the [CRC-P program](#). Large-scale solar panel recycling, miniature digital probes for endomicroscopy examinations, and a prototype electric aircraft for firefighting. These are just 3 of the exciting projects supported through the program. See details of grants.

Member for Heathcote Newsletter January 2024

I was so privileged and grateful to join the Indonesian Association of NSW recently at their wonderful “[Community Award and New Citizenship Celebration](#)” in Sutherland. The Sunset Cultural Ceremony presented by local Aboriginal Elders was held once again at Burnum Burnum Sanctuary, Woronora, last week. PCYC Bulli has had a makeover and it looks fantastic; This month, 1060 new junior doctors start work as interns in hospitals across NSW

Slowing business activity means Aussies will find it harder to land a job in coming months

In short: Australia's job market has turned the corner, according to leading economists, who point to slowing business activity in addition to an uptick in the unemployment rate. • The Business Council says [business conditions must be addressed](#), while the treasurer says the slowdown is an inevitable consequence of rising rates, persistent inflation and global uncertainty.

Soft plastic recycling is back after the REDcycle collapse – but only in 12 supermarkets. Will it work this time?

After the memorable [collapse of Australia’s largest soft plastic recycling program](#)

REDcycle in late 2022, a new scheme is emerging. It's remarkably similar, albeit on a much smaller scale. The trial underway in 12 Melbourne supermarkets intends, once again, to provide customers with an in-store option for recycling "scrunchable" food packaging.

Member for Cronulla eNews February 2024

Includes: Major planning rule changes to impact Sutherland Shire • Huge Kurnell development proposal • Sutherland Hospital work complete • Seniors awards nominations closing soon • Cost of living help • Local project updates • Community recognition

Award Variation would reap major benefits for Employers

The proposal is aimed at addressing the ongoing issue of employers paying 'middle managerial' employee salaries without keeping records of their time and attendance. This lack of record-keeping poses increasing risks for businesses, especially with fines increasing to \$469,500 per breach or \$4,695,000 for "serious contraventions" regarding overtime records.

Austrade: Australia's supply chain integrity sprouts high-value exports

Australia's traceability systems and protocols play a crucial role in our supply chain integrity. They support and protect our reputation as a clean, green and safe island country. Strong border protection laws prevent disease from affecting livestock, fruit and vegetables.

Realise Business 14 February 2024

Courses include: Enhancing your online presence (face-to-face); Crafting your business stories and videos (face-to-face); How to start your business (face-to-face); 5 AI tools every business needs (online); Learn how successful businesses scale and grow profitably (online) strategies (online); Creating an impact business model (face-to-face)and Expand your business presence through Podcasting (face-to-face).

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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