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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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## **BCA: Homegrown skills and the best international talent to drive us forward**

The Business Council today releases two papers ahead of the government's Jobs and Skills Summit, [identifying the critical resets](#) needed on skills and migration to lock in a stronger economy and better wages. "It's both homegrown and globally sourced skills that will drive Australia to the frontier, so we've got to get this right," Business Council chief executive Jennifer Westacott said. See Joint BCA/ACTU/Ai Group statement [here](#).

## **SSMRF: 16 more sleeps – register for the Beachside Dash!**

After two years of virtual runs, we are excitedly counting down the days until the [2022 Beachside Dash](#). [Register for the Beachside Dash today](#) – online registration closes at 5 pm, Saturday 10 September! You can run, jog or walk in any, or all of the three distances: [10km](#), [5km](#) and [2km](#). This fun event is held at Peter Depena Reserve at Dolls Point beach. [Join us](#) on Sunday 11 September to enjoy a great day out and help raise money for medical research at St George and Sutherland Hospitals.

## **Webinar: The shift to data-driven decisions in Construction 11am Sept 1st**

In a climate characterised by labour shortages, rising material costs and supply-chain delays, collecting the right information to inform smarter decisions is essential. [This discussion](#) will provide insights on the management and collection of construction data – from sitework to strategy – and how it can be leveraged to increase profit margins and meet compliance and sustainability requirements.

## **ANSTO News – The Future of Food Webinar 14Sept 12 noon**

What will you be eating in the year 2040? Tune in to our next Science Meets Business Innovation Webinar Series on "[New technologies to feed the world](#)" on Wednesday 14 September, 12noon

## **Legally speaking: very few Australian employees have the right to WFH**

Before the pandemic, working from home was a luxury. Then it became a necessity. Since lockdowns have eased it has become a contested space between what employers and workers want. Now unions – including the Financial Services Union, National Tertiary Education Union (of which I am a national councillor) and the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance – are pushing to enshrine working from home as a right.

## **30 years on, we still haven't got industry policy we need**

A week or so from now, 30 years ago a young warrior for manufacturing industry Dr Roy Green had this article (pictured) printed in the Canberra Times outlining the case for a national industry policy. Australia was then just emerging from a 'sheltered workshop' era of manufacturing as the then Labor government unwound protection sometimes exceeding 200 percent that had created a derivative, technologically laggard manufacturing sector.

## **Heart Research Institute: Regaining fitness after COVID infection can be hard**

Are you finding it difficult to get moving after having COVID? You are not alone. Even if you have mild symptoms, you may still experience difficulty in regaining your fitness. Building back up to exercise is important, but so is taking it slowly. In general, most people can start to return to exercise or sporting activity after experiencing no symptoms for at least seven days. If you still have symptoms two weeks post-diagnosis, you should seek medical advice.

## **Promoting collaboration between design and engineering teams**

Design in construction projects is the early stage of a project that is critical to accurate budgeting and planning, and [workflow collaboration](#) is essential. [Research](#) indicates that compared to other units, the design team operates in a somewhat siloed environment where their toolsets and processes are less integrated into overall project management. This barrier between the design and engineering teams needs to be addressed as the design process creates a solution to a project brief and prepares instructions allowing that solution to be constructed

### **Osteopore heads for China market**

Bone reconstruction technology company Osteopore is [heading for the China market](#), signing a distribution agreement with Kontour (Xi'an) Medical Technology Co. Ltd to market and sell its products within the People's Republic. Kontour is listed on the Shanghai stock exchange and is a leading manufacturer and distributor of surgical supplies across mainland China

### **Addressing the skills crisis requires collaboration, Forum reveals**

On 17 August, IBSA's Manufacturing Skills Forum brought manufacturers, union leaders, peak bodies and training providers together to share strategies to address the skills crisis. The Forum highlighted the [need for a collaborative](#) and systematic approach, with government and industry working together to seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

### **Australian team develops more durable antiviral PPE coatings through R&D project**

A ten-month R&D project nearing completion is about to improve the durability and performance of [antiviral coatings](#) for Australian made facemasks and other PPE items, according to those behind it. The project between coating technology specialist Xefco, Deakin University and the Innovative Manufacturing CRC had improved the durability of "of already-developed antiviral and heat-reflective metallic coatings" according to the IMCRC.

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