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# ShireBiz Bulletin

*The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter*

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## **Feedback requested on Sutherland Shire Draft Overland Flood Study**

Sutherland Shire Council has prepared a draft Overland Flood Study to manage flood risks in our community. Council [values your input](#). We are seeking feedback from people in the Study area to help us plan how we keep people and properties safe from the impact of severe, sudden rain, which causes 'over land flooding'

## **Member for Heathcote News February 2024**

Includes: Bulli bypass consultation open; New operating theatre complex at Sutherland Hospital; Bulli Urgent Care now seven days; Lunar New Year - Year of the Dragon; Home Fire safety and NSW Parliamentary wrap-up.

## **Heart Research Institute - Closing the gap in aboriginal health**

The HRI team are continuing to empower Aboriginal communities in the fight against

stroke and heart disease with their [wearable tech study](#), thanks to your ongoing support. Don't miss our update and Uncle Boe's important message

## **Government focus on defence innovation – Thistlethwaite**

The Assistant Minister for defence Matt Thistlethwaite has spruiked the government's response to the [Defence Strategic Review](#) in the field of defence innovation, including through joint work with AUKUS partners the US and the UK. The DSR found that more support is needed for innovation, faster acquisition and better links between Defence and industry to deliver essential ADF capabilities

## **CEDA: Pre-Budget Address by Jim Chalmers Sydney 14<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm**

In a highly anticipated pre-budget address, Treasurer Jim Chalmers takes to the CEDA stage to provide a comprehensive overview of the [government's fiscal strategy](#) and economic roadmap. Treasurer Chalmers will address some of the immediate concerns in the short-term economic outlook, including high inflation and cost of living challenges, while also laying the groundwork for long-term prosperity. He will delve into key economic indicators, offering a candid assessment of the nation's financial health and the factors influencing budgetary decisions.

## **Customers: Do you really understand yours?**

Your customers are a powerful marketing weapon – a brand advocate when they believe you're great or a brand enemy when you disappoint them. Do you know if you're getting a true return on the investment outlaid in marketing to customers? [Customer asset value](#) is the key to your business having a competitive advantage and ultimately improving shareholder value.

## **2024 ANZ Construction Forecast: Shaping the Next Chapter of Construction**

The global economy is on track to post the slowest half-decade of GDP growth in 30 years, according to the World Bank. Sluggish trade, tight financial conditions and rising geopolitical tensions present clear and present dangers. The World Bank expects [global growth to fall](#) for the third consecutive year, from 2.6% in 2023 to 2.4% in 2024—almost three-quarters of a percentage point below the average of the 2010s

## **Closing loopholes Bill No. 2 passes Parliament**

Earlier this month, it was confirmed that both Houses of Parliament passed the second tranche of amendments to the [Fair Work Act 2009 \(Cth\)](#) under the Albanese Government's Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 (Bill), with amendments as proposed by the Senate last week. We will update our Fair Work Amendment 'Closing Loopholes' Act 2023 Factsheet to reflect these changes and will ensure our members are informed about its publication date.

### **ARA partners with Artemide Law to deliver expertise to retailers**

Australia's peak retail body, the Australian Retailers Association (ARA) has partnered with [specialist legal firm](#) Artemide Law to deliver industry-wide legal expertise to members. The partnership will cover a broad range of areas such as government legislation, tenancy advice, change and innovation, consumer law and more.

### **Keysight takes \$15 million stake in EMVision**

US technology company Keysight Technologies has taken a [strategic stake](#) worth \$15.28 million in medical imaging company EMVision. In a statement on Thursday, EMVision said the investment represented a significant milestone, and would accelerate commercialisation of the portable brain scanner emu, its first product

### **Employment Hero's new 'one-click hiring' for small business onboarding**

[Employment Hero](#), the Australian-founded employment management platform, is helping SMEs move closer to 'one-click' hiring with new Google Workspace and Microsoft 365 automations\*. At a time when SMEs face increased pressures to find and retain the best talent, they need to be able to hire and onboard at the click of a button. Employment Hero is enabling businesses to do just that by reducing the double handling during onboarding and offboarding.

## **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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