



### 100 jobs!

The SSHED is celebrating 100. 100 new jobs that is.

The 100th job - a plumber apprenticeship - was created by SSHED tenant [Watershed West](#) – a company specialising in water and energy saving solutions.

To cater for increasing demand, which has seen business quadruple in the past 12 months, Director of Watershed West, John West, decided to take on an apprentice plumber to work with his installation teams.



**John West, Director, Watershed West creates the 100th job**

Creating jobs and providing meaningful employment closer to home, especially for young people, are key reasons that Sutherland Shire Council established the SSHED.

SSHED tenants have now created a total of 100 new jobs, ranging from software developers to office managers and event organisers.

### Master Lifts on the move

[Master Lifts](#) is the latest business to move into the SSHED. The company offers a comprehensive range of lifts with an emphasis on making access into and around the home – easier. Master Lifts offer a full range of residential lifts that can be installed in new homes or retro-fitted to existing homes. For details, visit [www.masterlifts.com.au](http://www.masterlifts.com.au)

### SSHED Milestones

In the 3 years since the SSHED opened its doors...



- 27 businesses have called the SSHED their business home.
- 10 businesses have graduated from the SSHED program.
- Business Incubator of the Year, 2005, WINNER!
- And now 100 new jobs have been created by SSHED tenants.

### SSHED tenants in the news

#### Remote school goes online for the first time

A school located in the remote community of Pamua in the Solomon Islands, has accessed the internet for the first time, thanks to new satellite technology and an Australian company [Pacific Teleports](#).

In a project funded by the European Union (EU) to bring modern communications to isolated communities, these school children can now go online.

Pacific Teleports, a satellite communications specialist based at the SSHED, won the bid to install internet capabilities to this remote community. Partnering with Solomon Telekom, Pacific Teleports provides the internet backbone service using the Newsies NSS-5 satellite located over the Pacific.

For more details visit [www.pacificteleports.com](http://www.pacificteleports.com)



### Bizness Babes visit the SSHED

A new program known as "Bizness Babes" is helping young mums get their start in business.



With the Shire as the launching pad for the initiative in NSW, Sutherland Shire Council is working with the Body Shop to kick start the Bizness Babes program.

This month, several Bizness Babes visited the SSHED and met with Kathryn MacMillan, Director [Nine2Three](#). Kathryn shared her life and business experiences with these young women and urged them to follow their business dreams.

### Oyster Farmers go dotty to stop theft

Oyster farmers in South Australia have been hit hard by recent thefts with some farmers losing more than \$15,000 worth of stock. To combat the problem and protect their oysters, farmers have turned to SSHED tenant, [DataDot Home and Business](#).

Farmers are now spraying data dots onto the oyster shells at low tide when the oysters are exposed. These dots are smaller than a grain of sand and each carries a unique laser-etched identification code or "DNA" such as business name or ABN number.

Police use a UV light to read the data dots on stolen goods to identify the rightful owner.

To find out more, visit [www.datadothb.com.au](http://www.datadothb.com.au) or call 1300 665 121.



### Small Business Conference – on again!

As part of Small Business September, we're staging the "How to build a better business" conference.



This half-day conference will give local business owners ideas on how to grow

## Mums making work, work for them

Lots of mothers miss their careers and that extra income, so they're hungry to get back to work. But it's a balancing act between work and family life with many only willing to work shorter hours.

Kathryn MacMillan established [Nine2Three](#) four years ago to help mothers find employment with flexible hours. The company, based at the SSHED since 2004, has now helped more than 100 Sydney mums return to the workforce.

"Today's mothers tend to have more pre-family career experience, making them very desirable job candidates," said Kathryn.

Kathryn is encouraging more employers, especially in small and medium-sized businesses, to offer flexible work schedules, telecommuting and other family-friendly programs, so they can tap into this talented and skilled workforce.

To find out more, visit [www.nine2three.com.au](http://www.nine2three.com.au) or call (02) 9501 4923.



**Kathryn MacMillan, founder  
Nine2Three**

their businesses.

Keep this date free, Wednesday 5 September 2007, 7.30am start at the Tradies Club, Gymea.

For more details: call 9710 01 09

### Is the SSHED right for you?

If you're a home-based business looking for guidance to grow or searching for professional offices, the SSHED could be ideal for you.



With several tenants moving on to larger premises, some office space is now available.

Call Craig Doyle, SSHED Manager on 9545 77 77 for details or visit [www.sshed.com.au](http://www.sshed.com.au)

## Rain, hail or doughnuts!

Outdoor sports people and their families can now be certain whether their training or games are on or off with the launch of a new nation-wide sporting service called [Game On SMS](#).

The Game On system sends a simple SMS to anyone meant to play at a cancelled sporting field on a particular day. Because everyone gets the same message at the same time, any confusion regarding play or training is eliminated.

Managing Director Steve Carline explains: "During our trial we broadcast ground closures because of rain, a 4WD that did doughnuts on a soccer field...even a king tide that put Oyster Bay No.1 underwater. No matter what sports people need to know, we can get the message to them in moments."

Steve developed the Game On SMS system whilst at the SSHED. For more information, visit: [www.gameonsms.com.au](http://www.gameonsms.com.au)



**Steve Carline from Game On SMS**



To find out what other businesses are in the SSHED, [click here](#).



The business accelerator is an initiative of Sutherland Shire Council

**SSHED**

The SSHED Business Accelerator was established with funding assistance from the Commonwealth Government's Small Business Incubator Program.

eNewsletter developed by SSHED tenant [Switch I.T.](#)

[Click here to unsubscribe from the SSHED eNewsletter.](#)