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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*

Shirebiz would like to thank our supporters for your support over the last year

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## **Watch a demonstration of 3D Printing of homes on the Block Ch 9 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30pm**

Nick Holden of Modular Walls, Kurnell, is taking the construction and civil sector head-on with his new company, CONTOUR 3D, and has printed the first 3D in-situ home in the southern hemisphere in 28 hours! The world leading, self-developed technology and home will be featured on Channel 9's The Block. Nick's passion for innovation and industry experience has enabled CONTOUR 3D to build their own giant 3D printer and develop the software and specialised print mortar with a 40% recycled component.

## **Outcomes of the 2022 Jobs & Skills Summit**

The Jobs and Skills Summit has brought Australians together to [agree on immediate actions](#) to help build a stronger economy and a stronger Australia. Government, employers, unions and the broader community will take forward initiatives to help build a bigger, better trained and more productive workforce, boost real wages and living standards, and create more opportunities for more Australians.

## **Realise Business: Face to face bootcamp Thurs 8th September from 9:15am - 12.30pm**

If you've ever wanted to hire an agency, but don't have the budget, this [workshop](#) will deliver you the clarity and confidence you need for your marketing. You will be surrounded by other business owners just like yourself and buzzing with ideas.

## **Youth Partnership Aug 2022 – Host Employer Group**

On Thursday 22nd of September, at St George Leagues Club we are [hosting an event](#) open to all new host employers that have joined the program in 2022, to share best practice, redefine the benefits of hosting students, hear from long standing and successful host employers, as well as interacting with a panel of experts in work placement.

## Battery storage: It's not just about lithium anymore

Achieving net zero by 2050 is the ultimate goal of the ongoing energy transition and battery storage is expected to play a key role in this [strategy to combat climate change](#). There are two areas where batteries are essential, powering electric vehicles which are really starting to gain traction over their fossil fuel burning counterparts, and to provide baseload power and grid stability for the electricity grid.

## COINS transforms the construction industry

Construction Industry Solutions (COINS) is setting a benchmark for positive industry change in construction driving collaborative working through innovative software. [COINS](#) Construction Cloud transforms the way construction industry professionals communicate, engage and manage complex projects. The construction industry is somewhat lagging in the adoption of technology compared to other industries and COINS are tackling that problem head on with their collaborative working model.

## Government aims for wind turbine manufacturing in the Illawarra

Assistant Minister for Manufacturing Tim Ayres has hopes of Australia moving into [wind farm manufacturing](#) in the Illawarra region of New South Wales. Visiting BlueScope Steel at Coniston last week Ayres said he was keen to discuss with the company the potential for developing further manufacturing in the light of \$55 million in Commonwealth's support for advanced manufacturing capabilities at BlueScope.

## The ETIM product data model in Australia and New Zealand

For many manufacturers, the acceptance of [product classification](#) is growing steadily with today's extensive possibilities to compare products online a reflection of customers worldwide demanding transparency. Aspects of quality, delivery,

reliability, logistical performance, pricing and supplier expertise are equally important in this regard. Digitally providing such objective and comparable product information saves all parties involved precious time – and therefore money.

## **The circular economy and the future of industry and economy**

A new Australian Industrial Transformation Institute (Flinders University) [report](#), 'The Circular Economy: International Lessons and Directions for Australian Reindustrialisation', considers why and how Circular Economy principles should be applied to the larger project of Australian reindustrialisation, accelerated decarbonisation, value adding and national sovereignty

## **UNSW launches learning program to help combat labour shortages**

Ahead of the upcoming Jobs and Skills Summit in Canberra, UNSW Sydney has launched its [new workplace learning offer](#) to help industry and government organisations meet current and future skills shortages. Mentem by UNSW will assess an organisation's needs and provide education programs to their employees through contextualised learning. Its training and coaching will incorporate formal education from UNSW's expertise to reskill businesses for long-term benefits.

## **NSW Govt: 4 warning signs your business is in financial trouble**

Learn how to recognise the [key warning signs](#) that your business is under financial stress and how you can get your business back on track. On this page • 1. Reduced cash flow and profitability • 2. Changes in customer behaviour • 3. You're not able to pay debts and bills • 4. Losing your staff • Get your business back on track • Still not sure? If your business is in financial distress, there are warning signs you can watch out for. By recognising these signs and taking action quickly, you can give your business the best chance to survive.

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