



ShireBiz Bulletin

The Shire Economic Development Alliance Newsletter

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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 current projects include:

- Support of the development of the ANSTO Innovation precinct
- Liaising with Transport NSW on the Turn-up and Go shuttle bus program
- Promote the vision of Sutherland as the Commercial Centre of the Shire
- Made submissions to Federal and State Governments on Career advising and STEM Education
- Made submissions to the NSW Government to replace the Heathcote Rd. Bridge over the Woronora with a 4-lane bridge.

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Shirebiz AGM Thursday 29th July 5pm RMYC Woollooware

At present it is planned to hold a face to face meeting. However if COVID regulations prevent this then Shirebiz will hold the AGM by ZOOM. We will make that decision on the 26th July and inform all those who have registered by that date.

NSW Small Business Innovation & Research (SBIR) Program - 2021 Challenge Webinar

The NSW SBIR program is an initiative of the NSW Government that provides competitive grants to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to find and commercialise innovative solutions to well-defined problems for NSW Government agencies. R&D NSW is hosting a series of [webinars](#) in July that will cover the NSW SBIR program and each of the challenges, and provide an opportunity for prospective applicants to ask questions about both.

Sutherland Shire Council - Business Now July 2021

COVID Regulations update and [Government Support Measures](#). Sutherland Shire Council is preparing a housing strategy. As our lifestyles and circumstances change it is important that we are able to live in the type of housing we need or want in the areas where we want to be. Have your say on future housing for our community now.

Sutherland Shire Council: Planning for Open Space & Recreation - consultation results are now available

The consultation results are now available to view [here](#). The next stage of consultation for Open Space & Recreation will be underway in a few weeks. The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Strategies for Open Space and Play and their Implementation Plans. We will contact you when the consultation is open for comment.

Producing a “How it is made Australia” TV series

Since @AuManufacturing and Cahoots announced their proposal for a How it's made – Australia video series, we have had great feedback from readers and companies. Here, Bill Macartney of Cahoots explains what we are trying to achieve by putting manufacturing in front of Australian audiences.

Rays the roof: accommodating home solar and batteries into the grid

Australian energy users are taking to distributed energy resources like home solar and batteries at a rapid pace, and while small-scale solar and renewable options will help to decarbonise the electricity sector in a way that's both fast and economical, the rapid uptake of these technologies is causing 'traffic jams' in the network. Here, we examine the Australian Energy Market Commission's plans to safely and efficiently integrate more home solar and batteries into the grid.

Call for campaign on cyber critical infrastructure

The changes to critical national infrastructure regulation in relation to cyber security will need a coordinated, Australia-wide communications campaign that embraces small and medium sized companies in order to carry maximum impact. Email security and cyber resilience specialists Mimecast's country manager Nick Lennon says these changes in Australia is a positive step forward.

What Does the Future of the Bus Industry look like?

On-Demand Buses have taken public transport by storm! Buses have been operating in a similar fashion since the early 1900's. But now due to technological advancement, Transit Agencies and providers are faced with an opportunity to create a new and agile experience for the bus industry.

Council switches to 100 per cent renewable energy

A Victorian council has taken a major step towards its goal of zero net carbon emissions by officially switching to electricity that is generated by 100 per cent renewables. Mildura Rural City Council is one of 46 municipalities to sign on to the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), which is the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia. VECO.

CSIRO to lead \$5M international engagement program to boost hydrogen capabilities

A new \$5 million program to be led by CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, will strengthen development of Australia's hydrogen industry by supporting research, development and demonstration (RD&D) collaborations with international research organisations. The two-year Hydrogen RD&D International Collaboration Program is a key milestone in CSIRO's recently launched Hydrogen Industry Mission

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