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ANSTO and NRAG form exciting new partnership

The National Robotics & Automation Group [[NRAG](#)] has been established by Shirebiz and Southern Strength comprising southern Sydney based industrial automation companies and the University of Wollongong. NRAG has signed a collaborative research agreement with ANSTO to provide innovative solutions in materials handling. [Details](#)

Shirebiz holds its eighth AGM [by ZOOM]

Members met on 31st July and elected a new Board. Board members can be seen on the Shirebiz [webpage](#). Current local issues that Shirebiz is speaking about to the NSW Government includes Heathcote Road widening, Dredging of Port Hacking and the proposed twin chapel and condolence centre at Woronora Cemetery.

Young Shire entrepreneur develops disposable and natural wheat straws

Tsarian was founded in 2019 in response to the growing problem of single use plastics. Tsarian staff are encouraged by the growing conversation and public awareness of environmental problems and are confident that the movement away from single use plastics towards sustainable, eco-friendly alternatives will continue to grow. [See](#)

Australian Government develops resource directory for women entrepreneurs

The Expert FindHer Resources Directory is now available. The directory has information about funding sources, programs, networks and tools that can help women entrepreneurs develop their start-up. [See](#)

WEBINAR 12th August: Local jobs for local businesses

Blacktown, Campbelltown and Liverpool Local Government Councils are looking to fast track projects that support local jobs and provide an immediate boost to the local economy. The webinar will provide a top list of products and/or services they wish to procure. [See](#)

Australia ranks last in global self-sufficiency ranking

A startling new report released by the Australia Institute has revealed that Australia is ranked last among its global peer group of 'developed nations' when it comes to rank manufacturing self-sufficiency. For [details](#).

Innovation Australia: R&D Tax on Job Keeper

The ATO plan to deny R&D tax incentive claims on Job Keeper wages would mean more retrospective change to tax returns and make the scheme too complex and uncertain. For details [see](#).

Sullivan Dewing: Job keeper and Job seeker webinars

Links are given to the recording of Sullivan Dewing's recent webinar explaining the recent changes to the Federal Government stimulus packages. See [webinar](#)