



TCF AUSTRALIA NEWS UPDATE - JULY 2025

The 21st designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2025

21st designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2025 has launched and runs to 30th September with events, forums, webinars, workshops and networking being staged in Perth Western Australia, nationally and globally ONLINE. Over 135 events will bring together export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, innovators, designers, creatives, global women entrepreneurs, industry and Asian trade networks. All events are FREE to Members of BEC and TCF.

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FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS MAGAZINE, USA features Carol Hanlon, Founder/CEO, Belmont BEC, TCF & BPW Business Incubator in their latest issue. Carol shares her 55+ yrs small business background, starting her own fashion label in the 70's, her business journey, small business projects with two NFPs since the 90's with insights and business tips.

[Carol Hanlon](#)

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2) Export Guide for Small Business: 12-2pm

3) Writing your Export Marketing Plan: 2.30-4.30pm

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Tuesday 29 July, 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM (AWST).

43% of cyber attacks target small businesses, with each attack costing an average of \$50,000!

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Quote of the month

There is only one boss. The customer.
And they can fire anyone in the company, from the Chairman on down,
simply by spending their money elsewhere.
*Samuel Moore Walton (1918 – 1992) - American business magnate
best known for founding the retailers Walmart.*



11 smart marketing ideas for small businesses

Running a small business poses unique challenges because of increasing competition. Small business marketing assists the owners in establishing an identity in their sector and building a significant online and physical presence to recruit, develop, and sustain strong customer relationships. As a small business owner who wears several hats, the concept of additionally being a marketer may initially seem daunting. However, the good news is that successful marketing campaigns do not require significant expenditures or years of experience. [How?](#)



Small business benchmarks

This website from the ATO offers small business a series of benchmarks to help you compare your business's performance against similar businesses in the same industry. Plus hints with tax returns, and more... [Here](#).



Keep up to date in the fashion industry

Sign up for your weekly dose of trends and insights.
This Friday newsletter is packed full of cross-industry inspiration and trends intelligence. It's also the place to hear about our latest webinar drops, hosted by Stylus trends experts. From sustainability to diversity, our Fashion team look at the big issues affecting the industry and presents them as opportunities - with highly commercial and actionable insights for all. Fashion consumers and their lifestyles also form a focus in their content - encompassing kids and key youth cohorts to older influencers. While a wide variety of seasonal trend forecasts and catwalk analyses deliver year-round inspiration for all kinds of future product development. [Here](#).



Vital information for all small businesses Changes for businesses from 1 July 2025

There will be changes to the National Minimum Wage, registration fees, superannuation, energy bill rebates and reporting obligations for business owners from 1 July 2025. Keep up to date [here](#).



Future Snoops

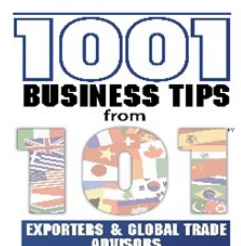
Future Snoops is a futures agency that helps creators and brands turn inspiration into impact

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News and inspiration for the gift, homewares and lifestyle industry Trade & Trends

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How to stop chargeback fraud from hurting your small business

Chargeback fraud is a growing problem for online businesses, draining revenue and damaging reputations. This scam happens when a customer disputes a legitimate purchase with their bank to get a refund - without returning the product. Some do this out of convenience, while others exploit chargeback policies to steal from businesses. But chargeback fraud is preventable. By understanding its mechanics, recognising warning signs, and implementing proper safeguards, you can protect your business and reduce risks. An explanation of what chargeback fraud is, how it occurs, and the steps you can take to combat it are [here](#).



5 marketing strategies to attract millennials

Move over, Baby Boomers – Millennials are the up-and-coming target audience for marketers! Well, the truth is that Baby Boomers still make up a sizable portion of wealth-holders, and that means Baby Boomers are still one of the keys to a solid marketing strategy; however, that position is rapidly changing. Learn what makes this generation tick, with just five strategies [here](#).



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Searching for what's truly Australian Made?

Visit the Australian Made Pavilion! August 2-6, 2025

As the long-time partner of the Australian Made Campaign, we're celebrating what matters most — backing genuine, homegrown Australian businesses. AGHA's popular Australian Made Pavilion returns to AGHA Melbourne Gift Fair, bigger than ever, with over 30 certified Aussie makers already on board. Register free now and be in the running to win* \$1000 and discover the best in Australia and beyond this August 2-6! [Details](#).



Join our TCF Mission and 2 night's Accommodation

Intertextile Apparel Fabrics, Shanghai China, 2-4 Sept 2025

This textile trade event will showcase garment fabric and accessory items displayed in exhibition areas of: Suitings, Shirts, Jeanswear, Swimwear and Lingerie, Casual wear, Ladieswear, Functional wear and Sportswear, Accessories, Children's, and Infants wear. 240,000 m2 of exhibition space will include over 10 country and region pavilions from France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Türkiye. **Contact Carol Hanlon**



Centrestage - Asia's Fashion Spotlight, Hong Kong, 3-6 Sept 2025

The annual Asian fashion extravaganza provides a comprehensive platform for designers and brands to present forward-thinking design collections and showcase the latest fashion. Centrestage (B2B+B2C) has gathered worldwide fashion brands together with influential industry buyers and media. **Interested to Exhibit**



40th IAF World Fashion Convention, 24-26 Oct 2025, Indonesia

Join us for the 40th IAF World Fashion Convention, a landmark event bringing together the brightest minds and most influential leaders in the global apparel and textile industry. IAF is proud to collaborate with the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) to deliver an unparalleled industry-wide platform for learning, networking, collaboration, and inspiration. [Register](#).



Grants and assistance programs in Australia

Find grants, funding, and support programs from across government to help YOUR business grow and succeed! When searching for funding, keep in mind that you'll generally need to meet certain criteria to be eligible, and that, aside from funding assistance, many programs can help your business by building your skills and knowledge. [Do you qualify?](#)



AI for small business from Google's viewpoint

Generative AI is changing the way businesses of all sizes operate. Small businesses can use AI to accelerate research, be more efficient, brainstorm new ideas, organise spreadsheets and more, so that you can focus on what matters most. For [small businesses](#) and [start-ups](#), creativity is at the core. Finding inventive ways to use AI can help level the playing field for small businesses, giving you the tools to work faster. From helping you organise receipts, getting insights into how your business is performing or creating compelling blog posts, AI can help small businesses speed up workflows in smart, responsive ways. [Learn more.](#)



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BPW network - taking action for women's equality

BPW (Business & Professional Women) members advocate for issues that affect women around the world today. BPW operates in over 120 countries globally and has consultative status with United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC). If you wish to connect with like-minded women in Australia visit www.bpw.com.au or globally BPW International www.bpw-international.org or contact [Carol Hanlon](#)



Will Google's new AI mode crush small business visibility?

Google's new AI Mode is a big leap in convenience by transforming search into something akin to a concierge service, but will this mean small business gets shut out? The tech giant showed off how it's new AI will change how search works. AI Mode has been launched in the USA, and it turns Google Search into an assistant capable of planning, filtering, summarising and even booking on behalf of the user. [Learn more.](#)



VIATT: ASEAN's comprehensive platform for the entire textile value chain

26-18 Feb 2026 – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Vietnam International Trade Fair for Apparel, Textiles and Textile Technologies (VIATT) is the region's most comprehensive trade fair covering the full textile value chain: Apparel Fabrics & Fashion, Home & Contract Textiles, and Technical Textiles & Technologies. [Interested to Attend](#)



Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles 11-13 March 2026

Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles is Asia's leading home textile event at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai). It is a dynamic platform for industry professionals to source and to gain design inspirations through the conveniently structured product displays. In 2025, 370 exhibitors and 25,000 visitors joined the event – [Interested to Attend](#)



Discover proven best practices for comprehensive cloud security

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to cloud security. But following proven best practices can help keep your data, applications, and business secure. By evaluating your requirements, understanding your risks, and applying best practices for secure architecture, you can ensure that security is incorporated throughout your organizational practices - from governance down to operations. Get the eBook [here.](#)



Artificial intelligence may be a game changer for pricing

But don't expect it to be a panacea on its own. There is a lot of expectation surrounding artificial intelligence (AI), some consider it to be overhyped. AI's just the tip of the iceberg. Most effort should be put into extracting, cleaning, normalising and organising data. Remember, embedding AI in an organisation takes time and effort. You need first to make sure that the foundations of your business - your pricing strategy and implementation plan, data, workforce, etc. - are solid so you can introduce AI constructively, beyond the hype. [Learn more.](#)



End of financial year checklist

The end of the financial year (EOFY) is an important time for your business. You'll need to complete bookkeeping, tax returns and plan for the new financial year. Use this checklist to prepare, get your business organised and work smarter in the year ahead.



Buying wholesale clothing for resale – 6 steps to get started

Starting a clothing boutique is exciting. At first, everyone hopes that the process will be smooth and easy to execute – but there can be some unexpected challenges. And a lot of those have to do with the buying process. If you want to build a successful and long-lasting fashion business, it's important to understand the entire process of buying wholesale clothing for resale, from beginning to end. To help you out, a simple 6-step guide on how to start your fashion business by buying wholesale clothing for resale, so you can fulfill your dreams with no bumps in the road is [here](#).



The Cyber Sushi

Here's what's covered in this issue: Cost-of-Living Pressures - Fuel New Scam Trends * Can Virtual Reality Be Used to Treat Anxiety or Decrease Pain? * Behind the Mask: New and Trending scams * Talking Cybercrime and Human Impact. Learn more and stay safe [here](#).



Explore best practices to help ensure AI security, privacy, and compliance

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly popular, but security professionals advise caution. data privacy, model bias, harmful content creation (such as deepfakes), and the influence of malicious input on models are reasons to approach generative ai adoption with care. [Learn more](#).



6 steps to generative AI success

AWS is helping tens of thousands of customers build and scale with gen AI to deliver value, and they've identified common steps that companies of all sizes can use to move fast and confidently with secure gen AI. This eBook outlines that proven path – from taking the first step to measuring results – with insights from real-world examples and AWS experts to help you drive meaningful impact with gen AI. Order eBook [here](#).



Key changes for SMEs taking effect on 1 July 2025

It's the end of the financial year and there is a slew of legislative changes that took effect on July 1, 2025, that SME owners should know about, so: they've been compiled into a quick-reference list to help you keep track – [here](#).



Annual Cyber Threat Report

This report outlines the cyber threat posed to Australian governments, critical infrastructure, businesses and households. It shows how malicious state actors and cybercriminals are continuing to adapt their tradecraft to compromise Australian networks. These circumstances underline the significant role that cyber capabilities play in safeguarding our national security and the critical role ASD continues to play in protecting Australians. That is why the Government has committed \$15–\$20 billion to 2033–34 to enhance our cyber domain capabilities as part of the 2024 Integrated Investment Program. [Report](#).



How to grow, scale and market your small business

Discover the key takeaways from the Small Business Growth Masterclass, presented by Vodafone Business, equipping you with the knowledge to boost revenue, streamline operations, and build a resilient business mindset. Gain insights on how to navigate the complexities of scaling and growing your small business in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape. Register [here](#).



How and when to lodge a small business tax return

Managing your small business tax compliance obligations is one of your most important responsibilities and a major part of this is lodging your tax return every financial year. How and when you lodge your tax return to the Australia Taxation Office (ATO) depends on the structure of your business. Here's a tax help guide for small businesses on how to lodge a tax return for each type of business structure. [Tips](#).



Tim Minchin's address to graduating students

Tim Minchin, the former UWA Arts student described as "sublimely talented, witty, smart and unabashedly offensive" in a musical career that has taken the world by storm, is awarded an honorary doctorate by The University of Western Australia. ...listen to his presentation [Click!](#)



The benefits of hiring part-time permanent employees

Hiring part-time staff can be a great way to increase the capacity of your workforce while meeting your business's needs. Sometimes, a business may not have enough workload or customer demand to justify the cost of hiring a full-time employee, so part-time work opportunities can be a good solution. However, when deciding to expand your workforce in this way, it is important to understand the differences

between part-time permanent employees and other types of workers who work fewer than full-time hours. [Learn how.](#)



Another tip by Stanley Li -from the now published -

'1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security Experts

Bring together common objectives with a unified language.

Organisational teams often use different words to describe the same idea, so they do not know what each other means. To fix this problem, we want people to “speak” a single language and collaborate with one another's objectives. Make your data visible and come alive, it will reveal risk trends and allow the organisation to refine objectives and prioritise tasks.



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