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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 strategic pillars are:

- Advocacy for business investment, traction and job diversity eg projects such as supporting *the development of the ANSTO Innovation precinct*
- Advocacy for infrastructure investment, policy change and streamlining regulatory environments in the Sutherland Shire
- Engaging the community through regular *newsletter*, and *events*

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## **ANSTO: Science meets business 12noon Friday 20th May 2022**

The ANSTO *Science Meets Business Event* focussed on accelerating deep technology ventures. The event brought together science leaders, deep tech entrepreneurs, academic partners and national organisations, who embrace challenge-based innovation and collaboration. The panel consisted of four deep tech experts, including ShireBiz Deputy Chair, Dr Tim Boyle who described how researchers, start-ups, education and governments are collaborating to ensure Australia maximises this deep tech opportunity. This event was recorded and can be viewed [here](#).

## **Electric Vehicle charging in units**

Drive electric NSW EV ready buildings [webinar](#) was held in mid-May. At this event we walked you through our easy-to-understand resources and tools and share details on other initiatives the NSW Government is leading to prepare for the increase in EV drivers on NSW roads.

## **Accelerating the Commercialisation of Australian Innovations**

[Gemaker May Innovation newsletter](#) includes • funding for space innovations, medical research, NSW tech infrastructure, • support for female leaders in STEM, women in business and SheEOs and competitions for climate hackers, tech innovators and Singapore Slingshot. NSW fund puts tech at the centre. NSW research organisations, industry and NCRIS facilities can submit EOIs to a new \$8M [Tech Central Research and Innovation Infrastructure Fund](#) for open-access projects. *EOIs close 17 June.*

## **How are you tracking margins for recycled plastics**

Understand the evolving recycled plastics market and its impact on your business. With legislation, industry initiatives, and consumer pressure at an all-time high, companies are more motivated than ever to meet their sustainability targets with recycled plastics. View the [infographic](#).

## **Arnott's to convert all soft plastic packaging to recyclable**

The [pledge](#), by the end of 2023 is part of the company's plan to strengthen its sustainability commitment based on the 2025 National Packaging Targets set by the Australian Packaging Covenant (APCO). The biscuit brand says consumers can recognise the change with the rollout of thinner, fully recyclable packaging, across the Farmbake range. This innovation will help reduce 9 tonnes of plastic each year while remain the freshness and shelf life that customers expect.

## **Overcome the productivity slump**

Get your [free guide](#) to learn 5 ways to boost onsite productivity in construction to keep projects on schedule and budget; the state of productivity within the Australian construction industry and the impacts of a decline in productivity can have on businesses..

## **The Youth Partnership Newsletter: May 2022**

Learn that Our Work Placement Coordinators have arranged 750 students to go out on [placement](#) this month, including over 50 students that took part in the Amazon Web Services Virtual Work Placement. We'll share more details on the experience later in this edition.

The team will visit 16 schools in the region to prepare students for their upcoming work placements with our "Are You Ready?" presentation.

## **CEDA: Totemic shift in the policy landscape**

The new government must look to strongly convey the [framework](#) that will anchor fiscal policy and discipline for the years ahead. One issue that CEDA has consistently advocated for is the important role of migration in supporting a strong and dynamic economy. While our economy and labour market are strong, net overseas migration is one thing that hasn't bounced back from the pandemic impacts.

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