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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.

Shirebiz supporters are invited to continue to support Shirebiz by becoming members. [Join at.](#)

Shirebiz AGM Thursday 29th July 5pm RMYC Woollooware

Following renewed COVID19 restrictions Shirebiz will hold the AGM by ZOOM. If you wish to attend please [REGISTER](#) and a link to the meeting will be sent to you a few days before..

The launch of a new editorial series – Saving through smarter energy use

As they did with the gas price spikes in Victoria last week, the concerns of manufacturers around energy occasionally make the popular press. But whether or not they make the news, [energy costs](#) are a persistently big deal for most industrial businesses. It is a time of great shifts, and real opportunities exist for manufacturers to use power — from a variety of sources — more smartly. At the same time, there are real opportunities for manufacturers to be providers of energy solutions. [Clean energy \(lumped together with recycling\)](#) has been one of the federal government's six National Manufacturing Priorities [since last October](#).

Building a more secure IT (Information Technology) environment

There are some common IT security lingos which are made to impress people. These lingos include encryption (the more the better), firewalls, big data, Trojan Horse, privacy legislation, IT tokens, access controls, digital footprints, etc. Do people need a PhD in computer science to understand those concepts when all they need is to ensure that there is [no hacking](#) and manipulation of their systems.

The key trends shaping local government in 2021 and beyond

Council Magazine hosted a free-to-attend webinar last week, looking at the key trends shaping local government in 2021 and beyond. Hosted by *Council Magazine* Editor, Laura Harvey, and featuring Director of the Institute For Public Policy And Governance, Carol Mills, the [webinar](#) will explore the way local governments have adapted post-pandemic, and examine the future opportunities that are emerging for councils as their communities adapt and evolve.

Implementation Plans. We will contact you when the consultation is open for comment.

[US Cybersecurity expert backs ransomware notice scheme](#)

US cybersecurity chief Chris Krebs has put weight behind calls for a mandatory ransomware [payment notification](#) scheme and says Australia's election administration system should be considered critical infrastructure.

[Rotary National Lamington Day 25th August 2021](#)

Say [thank you](#) to your staff or volunteers whilst raising funds for Rotary. Caringbah Rotary's nominated project is *Australian Rotary Health*.

[Congratulations to Jeni Wilcock who has just been announced as a finalist in the Women in Finance Awards 2021](#)

The Women in Finance Awards Program celebrates female leaders, role models and future champions within the financial industry, acknowledging their outstanding achievements and contributions to the industry. The finalists feature over 250 high-achieving professionals across 28 different categories. Jeni is a [finalist](#) in 1. Small Business Advisor of the Year 2. Accountant of the Year 3. Director of the Year.

[NGR: What lockdown support is available to you](#)

If your business has been adversely impacted by the recent lockdown in NSW, [support is coming](#). The NSW and Federal Governments have announced a series of new measures to support business during extended lockdowns of four weeks or more: • Up to \$15,000 through the expanded 2021 COVID-19 business grants program • Up to \$10,000 cashflow support per week • Micro business grants • Payroll tax deferrals and a 25% payroll tax waiver • Rent protections and grants • Sector support for the arts and accommodation sector

Calls for inheritance tax and GST hike to fix broken tax system

Australia's tax laws are costing the nation about \$50 billion in compliance costs, while inefficient taxes are costing even more in lost economic growth, the Tax Institute has warned. One of Australia's leading membership groups for taxation experts, the institute systematically attacked Australia's more than 10,000 pages of tax laws with a 287-page paper called *The Case for Change*. Launching the report, the institute's director of tax policy Andrew Mills said previous estimates had put tax law compliance costs at \$40 billion, but that was from the Henry tax review more than a decade ago, and the cost was likely more than \$50 billion now.

WEBINAR: Why Cluster: The Australian Hydrogen Innovation Cluster Journey

This session brings together some of the key stakeholders involved in the development of the Australian Hydrogen Cluster. They will discuss how the cluster aims to establish a global identity and recognised brand for Australian hydrogen technology and expertise and what other emerging industries can learn from their experience.

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