

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](#)

Latest NSW COVID Roadmap [here](#)

Lucas Heights gets \$30m nuclear medicine factory

The federal government has announced a \$30 million project to design a [new radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facility](#) at Lucas Heights in NSW, where 80 per cent of the country's nuclear medicine needs are currently produced. Lucas Heights would see a new "world-leading manufacturing facility" built, said the federal government, and this would secure an important sovereign capability as well as 1,000 highly-skilled jobs nationally.

Join us as we launch two new reports on state, territory and corporate climate action

With COP26 just around the corner, ClimateWorks Australia is launching [two new reports](#). One identifies leading policies and initiatives from state and territory governments. The other identifies 'best practice' for corporate commitments and action, drawing on analysis from the Net Zero Momentum Tracker project over the last two years.

Sutherland Council Free Mentoring Program REGISTRATION closes Oct 11th

Sutherland Shire Council is offering a [free mentoring](#) program for local business owners. Funded by Council, the Business Resilience and Recovery Mentoring Program will be facilitated by the Mentoring Advisory Panels (MAP) Institute to connect business owners with experienced mentors, to help navigate the complex business challenges of COVID-19 and beyond. **The one-hour weekly sessions will be held online starting on October 14.**

Realise Business: Getting back to business

Don't miss the opportunity to book in a free [advisory session](#) with one of our trusted and expert business advisors, who can help you:

- Develop your reopening and recovery plan
- Strategise how to re-engage your customers
- Get your cash-flow and finances in order
- Manage your workforce for re-opening
- Launch a new business.

Sullivan Dewina: Jobsaver extension to Nov 30th

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet has this morning announced that JobSaver payments will run through to 30 November 2021, but will taper off once NSW reaches 70% double vaccination rate. [What you need to know](#): • When NSW reaches 70% double vaccination JobSaver payments will be tapered from 40% to 30% of weekly payroll • At 80% double vaccination the Federal Government will end its contribution to JobSaver (it had been providing 50% of this payment).

Webinar: The Key to Mastering eCommerce in 2022 & Beyond

The years 2020 and 2021 have changed how customers shop, forcing most merchants to rethink their digital strategy. Customer expectations are constantly evolving putting a stronger emphasis than ever on customer experience and a customer focussed mindset. In this series of [six webinars](#), leading ecommerce professionals and digital experts will share their insights. Each episode discusses a different challenge that online merchants face when running an eCommerce business with practical tips to overcome these challenges. The first two webinars of the series were very well received and offered practical tips that businesses could use to improve customer experience and conversions on their stores.

Launch of Infrastructure Capacity Report

An Australian-first, the [Infrastructure Market Capacity report](#) provides a comprehensive understanding of the supply and demand of the skills and materials critical to the public infrastructure pipeline, and associated risks in planning and delivery. It will enable decision-makers to better understand the capacity of the market to deliver the nation's unprecedented public infrastructure pipeline and inform Australia's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Not keeping pace': Australia continues slide down world digital rankings

Australia has slid to its worst ever recorded performance in terms of digital competitiveness, coming in at 20th in a [global study](#) after dropping five places since last year. The IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking, a study of 64 countries by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development (IMD), was released by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) on Wednesday morning.

Australia claims second place in the “Robot Olympics”

Robotics experts led by CSIRO have beaten teams from NASA JPL/MIT, California Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University in the Subterranean Challenge, or “Robot Olympics”, claiming [second place](#).

A new facility manufactures MedTech prototypes for clinical trials

Neo-Bionica, a [new facility](#) opening at St Vincents Hospital, will fast-track the time it takes to develop and trial medical devices, including new treatments for people with diabetes.

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