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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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TODAY IS CENSUS DAY - Not making a decision is a decision

Yes, this is the most important Census in a generation. Because there are known knowns that need strategic decision making now. With closed borders for at least 2 years, Australia now has 600,000 fewer people than we expected. These are mainly young skilled migrants and students who, when a large proportion of them stay on in Australia, have children.

Realise Business: Navigating uncertainty and looking after your well-being Live Q&A with Beyond blue

COVID-19 has created great uncertainty for all, but none more so than the Small Business Community. While we navigate this challenging time, it is important for us to not only focus on our businesses, but also to look after ourselves and each other. Running a small business can be highly stressful. Long hours, social isolation, cash flow issues and the competing demands of work and home life can leave around a third of small business owners feeling high levels of distress. For small business owners, work and life are often intertwined.

Global collaboration needed to drive Australian agrifood innovation

This is a text block. You can use it to add text to your template. AgriFutures Australia Managing Director, John Harvey shares his vision for Australian agrifood tech innovation and why global collaboration is needed to continue driving commercialisation of homegrown R&D and global partnerships

How can Australia's future industries tap into the pandemic-induced workforce migration

The Atlassian Return on Action Report 2021 found that over 50% of Millennials would switch employers in order to access remote work opportunities. This change has been further amplified by the recent pandemic which has seen huge shifts in the Australian

workforce not only from cities to regions but also between industries and careers. What opportunities does this present for emerging industries.

Andrew Liveris on science industry collaboration

Andrew Liveris has urged Australian scientists and engineers to form tighter relationships with industry as part of a long overdue revamp of the national economy and approach to innovation.

ANSTO: Targeting incurable cancers, COVID-19 research

Dr Mitra Safavi-Naeini is leading an international research team to develop a new "one-two punch" treatment for cancers.

Update on allocation of AMGC's Commercialisation Fund

At the beginning of July, AMGC had got \$3.7 million of co-funded grants out the door, boosting carefully selected projects led by six outstanding manufacturers, and only three months after the Fund was announced. A month later the total is up to \$7 million out the door, with a further \$4.7 million in the assessment stage and \$15.6 million about to go to the Industry Minister for his endorsement.

Flavours NSW - COVID-19 Support for small business

On 13 July, the NSW Government announced an economic support package to provide support for businesses and people throughout the current COVID-19 lockdown. - The business grants program has been expanded, with grants between \$7500 and \$15,000 available to eligible businesses with annual wages up to \$10 million. - A new grant program has also been introduced for smaller micro businesses with turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000. Businesses can apply for the grants through Service NSW now.

Realise Business: Follow up on live Q&A with Minister for Small Business

This is a text block. You can use it to add text to your template. Over the next few weeks we'll also be hosting [events](#) that will help you navigate your business through this lockdown: • *Managing Your Cashflow In Uncertain Times*, Tuesday 10th August from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. • *Get Up and Get It – Moving From Business Recovery To Growth*, Wednesday 11th August from 10:00pm - 12:00pm. We hope to see you at our upcoming sessions. We're here to help you through these frustrating and challenging times. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support.

ANSTO Electric Circuits [Online Workshop]

For this virtual [workshop](#):

- All circuit equipment is digital/virtual and no prior experience is necessary.
- This workshop is limited to 12 students and is hosted on "Zoom".
- A laptop or desktop computer is preferred (no iPads).
- We'll be using Tinkercad's digital 'Circuits' feature and the Chrome browser is preferred. We will provide the logon details into Tinkercad at the beginning of session.

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