

# 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 strategic pillars are:

- **Job Creation** through projects such as *Supporting the development of the ANSTO Innovation precinct*
- **Advocacy** such as *Improving Shire transport links*
- **Connecting the Community** through regular *newsletter*, and ZOOM and in person *events with prominent speakers*
- **Shirebiz supporters** are invited to continue to support Shirebiz by becoming members. [Join at](#)

You are invited to view the new Shirebiz [website](#)

## Realise Business: Mental Health support for small business

That's why earlier this month, Realise Business teamed up with Mel Novak and Tim Hoopman from **Beyond Blue** to discuss the unique challenges that small business owners are currently facing. Mel and Tim provided some expert tips around managing your mental wellbeing and shared with us Beyond Blue's [NewAccess program](#) specifically developed for small businesses. NewAccess is a free and confidential mental health coaching program structured over six sessions with a mental health trained coach with a small business background.

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## [Origin Energy launches startup program Originate](#)

Energy provider Origin has launched a [program in partnership](#) with Stone & Chalk to connect the corporate with startups which can help it make energy “easier, smarter and cleaner for millions of customers.

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## [CSIRO - Advanced recycling: turning plastic waste into resources](#)

Advanced recycling technologies could turn problematic plastic waste destined for landfill into valuable resources, according to a new report by CSIRO, Australia's national science agency. [The report](#), *Advanced recycling technologies to address Australia's plastic waste*, which was released today, evaluates the ways to convert plastic waste that can't be recycled with existing methods, into new resources to build Australia's circular economy.

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## [Mark Speakman: COVID-19 Update Aug 2021](#)

From 12.01am, Monday, 13 September: • For those (like us in the Sutherland Shire) who live outside the 12 local government areas of most concern, [outdoor gatherings](#) of up to five people (including children, all adults must be vaccinated) will be allowed in a person's LGA or within 5km of home.

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## [New welding course addresses the local skills shortage](#)

The South East Melbourne Manufacturers' Alliance (SEMMA) has received \$200,000 in funding from the federal government to launch an industry-led [welding skills](#) short course program, designed to provide a continuity of skills needed for the future of manufacturing.

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## **Enhance safety, communication and connectivity with rugged tablets in the workplace**

Efficiency is critical in industries such as logistics and materials handling that utilise field and warehouse services. To get maximum value from your investment, [rugged tablets](#) are a must. Here are six ways they are helping operations in transportation, logistics, field services, and warehouse management.[rugged tablets](#)Efficiency is critical in industries such as logistics and materials handling that utilise field and warehouse services. To get maximum value from your investment,

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## **Why it's now a good time to think about quantum mechanics**

Quantum computing is coming sooner than most people expect. To understand further about quantum computers, it is desirable to understand about the key issues such as quantum mechanics, which is a most mysterious subject. [This article](#) attempts to unravel some foundations of quantum mechanics and why various top scientists are still trying to fully understand about this subject. In quantum mechanics, don't keep asking: Why could it be like this? Because, no one knows!

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## **EPIA: Electricity generation and emissions reduction in Australia: we need a coherent policy to foster technology development and investment"**

*Science and public opinion is forcing governments around the world to commit to major reductions in emissions over the next several decades. This creates a problem for*

*Australia: we lack a credible national policy for energy and lack a national technology-based energy plan to guide investment in electricity generation and emissions reduction*

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## **Eftpos by mobile growing at record rates in Covid's wake**

Australians are choosing to pay by eftpos on their mobile phones at record levels in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis. The places where consumers are most often using eftpos by mobile are grocery stores and supermarkets, fast-food outlets and restaurants, with their spending averaging \$31 per transaction. .

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