

# 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](#)**

## NSW Premier outlines plan for retail to reopen in coming months

Non-essential retail outlets in New South Wales have been given the green light to

open in a reduced capacity once the state reaches its 70 per cent double-vaccination target, which according to an ABC analysis would be approximately October 18. Premier Gladys Berejiklian said on Thursday, as the state recorded 1,405 infections and five deaths, that New South Wales [would open up](#) to fully vaccinated residents on the Monday following hitting the vaccination target.

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## Funding boost for clean hydrogen industrial hubs program

The Australian Government has announced [additional funding](#) of \$150 million for the Activating a Regional Hydrogen Industry: Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hubs program. This takes the Government's total investment in the delivery of hydrogen hubs from \$314 million to \$464 million, part of \$1.2 billion for building a clean hydrogen industry. The Activating a Regional Hydrogen Industry: Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hubs program will support the development of up to seven clean hydrogen industrial hubs in regional Australia, as well as development and design studies.

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## Webinar: Discover the Future of Sustainable Materials Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 5pm

You are invited to [join our expo](#) and discover sustainable materials that are revolutionising industries. In collaboration with the Biennale of Sydney we set out to find innovative and environmentally sustainable materials that could be used at the 23rd Biennale of Sydney exhibition. The challenge unearthed more than 50 revolutionary materials and products, and now we want to showcase the best of them to you

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## JobSaver and MicroGrant Fortnightly Retesting Required

The policy intent of the NSW Government is that funding only goes to businesses in genuine need, and as their business recovers, funding ceases. As JobSaver and MicroGrant are recurring fortnightly payments, the NSW Government has confirmed that businesses should retest to continue to receive payments under both programs. Businesses will continue to be [eligible for support](#) if they continue to experience a decline in turnover of >30%.

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### **Crowdfundina boom benefittina online shoppina. food services and telehealth**

A new report reveals that [equity crowdfunding](#) in Australia has surged 60 per cent in the last two years, with raised capital having increased from \$28.3 million to \$41 million in 2021. Equitise's Equity Crowdfunding Industry Report 2021 highlights the industries that have seen the biggest equity crowdfunding success as well as the future of equity crowdfunding based on changing business models around the pandemic.

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### **Govt to standardise university commercialisation contracts**

The federal government intends to [standardise intellectual property rights contracts](#) between universities and businesses under a mandatory scheme for all federally funded research projects that engage in commercialisation. The move is part of research commercialisation reforms designed to translate university work into economic outcomes, and follows feedback that Intellectual Property (IP) constraints remain a major barrier to negotiations.

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## **Australian Space Manufacturing Network announces \$150 million grant bid for new facilities**

The newly-formed Australian Space Manufacturing Network — including more than 30 manufacturers, suppliers and universities — has [announced its bid](#) for \$150 million in support under the Modern Manufacturing Initiative. In a statement on Wednesday, the

Gilmour Space-led group stated that there were growing market opportunities for space businesses. However, said Gilmour Space CEO and cofounder Adam Gilmour, “the space industry is still very new relative to other industry pillars, and it lacks the funding and basic infrastructure to support it.”

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## **NT Government and AMGC launch a \$7.5 million Manufacturing Fund**

The Northern Territory Government in partnership with AMGC has launched the \$7.5 million Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem (AME) Fund. The Fund will provide co-investment grants of between \$25,000 and \$500,000 (or more, based on scale and impact) to industry led #advancedmanufacturing projects located in the Northern Territory encompassing the Territory’s priority sectors.

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## **Victorian company enables 3D printing of stainless steel parts**

Additive manufacturing technology group SPEE3D has announced a breakthrough process enabling it to offer for the first time 3D printed stainless-steel parts and components. With funding support from energy and resources sector industry growth centre National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), Victoria-based SPEE3D can now print corrosion-resistant, stainless-steel components on-site and in remote locations, including Australian Defence sites which are equipped with the company’s 3D printers.

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