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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.

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Stay at home orders for all Greater Sydney

Stay-at-home [orders](#) are in effect until midnight Friday 9 July. If your business is in Greater Sydney, including the Central Coast, Wollongong, Shellharbour or Blue Mountains, you should only stay open for an essential reason including: • To provide food or other essential goods and services • To carry out essential work or education which can't be done from home. It's vital that everyone follows these guidelines to avoid a broader lockdown.

Mark Speakman MP - NSW Budget 2021-2022

[Contents](#) include: State Budget 2021-22; Great Southern Walk; Cronulla Seagulls FC; Surf Club Grants; Cost of living help; COVID-19 support for small business; ANSTO nandin opening; Plastics and waste policies; local police; Grants open; Attorney General/Domestic & Sexual Violence update.

Intergenerational Report

Josh Frydenberg says the pandemic will mean Australia's future population will be smaller and older than earlier predicted. The federal government has released the latest [Intergenerational Report](#) (IGR) on how Australia could look in the next 40 years. Unsurprisingly, we are expected to live longer and the government is going to need to spend more money, particularly on services for a rapidly ageing population. But one factor at play that hasn't been in other IGRs is the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New funding to fastrack COVID-19 Treatment

CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, will spearhead a \$1.7 million project to identify [new treatments](#) for COVID-19, including 'long-COVID'. Scientists will develop a faster, smarter way of rapidly screening existing drugs and advancing those that can be used to treat COVID-19 and aim to have identified three suitable TGA- or FDA-approved drug candidates to progress to phase 2-3 human clinical trials within a year.

The key trends shaping local government

Join Council Magazine Editor, Laura Harvey, and Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Governance, Carol Mills, for this FREE [webinar](#), in which we will take a look ahead to the key trends that will shape the local government sector for 2021 and beyond. Taking place on Tuesday July 13 at 12.30pm AEST, the webinar will explore the changing role of councils as we adapt to a new, COVID-normal state.

Innovation Australia Awards for excellence 2021

The InnovationAus Awards for Excellence entries are now open. The awards are designed to celebrate the best of Australian innovation in the nation's unique technology landscape and shine a light on Australian teams and innovators, and the contribution they make to build the future of the nation. Click [below](#) to enter!

Industry growing but suffering its worst skill shortage in 14 years

While the mood among manufacturers is currently optimistic, they are being hampered by supply chain constraints as well as skills shortages “not seen in 14 years” according to the a long-running quarterly [industrial survey](#).

Manufacturers can access \$800M to collaborate on major projects

CSIRO scientists are [finding life](#) in Australia's cold-water ocean depths that few humans ever see. Known as the benthic zone, we have significantly increased our understanding of the corals that live there through the power of imagery.

Talk Wed 28th July Tradies GyMEA: What is happening with the Australian economy and how it will impact your business

The last 12 months have been turbulent, to say the least! To help you understand what is happening, and what is on the horizon, CommSec Chief Economist Craig James looks at the [key issues](#) likely to impact the economy over the course of 2022. From the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and economic equality caused by the pandemic to climate change and our relations with China, Craig will provide insights and identify opportunities to help you and your business thrive and survive.

Food & Beverages: NSW Government COVID-19 support package

The NSW Government has announced a major new [grants package](#) to help NSW businesses impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions. The package includes grants of between \$5000 and \$10,000 for small businesses, payroll tax deferrals for all employers, and an extension of the Dine and Discover program to 31 August. There are two grant streams, one for small business and one for hospitality and tourism businesses, with eligibility dependent on annual turnover and payroll tax and Australian wages bills at 1 July 2020.

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