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## **ShireBiz Bulletin**

*The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter*

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#### **Shirebiz AGM by TEAMS July 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**At the AGM the following ShireBiz members were elected to the Board:**

**Steve Atherton [Southern Strength], Samantha Britton [Britton Maritime], Oleh Nakone [ANSTO], Paul Degnan [The Chrome Factory], Michael Forshaw [Retired Federal Politician], Jeff Forsyth [Metro Remedial], Malcolm Ker [Retired NSW Politician], Mike Schrafft [VMS Conferences], Michael Schoettler [SaleSense], Richard Walker [ShireBiz], Julian Sammut [Sammut Group], Darian Brooker [We Future Leaders].**

At the Board meeting following the AGM the following officers were elected;

Chair **Samantha Britton**; Deputy Chairs **Darian Brooker, Julian Sammut**  
Secretary **Mike Schrafft** Treasurer **Jeff Forsyth**  
Events Co-ordinator **Michael Schoettler** Editor **Richard Walker**

## Events

**Sutherland Shire Council: Business Summit 6 Aug 2024 6-9pm**

The 2024 [Business Summit](#) is this year's premier event designed to help you navigate the future of business. You will gain: Actionable insights from inspiring industry leaders; Know how to build rapport, trust, and credibility with anyone; Insights into entrepreneurial success and innovation; Innovative strategies for business growth and Enhanced professional network

**Sutherland Shire Business Chamber Upcoming August 2024 Events**

[Includes](#): Evolve Twilight Drinks Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>; After 5 Networking Events Aug 8<sup>th</sup>; Evolve Fest 2024 Aug 30<sup>th</sup>; Netwalking 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug; Xmas Party 12<sup>th</sup> Dec;

**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.

## Articles

**CEDA: Addressing the construction productivity challenge**

As we navigate our national housing crisis in an era of escalating costs, [improving construction productivity](#) has never been more critical. To meet the housing challenge, deliver the big infrastructure projects coming down the pipeline, embrace the energy transition and address future challenges, we need to approach improving construction productivity not just in economic terms, but also in terms of how we can accelerate innovation, decarbonise and ensure quality, health and safety.

**Realise Business July 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**

In today's rapidly evolving business world, staying ahead means constantly learning and adapting. By keeping up with the latest industry trends, adopting new technologies, and continuously refining your skills, you can ensure your business remains competitive and resilient. [Our Business Connect program](#) provides expert guidance, practical resources, and personalized support to help you navigate these changes and achieve sustained success.

**Independent Contractors: Changes you need to know**

Changes to the [Fair Work Act 2009](#) and ATO guidelines effective August 26, 2024, require

businesses to reassess contractor arrangements to ensure compliance and understand new employee definitions and superannuation entitlements.

#### Information for Australian retailers impacted by CrowdStrike

On Friday 19th July, a little-known computer update called [CrowdStrike Falcon](#) triggered an IT meltdown that took down digital infrastructure, systems and terminals on a global scale. Seemingly all at once, millions of computers around the world became unusable and unable to be rebooted, showing what's known in the industry as the "Blue Screen of Death". The scale of the outage is unprecedented impacting many industries including the retail industry.

#### Australian Government: R&D Tax Incentive Insider July 2024

[In this edition](#): Webinar: Introduction to the R&D Tax Incentive; New advance and overseas finding form now available; See how the R&D Tax Incentive is helping other businesses; How we monitor compliance; Be safe on-line, protect your myGovID and is the R&D Tax Incentive meeting your needs?

#### Productivity Commission takes aim at local content rules, defence

That federal government's economic adviser the Productivity Commission has a new spring in its step and [new targets](#) of its quest for an economically pure Australia – defence procurement policies and local content rules more generally, especially those applied by the states. The PC's 50th Trade and Assistance Review (TAR) just released frets about these twin threats to its mantra of identifying those areas of world trade where Australia does well without any sort of industry intervention.

#### 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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