

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](#)

Sutherland Council: Business resilience and recovery mentoring

COVID-19 has thrown some real challenges at business over the last 18 months. The lock downs have placed enormous pressure on business owners to find new ways to generate income and cash flow, to maintain staff and pay the bills. It has taken its toll and Sutherland Shire Council would like to help local businesses continue to [build their resilience](#) and plan for their recovery.

Mark Speakman MP Reopening NSW Roadmap

There's light at the end of the tunnel. The NSW Government today announced the [next steps in our roadmap](#) to living with COVID-19. Vaccinated citizens can look forward to many more freedoms when NSW reaches the critical level of 70% double-dose vaccination. The roadmap is subject to further fine-tuning and to health advice if circumstances change drastically or if cases within a designated area remain too high.

Coles, Woolworths move to automation, gig workers as home deliveries soar

As lockdowns continue across Australia, many households are doing something they may not have considered just 18 months ago: ordering groceries online. Australia's supermarket duopoly, Coles and Woolworths, have raced to implement new technology and transform labour arrangements to keep up with [the e-grocery boom](#). Both are investing in "smart" warehousing and distribution systems with various degrees of automation, as well as making extensive use of app-driven gig workers for [grocery picking and delivery](#) via platforms such as Uber and Airtasker.

Welcome to #SSMRFnews

In this [issue](#) we talk about our 2020 Annual Report, progress on SSMRF grants for 2021, shine a spotlight on one of our 2020 grant recipients and share some information on COVID 19 - FAQs and where you can find your nearest vaccination clinic.

\$100 million in sports infrastructure funding up for grabs

The NSW Government has announced \$100 million in grants for new and upgraded sports facilities are now [open](#), under Round 2 of the *Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund*.

Seven universities and three companies have shared in \$8.5 million in federal R&D collaboration grants,

with funded [projects](#) including portable sanitising stations to stop COVID-19 spread, turning grain crops into protein-based foods, and an innovative treatment for Parkinson's disease. The grants come under round 3 of the Global Innovation Linkages Program, an initiative of the 2016 National Innovation and Science Agenda's Global Innovation Strategy.

The Youth Partnership's updated Career Preparation Workshops

Although the COVID-19 lockdown in Sydney has resulted in work placements being halted, The Youth Partnership still has a lot to offer students during this time. The Youth Partnership has spent this time rebranding and updating our Career Preparation Workshops and are very excited to share these with you. Our three [Career Workshops](#) – Personal Branding, Resume Building, and Interview Skills – are designed to be presented face to face or virtually.

NSW to trial digital 'education passport' next year

The NSW government will early next year commence a trial of a digital “education passport” that will act as a verifiable record of a student’s qualifications. First flagged in October last year, the government has since been consulting with students on what it might look like, as well as with school leavers, employers, businesses and further education and training providers.

Podcasting – what’s all the noise about

Podcasting is proving to be a powerful medium for innovators, providing an opportunity to amplify their voice, message a global audience and establish themselves as a thought leader in their chosen industry. With relatively low barriers to produce and distribute podcasts, is this a medium future industries should be taking advantage of? In our so-called video age, where do podcasts fit when it comes to communicating with stakeholder audiences.

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