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Heathcote Member Lee Evans promotes 4 lane bridge for Heathcote Rd

A radio interview with [Ben Fordham](#) and a Channel Ten [video interview](#) cover Lee Evans' campaign to improve the safety of Heathcote Rd bridge through duplication. ShireBiz continues to advocate for the duplication of the Woronora Bridge over Heathcote Road.

Shirebiz Submission to Politicians on the Australian Economy September 2020

The attached [recommendations](#) are based on contributions made by ShireBiz members and broader members of our community. It is recognised that many of these recommendations apply specifically to State or Federal areas but in many cases positive outcomes are only possible if both jurisdictions work in tandem.

Mental Health for Small Business A Realise Business & Beyond Blue Q&A Session Oct 28th 2-3 pm

For service providers working with small business owners, there are times when we need to be conscious of the client we work with, their mindset and the pressures they face in both their businesses and their day to day lives. For small business owners, work and life are often intertwined. COVID-19 has created great uncertainty for all, but none more so than the Small Business Community. When small business owners are struggling, they often turn to their service providers, who are well positioned to recognise the stressors that can negatively impact mental health and wellbeing. It can be hard to notice the signs, that's why Beyond Blue has launched '[Mental wellbeing: support yourself and small businesses](#)', a free online training course to give business consultants the confidence and [tools](#) to support the mental health of small business owners.

Export Market Development Grants reform hits Parliament

Funding via the Export Market Development Grants program will be delivered upfront and [eligibility](#) for the popular scheme will be tightened under legislation introduced to Parliament.

The 2020-21 Budget fall short of the reset for manufacturing we need

The 2020-21 federal budget has been packaged and sold as many things, from one for jobs, to a reset for manufacturing. There are certainly a multitude of initiatives, but this is certainly not a budget that will 'galvanise investment in Australian manufacturing' to quote industry minister Karen Andrews. The problem this addresses is that investment in manufacturing has been in freefall in Australia for a very long time now, eclipsed by minerals and property. The value of machinery and equipment owned by manufacturing companies has fallen in little more than a decade by 26 per cent to \$20 billion after allowing for inflation. [Peter Roberts](#) and [USSC](#) address the issues.

Special eBulletin: 2020-21 Budget, Proposed reforms to the R&D Tax Incentive

As a part of the Federal Budget 2020-2021 the Australian Government is enhancing proposed reforms to the R&D Tax Incentive. These proposed reforms can be viewed here: JobMaker Plan — Research and Development Tax Incentive — supporting Australia's economic recovery. The enhanced [R&D Tax Incentive reforms](#) have been informed by extensive stakeholder consultation, and will aim to support companies which undertake the R&D activities that will generate benefits for the wider Australian economy in a post-COVID world.

Webinar: Social & Economic Trends Thurs Oct 15th 11 am

This hour long interactive webinar will investigate Australia's trends, the impact of COVID-19 and how this will shape our future. [Mark McCrindle](#) will explain what this means for small business and

for the community as a whole.

Sullivan Dewing Webinar Federal Budget 2020-21

The 2020 Federal Budget announced last night is possibly best described as the **budget we had to have**. The impact of COVID-19 has meant the Government's prior plans had to be thrown out the window, and they've started again with massive stimulus to kick start the economy.

This budget sets the road to recovery. It digs deep into deficit, but provides good incentive for spending as the way out of recession. See the [webinar](#) and [slides](#).