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Webinar: @AuManufacturing and SoftLabs present Mfg and AI – the how and why Aug 14th 11am

In the latest of our series of [webinars](#) on important topics, we will be looking at the unavoidable rise in artificial intelligence and what enterprises are doing to ensure they aren't left behind. What we're talking about when we talk about artificial intelligence has

changed over time. At the moment there's huge excitement about generative AI, and companies are racing to incorporate it into their products, services and operations. Microsoft and the Tech Council of Australia estimate that GAI could add \$115 billion a year to the Australian economy by 2030, with manufacturing among the biggest beneficiaries.

Asia Business Briefing with the Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Industry and Science - Sydney, 5 Sept 12:15pm

The event will feature the latest insights for Australian businesses on how to [build the skills](#) and knowledge to succeed in Asia and stay ahead of the game in a highly competitive global economy. This event will also celebrate the launch of the Doing Business Guides, a new suite of resources providing businesses with practical insights essential for exporting to and investing in key Asian markets.

Articles

ANSTO Nuclear Science News August 2024

[Includes:](#) New Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre; Material with molecular trapdoor holds promise for highly selective gas capture; Ancient Tasmania was an Indigenous cultural landscape; ANSTO Award winners announced and New device to enhance precision in advanced cancer treatment;

Defence goes digital to connect with industry

The Department of Defence has launched a [Defence Digital Engineering Strategy](#) to transform how it works with businesses and speed up capability acquisition and address operational gaps. The strategy is a key outcome of the Defence Industry Development Strategy and 2024 National Defence Strategy, which identified the need for Defence to accelerate digital technologies. According to Defence this is an engineering strategy built upon digital transformation programmes undertaken by the United States Department of Defense..

Business NSW: Business Conditions Survey

With the latest inflation still above the RBA's target band, relief on interest rates remains far from sight. Businesses have also reported in recent surveys that high operating costs remain a barrier to success. We are keen to understand [your view](#) on the cost of energy, insurance, wages, rent, transport and other operating costs.

My Business: [Understand the new Right to Disconnect laws](#)

Starting 26 August 2024 (and on 26 August 2025 for employees of small business employers), employees will have [the right to switch off](#) and ignore certain messages or communication sent to them outside of working hours (calls, text messages, emails etc.). With technology making it easier than ever to contact employees and the Fair Work Commission recently releasing its draft 'right to disconnect' clause for modern awards, there is no better time to begin preparing for this change, by understanding what it means as an employer and putting in place plans to ensure this new legal right is navigated effectively.

Gemaker July 2024

Small business innovation research (SBIR) programs are crucial because they balance funding

with the need to prove the viability of a product or service. gemaker Managing Director Natalie Chapman's article explains how these [programs](#), which have seen substantial success in the US, have the potential to significantly shape Australia's economic and industrial landscape and create new market channels both domestically and internationally. Read at innovationAus.com (all can read with this link)

ARA Retail Voice: ARA seeking feedback ahead of more workplace relations changes
Ahead of the next round of workplace relations changes, the ARA is [seeking member views](#) about the use and relevance of different modern awards across our sector, including retail, fast food, hospitality and hairdressing. This feedback will inform our approach in coming months on multiple FWC proceedings.

MPS Newsletters

Member for Heathcote News July 2024!

[Includes:](#) save Woronora RSL Update; Petition on Jet Skis in Bundeena Update; Garie Road and Mckell Avenue Repairs; Renters the Winners: Portable Bond Laws and Banning No-Grounds Eviction's in NSW; GP Bulk Billing Rebate: Reducing the Burden on Emergency Departments and Increasing Access to GP's; Bulli PCYC Court Upgrades and Engadine High School Top Blokes Presentation.

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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