



ShireBiz

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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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Webinar: Paving the way to zero Defects 16th Feb 2023 10am

Join our webinar, where we will discuss best practices on how to help you [optimize your defect management processes](#) and ad hoc inspections, ultimately providing a

smooth handover within time and budget. Get it right first time to avoid costly and time-consuming fixes later

Realise Business: Events for small business February 2023

How To Create Your Content Plan Wed 1st February from 12.00pm - 1.30pm Online - Zoom. The content you post on social media can help shape your brand identity, encourage audience engagement and create lead gen. Ensuring your posting content consistently and professionally is vital for your business

\$1M funding to LIFT women in STEM and entrepreneurship

The federal government has established a [Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship grants](#) system to tackle the woeful participation of women in university science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Women make up 36 per cent of enrolments in university STEM courses, and comprise only 27 per cent of the workforce across all STEM industries, depriving the sector of much needed talent.

Alternative proteins backed in NSW tech central grants

The NSW Government's Tech Central Research and Innovation Infrastructure Fund has today announced \$8 million in grants supporting projects at the University of Sydney, UTS and ARIA Research to advance R&D infrastructure at CBD innovation hub, Tech Central. Two projects involving University of Sydney researchers have received funding under this latest round – for [alternative protein development](#) and AI technology to assist the blind.

Nuclear inspection robot promises safer inspection of fuel ponds

A prototype autonomous machine developed with the help of CSIRO's Data61 division has successfully completed a trial at an operating nuclear energy site in South America, collecting real-time data useful for safeguards verification. The robot is referred to as a "[Robotized Cherenkov Viewing Device](#)" (RCVD) and was developed in a collaboration between Data61, Hungarian robotics company Datastart, and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Ampcontrol part of novel wound care collaboration

Engineering firm Ampcontrol has shared some details of its latest project, developing [wound care solutions](#) in a recently-announced \$5.67 million, three-year collaboration with Whiteley Corporation, University of Newcastle, and Western Sydney University. Ampcontrol has its roots in the mining sector, but has diversified into projects ranging from radar systems to electric vehicle charging to renewable energy, announcing plans in October to hire 200 by the end of 2023 on the strength

of its standalone power systems business.

Vaxxas receives \$6.4M to advance needle-free mRNA vaccines

The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) will fund Australian medtech manufacturer Vaxxas to advance the development of its [high-density microarray patch](#) for mRNA vaccines. Vaxxas and CEPI have signed a partnership agreement to advance the development of Vaxxas' needle-free vaccine-patch delivery technology in a project that could end the need for frozen storage of mRNA vaccines.

NSW Govt: Stimulus programs that could boost your business in 2023

Find the right [free training](#) to make your business a big success this year:

Start a business idea validation – Thursday 2 February If you've got a great new business idea, learn how to assess its potential and see if it's financially viable before you commit.

Developing a finance plan – Tuesday 14 February No business plan is complete without a viable financial strategy. Get skilled in how to put together a practical approach including how to forecast revenue and expenses.

How to price and package your services – Wednesday 22 March Pricing your services accurately can have a huge impact on business profit. Learn how to calculate pricing to reflect your real costs.

Small-biz restructuring scheme shows success, but slow uptake

In the first 18 months of the new restructuring framework for small businesses, more than 90 per cent of [proposed restructuring plans](#) have been approved by creditors. Despite slow early uptake, ASIC says more small businesses are benefitting from the reforms in 2023.

Mark Speakman Cronulla News February 2023

[In this issue](#): • Cost of living; • Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) update • Hungry Point update; • Surf club funding boost; • Early Years Commitment; • First Home Buyer Choice begins

Limited offer for foundation exhibitors at Inside Construction Expo 2023

In 20-21 September, [Inside Construction Expo](#) will showcase the very best of Australia's construction industry, featuring a world-class exhibition, a leading educational conference program and industry Awards. We have only a few Foundation Exhibitor packages remaining now. This is an unmissable opportunity to maximise your business exposure and reach your target audience.

Clinical trial on schedule and \$600,000 in R&D funding accessed: EMVision

Brain imaging technology company EMVision Medical Devices has given an update on progress of its [clinical trial](#) and a Medical Research Future Fund-backed R&D program, with the latter seeing the company access a \$600,000 milestone payment.

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